

Focus on ... Year 4

It's the start of the Summer term and Year 4 continue to be busy little bees!

We had a fantastic few days at Petty Pool, exerting **LOTS** and **LOTS** of energy – the bank holiday weekend came at the perfect time to enable us to relax and recharge ready for an extremely busy half term.

In class, we have been finishing our Science topic all about animals and humans by constructing food chains. The children loved thinking about what each animal eats and finding the creatures that are apex predators and top of their food chains. In Art, we have been thinking like designers and have been inspired by images of plants and animals from the rainforest. We have been looking carefully at pattern, colour and texture to create mood boards and detailed drawing through a viewfinder.

This term, we will be having a big focus on our times tables and have all been working hard this week to improve our scores on Soundcheck. We are definitely getting more accurate and speedy! Keep going Year 4!



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Believe, Trust and Be Ready
"That they may have life, and to the full" John 10:10

Time to reflect

This Sunday is the sixth Sunday of Easter and the Gospel reading, John 14:15-21, focuses on when Jesus tells His friends that even though they cannot see Him all the time, He will not leave them alone. He promises to send the Holy Spirit to live in their lives, guide them and help them to feel God's love.

The Holy Spirit is sent to comfort us, guide us and to help us make good choices.



Behaviour Awards

Conduct and Courtesy Award – Great attitude with good manners and behaviour.

Merit Award – Super work and effort in a particular area of the Curriculum.

Year Group	Gospel value: Service	Conduct & Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Maggie	Leonel	Shreya – for always being such a kind and caring friend to everyone in our class
Year 1	Alec	Lucie	Bess – for working hard to improve her handwriting
Year 2	Emmie	Nathan	Hugo – fabulous effort in all his writing tasks
Year 3	All Year 3 for being brilliant on Fox Howl residential.		
Year 4	Ian	Violet	Benjamin – great work with his writing
Year 5	Marissa	George	Abrielle – for working so hard on problem solving in Maths
Year 6	Judy	Bobby	Maya – for being so helpful at all times

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was so lovely to see so many of our children and staff taking part in the Royal May Day parade last Saturday. They returned to school on Tuesday full of excitement, eager to share their wonderful stories and experiences. It's always a joy to see our children engaging with the community and creating lasting memories. It has certainly been a busy four days in school — especially with Year 3 enjoying their residential! We imagine there will be some very tired children (and staff) this weekend. The sunshine and dry weather have lifted everyone's spirits and brought a burst of energy to our school days. With the warmer weather now upon us, please remember to apply sunscreen to your child before school and ensure they bring a named water bottle and a sun hat or cap to help keep them cool and protected throughout the day.

Miss Groarke and everyone at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School

Catholic Schools Inspection

We are delighted to share with you the outcome of our recent Catholic School inspection, which took place on 22nd - 23rd April. We are incredibly proud to have been judged Outstanding, and I want to express how much this achievement means to us as a school community. A special thanks goes to Mrs Davies for leading this. You should have received the full report today via email and it can also be found on our website.

We Have Joined Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Academy Trust



We are pleased to say that St Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School officially joined the Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Academy Trust on 1st May 2026. Becoming part of the Trust marks an exciting new chapter for our school. This partnership will strengthen our ability to provide the very best opportunities for our children, support our staff, and continue to grow as a thriving Catholic school community. We look forward to the many benefits this new chapter will bring.

Y3 Fox Howl Residential

Year 3 had a fantastic two-day residential at Fox Howl in Delamere on Thursday and Friday this week. On the first day, the children enjoyed river dipping, building dams and splashing in the water. For tea, we enjoyed either fish and chips or spaghetti bolognese, followed by jelly, ice cream or melon. Later, we toasted marshmallows by the fire, sang lots of songs and ended the evening with a film — the perfect finish to a great day. Day two was spent pond dipping before heading into the forest to build dens. Their teamwork, enthusiasm and resilience were brilliant throughout, and everyone did incredibly well being away from home overnight. A huge thank you to Mrs Jennings, Mrs Jones, Mrs Brown and Miss Taylor for accompanying the children to make this experience possible. Without staff commitment, residential like this simply couldn't happen.



Year 6 SATs

As our Year 6 children prepare for their end of Key Stage 2 SATs assessments next week, we ask you to keep them in your thoughts and prayers during this important time. They have worked incredibly hard, are well-prepared, and truly deserve to do their best. If you are visiting school, please be mindful to keep noise to a minimum, particularly around the main entrance and hall area, to help create a calm and focused environment for them. Thank you for your continued support.

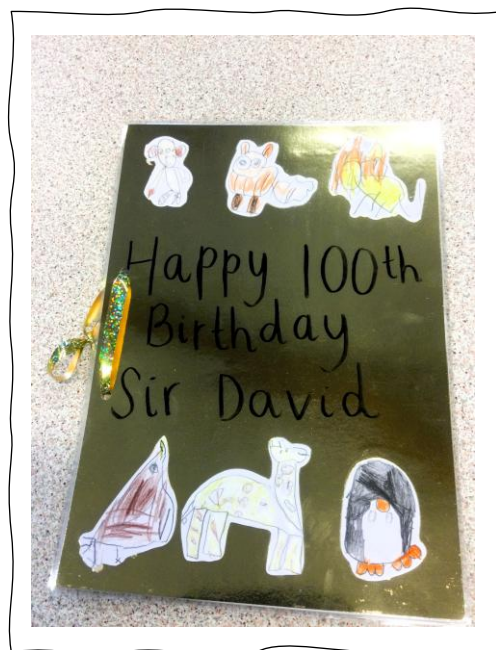
Sword Fencing Afterschool Club – Spaces Still Available

There are still spaces available for the **Sword Fencing Afterschool Club**, starting on **Tuesday 9th June**. Your child should have brought a form home last Thursday – please complete it and return it **with the exact cash in a named envelope**. Places are limited to **28 children** and will be allocated on a **first come, first served basis**.

Happy 100th Birthday to Sir David Attenborough

The children in Reception had a wonderful time creating a very special 100th birthday card for Sir David Attenborough. To celebrate this amazing milestone, each child drew their favourite animal to include in the card. The children also helped to write a message to wish Sir David a happy birthday and to thank him for helping us learn so much about the world around us and the animals we share it with. This activity inspired lots of conversations about nature, wildlife, and how we can help look after our planet. The children were very excited to take part and felt proud to send such thoughtful birthday wishes to someone who has taught generations about the beauty of the natural world.

Happy 100th Birthday, Sir David! The rest of the school took part in a live lesson today all about Sir David Attenborough.



Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS
5	9	10	100
Jem	Edward Elsie Harrison	Harryett	David

Quad Kids Success!



Our children did brilliantly at the Knutsford School Sports Partnership Quad Kids Event on Thursday 7th May. The girls' team won, the boys' team came second, and we finished second overall, missing out on first place by just two points.

They represented the school superbly, and Coach Dave is incredibly proud of them all.

St Vincent's Pre-school – Open Afternoon

We are delighted to invite families to our **Open Afternoon on Wednesday 8th July, from 1.30pm to 3.00pm**. If you have a child who would be due to start with us **before September 2027**, we warmly welcome you to join us for an afternoon of fun, exploration and a chance to see our nurturing environment in action. Whether you are looking for the perfect start to your child's early education or are simply curious about what we offer, we would love to meet you.

Please note that **spaces are limited** due to the number of children already on our waiting list.

Booking is advised but **walk-ins are very welcome**.

Sponsor Mrs Freeman's Trek26 Challenge

Mrs Freeman is taking on the Trek26 challenge on Saturday 27th June, walking an incredible 26 miles to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society. If you'd like to support her fundraising, you can make a donation using the following link: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/marlene-freeman-1>

Thank you for cheering her on and supporting such an important cause.



The PTA has a few exciting events coming up to add to your diary:

Dates for Your Diary

- School Colour Run – 12th June
- Annual Summer Fair – 4th July

Father David and St. Vincent's Church

[St Vincent De Paul RC Church, Knutsford \(stvincentsknutsford.org\)](http://stvincentsknutsford.org)

Masses at Knutsford: Sunday – 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Masses at Lymm: Vigil Mass at St Winefride's, Booths Hill Rd, Lymm, WA13 0DL at 5.45pm on Saturdays.



House Points

House points are awarded throughout the week for all kinds of achievement or for good behaviour in all classes. The house point totals for this week were as follows:

St. David	St. Andrew	St. George	St. Patrick
19	23	22	20

Well done to this week's winning house – St Andrew!

Attendance

Reception	98.7%	Year 4	96.7%
Year 1	99.2%	Year 5	99.1%
Year 2	89.7%	Year 6	97.5%
Year 3	98.3%		

WELL DONE YEAR 1 – GREAT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Whole School Attendance for this week – 97.1%

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 11th May		
Y4 Forest School	PM	
Tuesday 12th May		
Y5 Forest School	PM	
Y4 Clarinet Lesson - Love Music Trust		PM
Wednesday 13th May		
ARTIS Performing Arts Workshops	ALL	DAY
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Thursday 14th May		
Whole School Mass – Ascension – all welcome	10:30am	
Rock Steady	ALL	DAY
Friday 15th May		
Y1 Class Assembly – parents welcome	9:10am	
Reception Stay and Read	3pm	
PTA Reception Cake Sale	3:25pm	
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Sunday 18th May		
Whole School Mass, St Vincent's Church	11am	