

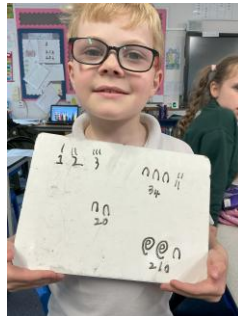
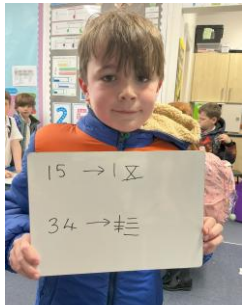
Focus on ... Year 3

It has been a brilliant and busy week in Year 3, full of exciting learning, teamwork and effort!

This week in cricket, we practised our fielding, batting and teamwork skills through a range of games and challenges. The children showed determination and sportsmanship. "I liked the game at the end using cones to score points." - Isabella Pegg "I feel like my batting has improved, I can now hit the ball further and more accurately." - Jack Ellis "I've got better at team sports and being a good loser, I can congratulate other people who win." – Jude Makin.

In History, we have been learning about ancient civilisations. We explored ancient number systems from the Shang dynasty, Ancient Sumer and Ancient Egypt. We learned they used symbols, clay tablets and hieroglyphs to record numbers and compared these to our own system.

In French, we have been learning fruit and vegetable vocabulary, practising counting and listening to a story. This week, we focused on writing polite requests and used them in a board game. We are excited to share our new French phrases at home!



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

Time to reflect

Yesterday we celebrated 'The Ascension of the Lord' with a whole school Mass. **The Ascension of Jesus** is a biblical event that takes place 40 days after the resurrection and is an important moment in Christian history. On the Ascension, Jesus and his disciples gathered together for the last time. While they were together, Jesus was taken up to Heaven. The most important concept about the Ascension for us to understand is that Jesus is always with us even though He is not present physically.



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: Sacrifice	Conduct & Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Jem	Freddie	Matilda – brilliant effort with her phonics and reading
Year 1	Eddie	Eliza	Florence – working hard to improve her phonics
Year 2	Patrick	Theo	Isaac – working hard on fractions
Year 3	Lillie	Freddie	Dora – always having a smile on her face and having a positive attitude
Year 4	Theo M	Angel	Evelyn – great Maths work using good technique
Year 5	Robyn	Harryett	Jaxon – for fantastic knowledge and contributions in Science
Year 6	Martha	All of Year 6	Freddie – for showing amazing focus and resilience

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for all your support and prayers for our Year 6 children during their KS2 SATs this week. We are incredibly proud of each one of them for the positive attitude, resilience, and determination they have shown throughout these challenging assessments.

A special thank you goes to Mrs Bullen for providing daily treats—biscuits and sweets—which brought smiles, comfort, and encouragement to the children each morning. Every Year 6 pupil approached the week with maturity and gave their very best, and we truly couldn't be prouder. We are also deeply grateful to all the adults—both at school and at home—who have supported the children so wonderfully.

With only one more week until half term, it's hard to believe how quickly this half term has flown. This Sunday, there will be a School Parish Mass at 11 o'clock, and it would be lovely to see as many families as possible joining us.

We are also encouraging children to take up roles within the Church, such as becoming altar servers. If you would like your child to be involved, please speak to me.

Have a lovely weekend with your family and friends.

God Bless,

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

Year 1 Class Assembly

A huge well done to all our Year 1 children who performed magnificently in their class assembly this morning. It was wonderful to see them enjoying themselves—dancing, speaking, and presenting with such confidence in front of an audience. When you remember that they are only 5 and 6 years old, their achievements are truly remarkable. It is clear that they love their learning and take great pride in performing.

Thank you also to Mrs Webster, Miss Hughes, Mrs Kenwick and Mrs Ingles for all their hard work in preparing the assembly. Class assemblies take a great deal of organisation, and today's performance was a real credit to them. The children looked so grown up, and it is amazing to see how much they have learned in such a short time.

With only half a term left in Year 1 before they move up to Year 2—our Top Infants—it really does show how quickly time flies.



Knutsford Schools Ball Raffle

Congratulations to Leon's (Y1) parent, who has won a fantastic prize in the Knutsford School Ball Raffle — a one-month pass for Studio Classes and Reformer Pilates at Satya Sanctuary in Knutsford. We hope you enjoy this wonderful treat and thank you to everyone who supported the raffle.

Parent Governor Vacancy

You should have received an email this week about a vacancy for a parent governor on our governing body. The governing body is asking for nominations of someone with parental responsibility for a child at the school. If you are interested, please come and see Miss Groarke. If more than one nomination is received, then a ballot will be held.

World Bee Day – Menu Change on Thursday 21st May

To support our School Census Day and celebrate World Bee Day, there will be a special menu on Thursday 21st. Children can choose from Hot Honey Chicken Bites with chips and baked beans, Hot Honey Quorn Bites with chips and baked beans, or tomato pasta. There is no need to email the office; children can give their lunch choice as normal on Thursday.

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
20	19	19	22

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

Attendance

Reception	99.5%	Year 4	93.7%
Year 1	97.7%	Year 5	99.3%
Year 2	96.5%	Year 6	100%
Year 3	97.2%		

WELL DONE YEAR 6 – PERFECT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Whole School Attendance for this week – 97.6%

Best Attendance for this half term – Year 6 with 99.1%

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS
5	7	8	11
Matilda	Annabelle Aurora	AyoOluwa	Noah

Whole School Mass – Thank You

Thank you to Father Bernard for celebrating Mass with us yesterday in Father David's absence. The children sang beautifully, creating a truly joyful atmosphere. We are also grateful to the parishioners and parents who joined us and supported our school community. It was a lovely occasion for everyone.

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**.

Live Music Fundraiser – Friday 22 May

A local band, Wallop, which includes two parents from St Vincent's, will be performing at **Wallop, Knutsford** on **Friday 22 May** to raise funds for Knutsford primary schools.

Everyone is warmly invited to come along and enjoy an evening of live music. **Suggested donation: £5**. Please see attached flyer.



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

Walk, Bike or Scoot week

Next week we are encouraging everyone to either walk, bike or scoot to school, even staff! We are encouraging everyone to do this for the benefits of the environment and your own health. If you must drive to school, try to park a little further away and walk a little further.

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Sunday 17th May		
Whole School Mass, St Vincent's Church	11am	
Monday 18th May		
Y3 Forest School	PM	
Y5 Mini Police – visit Police Station	PM	
Tuesday 19th May		
Year 1 Stay and Learn	9:00	9:45
Y4 Clarinet Lesson - Love Music Trust		PM
Wednesday 20th May		
ARTIS Performing Arts Workshops	ALL	DAY
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6) www.drportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Thursday 21st May		
Rock Steady	ALL	DAY
Friday 22nd May – INSET DAY – No School		
HALF TERM		
Monday 1st June		
School reopens	8:55	



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.