

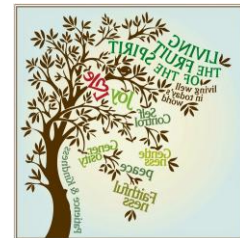
## Focus on ... Year 2

This week, Year 2 have been completing their optional SATs tests so they are certainly ready for a break from school! Everyone has worked so hard and, most importantly, they have all tried their best and should be very proud of themselves!

On Tuesday, we enjoyed our final Cricket session with Jordan. We practised our throwing and catching skills and then played a game of 'Hungry Hippos!' We are sad to say 'goodbye' but looking forward to next year's sessions.

In Design and Technology, we have been exploring different chairs throughout history, focusing on shape and structure. We carried out investigations using paper to test how different shapes can support weight. We discovered that a triangular prism could hold 7 homework diaries, a cuboid held 8 and a cylinder was the strongest, holding an impressive 23! We also learned that folding card increases its strength. We will now use this knowledge to design and make a paper chair for Bear!

In RE, we have been thinking about how the Fruits of the Holy Spirit are in us all, and guide us to make good choices.



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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 we focus on the story of Pentecost.

Pentecost is one of the most important feast days of the year that concludes the Easter season and celebrates the beginning of the Church. We consider Pentecost as being the Church's birthday because this is the day the Holy Spirit came down and filled the Apostles with the gifts they needed to lead the Church! We don't see the Holy Spirit, but we do see the fruits of the Holy Spirit, they are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

## 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	Leo	Albie	James for his fantastic hard work in all areas of the curriculum.
Year 1	Ralph	Arthur	Lucie for blowing Mrs Webster away and learning how to spell Year 1 common exception words.
Year 2	Christian	Henry C	Headteacher award after the holidays for every member of Year 2 – they have impressed with their mature approach to Year 2 tests.
Year 3	William	AyoOluwa	Tyler for having a positive attitude this week as he transitions to a new school.
Year 4	James	Stanley	Lola for fantastic environmental change narrative
Year 5	Ayden	Abrielle	Thomas for excellent persuasive writing in English
Year 6	Evie	Daniel	Thomas for fabulous effort: putting his hand up more and sharing his work with the class.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe how quickly this half term has passed. It has been an incredibly full and vibrant few weeks in school, with so much happening across every year group. From our RE inspection to the Year 4 and Year 3 residentials, Year 6 SATs week, and all the normal teaching and wide range of extra-curricular activities, the whole school community has shown tremendous energy, resilience and commitment. I want to express my sincere thanks to our staff, children, parents and governors for your positivity and hard work in making this half term such a success. Another major milestone has been our successful transition into Our Lady Help of Christians Academy Trust.

I hope the upcoming break brings us all some well-deserved rest — and hopefully some wonderful sunshine too. May the week ahead be a chance for everyone to relax, recharge and enjoy time with family and friends.

Have a lovely half-term holiday. God Bless,

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

## Mini Police

On Monday 18th May, our Mini Police went on a guided tour of Knutsford Police Station. We walked into Knutsford with Miss Groarke and Mrs Hales, and for all of us it was the first time we had ever been inside a police station — which made it even more exciting! When we arrived, we went into a special room where confiscated items such as knives, drugs and cash are safely stored. It was fascinating to see how carefully everything is recorded and kept. We also met lots of different people who work at the station and learned about the important jobs they do. PCSO Carlos showed us around and took us to see a police car and police bike. We also visited the briefing room, where officers start their shifts and find out what is happening in the area. The Sergeant told us all about the history of the police station, including the underground tunnels that once linked it to the old courthouse and the train station. We all had a great time. – Year 5



## World Bee Day 🐝

To celebrate World Bee Day, the children in Reception spent time learning all about the importance of bees and the vital role they play in our environment. We discussed how bees help pollinate flowers, fruits, and vegetables, and why it is so important to protect them and their habitats. After sharing ideas about ways we can help bees, the children decided to create their very own bee hotels. We collected sticks and natural materials and carefully placed them into plant pots to make safe spaces where bees can rest and shelter. Our finished bee hotels are now hanging in the outside Reception area, ready to welcome visiting bees. The children were excited to work together on a project that helps care for nature and supports local wildlife. Well done, Reception!



## Year 6 Hoodies

This afternoon our Year 6 received their long-awaited leavers hoodies. In Assembly, they all stood up and showed them to the rest of the school, they looked so proud and grown up with them on. We have reminded them that if it gets hot they need to take them off in school and that they are washable!



## Parent Governor Election Update

We recently invited nominations for the role of Parent Governor, and we are pleased to share that one application was received for the vacancy. As there was only one candidate, no election was required, and the nominee has been appointed unopposed. We are delighted to congratulate Eve Smith on becoming our new Parent Governor. We look forward to working with her and know she will make a valuable contribution to the continued development of our school.

## Science visit about newts

Yesterday, as part of their study on habitats, Reception, Year 2 and Year 4 received a visit from David Orchard of the Lancashire Amphibian and Reptile group, who came to talk to us all about different species of newts which are resident in the British Isles. David told us all about their appearance, diet and life cycle and how we can ensure that we protect this interesting species. He even brought in some Palmate newts (the smallest species of newt in the UK) for the children to handle. We all learnt so much and the children asked some very interesting and intelligent questions. Thank you to Knutsford Council for organising this event for us.



## 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
24	18	20	15

Well done to this week's winning house – **St. David**.

## Attendance

Reception	98%	Year 4	95.4%
Year 1	96.3%	Year 5	96.3%
Year 2	<b>98.4%</b>	Year 6	92.5%
Year 3	94%		

**WELL DONE YEAR 2 – GREAT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!**

**Whole School Attendance for this week – 95.6%**

**Best Attendance for this half term – Year 1 – 97.9%**

**Birthday Wishes!** Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS
<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
Freddie	Henry	Chase	Benjamin	Roisin	Molly Freddie

## 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

### School Colour Run – 12<sup>th</sup> June

Please join us for the St Vincent's colour run 2026, on the evening of Friday June 12th 5-7pm.

Your child will complete a run around the school field with challenges and obstacles along the way, while being decorated in coloured powder. The £10 entry fee includes the run, a white T-shirt, and a special commemorative wrist band to wear on the day.

We will also set up a fundraising web page for any children who would like to get sponsorship from grandparents/family members for running. There will be a bar and BBQ operating during the evening for refreshments and burgers/hot-dogs.

We plan to run the event in 3 stages. Infants (Reception, Y1 and Y2), Years 3+4, and Years 5+6 and older siblings.

<b>The Week Ahead</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>End Time</b>
<b>Friday 22nd May</b>		
INSET DAY – school closed for children		
<b>HALF TERM</b>		
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>		
Y2 Forest School	PM	
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>		
Kenyon Hall Farm Trip	ALL	DAY
Y4 Clarinet Lesson - Love Music Trust		PM
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>		
ARTIS Performing Arts Workshops	ALL	DAY
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6) <a href="http://www.drsportsclubs.co.uk">www.drsportsclubs.co.uk</a>	3:30pm	4:30pm
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
Rock Steady	ALL	DAY
Lower Moss Wood Trip	ALL	DAY
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
Year 3 – Practice for First Holy Communion	AM	
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
First Holy Communion	11:00	
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
Presentation Mass	11:00	



## **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.