

## Focus on ... Year 1

Wow – we cannot believe we are already in the final half term of Year 1! We have had such a busy week back at school, with our exciting school trip and preparations for our Phonics Screening Check next week.

On Tuesday, we went on a fantastic trip to Kenyon Hall Farm!

On Wednesday, Mrs Webster asked us to write a recount of our school trip and include all the facts we had learnt. She was very impressed with our fantastic writing and how much we remembered from our visit.

In Art, we have been learning different paper-folding techniques to create shapes and pictures. This week, we put all our skills together to make our own 3D Trees of Life. We loved this activity and were very creative with the animals we chose to include in our designs.

We are looking forward to the next few weeks, especially as Mrs Webster has told us that in Design and Technology, we will be making our very own ice lollies!



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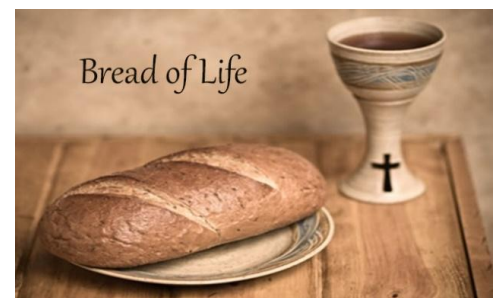
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*Believe, Trust and Be Ready*  
**“That they may have life, and to the full” John 10:10**

## Time to reflect

This Sunday is 'The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ' also known as Corpus Christi. In the gospel, John 6:51-58, Jesus says he is the living bread. Just like bread is something that helps our bodies to live and grow, Jesus is reminding us that the way to keep our spirits strong and alive (both now and forever – with God in heaven) is to follow his example. Jesus is food for our souls in the same way that real bread is food for our bodies.



## 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: Tolerance	Conduct & Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Benen	Beatrix	Maggie – for being helpful to all her friends and teachers in Reception
Year 1	Tabby	Emily	Rafe – fantastic knowledge on our trip to Kenyon Hall Farm
Year 2	Jess	Georgia	Henry S – for great contributions in class
Year 3	Elora	Florence O	Chase – for trying really hard with all his work this week
Year 4	Juliet	Theo M	Leo – great work during Maths lesson
Year 5	Henry	Amelia	Marissa – for extra writing completed at home and for always trying her best
Year 6	Chloe	Noah	Alissa – working incredibly hard on her narrative writing and use of dialogue

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final stretch of this school year. I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful half-term break with your children and found time to rest, recharge, and make special memories together in the lovely sunny weather. As we return, we step into what promises to be a busy and joyful few weeks. Our Gospel value this week and next is tolerance. Being tolerant means recognising and respecting the differences that make each of us unique. Whether those differences relate to race, religion, special needs, age, gender, or opinions, tolerance helps us to live together in harmony. We are blessed to be part of a diverse school community, and it is through tolerance that we learn, grow, and support one another.

This weekend is a very special time for our Year 3 children. Please keep them in your prayers as they make their First Holy Communion tomorrow, at 11am Mass in St Vincent's Church. This is a very special moment for them and their families. You are all warmly invited to the Presentation Mass on Sunday 7th June at 11am, where the children will be presented to the Parish. It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible to support them.

Have a lovely weekend.

God Bless,

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

## Year 2 – Lower Moss wood Trip

During our Year 2 trip to Lower Moss Wood, our class had a fantastic day full of adventure and discovery. In the morning, they enjoyed exploring the woodland habitat, where they had great fun observing nature up close. The children carefully looked among the trees, leaves and logs, spotting different plants, insects, and signs of wildlife. In the afternoon, the children took part in pond dipping, which was a real highlight of the day (for the dad helpers too!). Using nets and trays, they explored the pond and were thrilled by what they discovered. They caught a variety of creatures, including beetles, small fish, tadpoles, and frogs. The children showed curiosity and care as they observed the animals before safely returning them to their natural habitat.

It was a wonderful day that helped the children learn more about the world around them while having lots of fun outdoors.



## Year 1 - Kenyon Hall Farm Trip

On Tuesday, the Year 1 children went on a fantastic trip to Kenyon Hall Farm. They learnt all about what is grown on the farm during a walk around the fields and then had the opportunity to pick their own strawberries. They were the very first visitors to pick strawberries this season, as the farm had not yet opened to the public. To finish their visit, they enjoyed a tractor ride around the farm.



## DT & Science Club Competition Results

Back in the Spring Term, Mrs Webster and Mrs Beaver ran a D&T and Science club called *If You Were an Engineer, What Would You Design?*—a national STEM competition. We were delighted to receive certificates for several fantastic pupil designs, and even more thrilled that four children were shortlisted for the next round. Congratulations to Ella (Y5), Sebby (Y5), Alissa (Y6) and Alice (Y6) for their innovative problem-solving ideas, recognised by VIP judges from the engineering world.

We are especially proud that Alice (Y6) was chosen as a regional winner and invited to a special awards evening featuring an exhibition of winning and highly commended entries.

Well done to all the children who took part, and a special congratulations to Alice on her outstanding achievement.



## Football Match – St Vincent's vs Egerton

St Vincent's Year 6 football team secured a fantastic victory last night against a very strong Egerton side, finishing the match **6–3**. It was an impressive performance from start to finish, with great teamwork, determination and some brilliant goals on display. Well done to all the players involved — a superb result to celebrate.



## Diocesan Building fund Donations

It's time for our annual £15 per child contribution to the Diocesan Building Fund, which helps cover the 10% of building costs not funded for faith schools. Future work supported by the fund includes the installation of a new fire and intruder alarm system this summer. Although donations are voluntary, any shortfall must be paid from the school budget — last year this was £900, money that could have funded enrichment activities for the children. If you are able, please consider contributing — and even giving a little more. Payments can be made via Arbor in the School Shop. Thank you to the parents who have already contributed.

## First Holy Communion Photographs

Photographs of the children will be taken at school on Monday morning. Please remember to send in your child's First Holy Communion clothes with them.

## Music workshops: Love Music Trust

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, our Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 classes took part in exciting music-technology workshops with Miss Yui. The children were introduced to the world of gamification and digital music, using BBC Micro bits connected to laptops and iPads to explore how pitch, sound and movement can be transformed into music. The sessions began with free play and call-and-response melodies before the children experimented with crocodile clips, graphic notation and backing tracks. One of the highlights was discovering body conductivity—children made music simply by touching fingers, ears and even noses, much to everyone's delight.



They then created their own digital instruments using rulers and tin foil, playing them in a fun, *guitar-hero* style challenge. The workshops blended creativity, science and music beautifully, sparking curiosity and confidence in every learner.

It was great fun from start to finish, and the enthusiasm was shared by pupils and teachers alike.

## 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
22	21	20	23

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

## Attendance

<b>Reception</b>	92.6%	<b>Year 4</b>	96.7%
<b>Year 1</b>	98%	<b>Year 5</b>	98.1%
<b>Year 2</b>	100%	<b>Year 6</b>	97.7%
<b>Year 3</b>	100%		

**WELL DONE YEAR 2 and YEAR 3 – PERFECT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!**

## Whole School Attendance for this week – 97.8%

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

LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS
<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
Henry	Peyton Narla-Rae Florence William	Ian Stanley Theo	Matthew Ella

## St Vincent's Pre-school – Open Afternoon

St Vincent's Pre-school is holding an **Open Afternoon** on **Wednesday 8th July, from 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm**. If you would like your child to start at the Pre-school before September 2027, please make sure you have completed an Expression of Interest form.

Places are limited and will be allocated by January 2027. It is unlikely that any places will be held open after this date.

Please contact Cath Davies on 01565 651948, email: [cath@stvincentspreschool.co.uk](mailto:cath@stvincentspreschool.co.uk)



### Needed Talented Reception, Year 1 & 2 children

We would love to see more talented children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sign up for St Vincent's Got Talent. Please talk to your child this weekend to see if they would like to take part. We can't wait to see our younger pupils shining on stage. Sign up sheets are stuck up in the KS1 corridor.

### Health and Safety Reminder

For the safety of all children, no child should use the Fitness Zone or playground equipment before or after school. These areas are supervised only during school hours, so we ask for your support in keeping them closed at these times.

Please also keep a close eye on any pre-school children on site before and after school to ensure everyone remains safe.

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



#### Dates for Your Diary

- School Colour Run – 12th June
- 26<sup>th</sup> June own clothes day – chocolate and bottle for Summer Fair
- Disco - 26<sup>th</sup> June
- Annual Summer Fair – 4th July
- Break the rules day – 10<sup>th</sup> 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. Tickets are available on Arbor in the School Shop.

<b>The Week Ahead</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>End Time</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
<b>Y3 – Remember your First Holy Communion Clothes</b>		
Y1 Forest School	PM	
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
<b>BMX/Balance Bike Day – come in joggers/leggings</b>	ALL	DAY
ARTIS Performing Arts Workshops	ALL	DAY
Y4 Clarinet Lesson - Love Music Trust		PM
Sword Fencing Club	3:30pm	4:30pm
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
Discovering Minibeasts at Bridgewater Hall Trip	AM	
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6) <a href="http://www.drsportsclubs.co.uk">www.drsportsclubs.co.uk</a>	3:30pm	4:30pm
New Intake meeting for September 2026	6:00pm	7:00pm
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
Come and Play with the Halle Trip – Year 4	8:15	
Mini Police trip	PM	
Rock Steady	ALL	DAY
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
Y5 Play Leaders	3:30pm	4:30pm
PTA Colour Run	5pm	7pm



## **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.