

Focus on ... Reception

This half term, we have started our exciting new topic, "Ticket to Ride". We have been thinking about different types of transport and the journeys we make every day.

This week, we enjoyed listening to the story *Rosie's Walk*. We talked about our own journeys to and from school and discovered how everyone travels. We collected our data and created a bar chart to find out the most popular mode of transport used by our class.

The children then designed and created their own maps showing their journeys to school. They carefully thought about all the landmarks and things they see along the way and produced some beautiful drawings to include on their maps. In continuous provision, the children had lots of fun working together to create large-scale maps on big rolls of paper.

In DT, we became scientists and investigated the concept of floating and sinking. The children made predictions about which objects they thought would float or sink before testing them in water. We were surprised by some of the results and enjoyed discussing our findings.

Next week, we are looking forward to our visit to Knutsford Fire Station. The children are very excited to learn more about the important work firefighters do and to see the fire station for themselves.



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

Time to reflect

Our gospel value this week is **Tolerance.**

Being tolerant, or behaving with tolerance, means to accept other people's differences. Tolerance means showing respect for other people's race, religion, age, gender and opinions.

We live in a diverse world; this means that there is a lot of variety. When many people are different, we need to use tolerance so that we can all get along.

World without diversity



World with diversity



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	Leonel	Wynter-Thea	Joshua - for fantastic Phonics and reading
Year 1	Caden	Sophie	Heath – for always having a great attitude towards learning
Year 2	Lily	Aiden	Reggie – super effort with writing a recount of Lower Moss Wood
Year 3	Isabella P	Gracie	Narla – for wowing us with her creativity and determination during our DT topic
Year 4	Angel	Harrison	Archie – excellent attitude to his work and interesting contributions to class discussions
Year 5	Jenson	AraOluwa	Ella – excellent determination and resilience during the BMX session
Year 6	Sadie	Ethan	Grace F – fantastic dedication to producing her best writing

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderfully busy week we have had here in school. Year 2 and Year 4 enjoyed their trip to the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester, while our Year 5 Mini Police visited The Welcome Café as part of their community work. We also welcomed our new Reception parents for the September 2026 intake—it's hard to believe how quickly time is passing. Alongside this, we have had Pre-School Committee meeting and Governors' meetings after school, so it has certainly been a full and productive week for everyone.

There is a real sense of excitement around school. On Thursday, Year 6 watched as we drew the countries that each class will be supporting in the World Cup. Every class has seven teams, except Reception who have six. We now have a large chart displayed in the hall so we can track as the tournament unfolds.

It has been a vibrant, energetic week full of learning, community and fun—just the way we like it at St Vincent's. This evening we are looking forward to the Colour Run, and the forecast is looking dry, so fingers crossed it stays that way. Have a lovely weekend.

God Bless,

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



First Holy Communion

On Saturday 6th June, some of our Year 3 children celebrated their First Holy Communion at St Vincent's Church. It was a truly wonderful occasion. The children looked beautiful and were so prayerful and reflective throughout the Mass. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported them on this very special journey: Father David, our parent co-ordinators Mrs Whitworth and Mrs Makin, all school staff—especially Mrs Jennings and Mrs Jones, our musicians - Mr Galligan and Mrs Cox for the music, the ladies who prepared the flowers, and our altar servers Judy, Thomas, James and Alissa. Your care, time and dedication helped make the day so memorable for the children. It was also lovely to see all the children at the Presentation Mass, where they received their certificates in front of the whole parish. This was another very prayerful and joyful celebration, and it was wonderful to see so many families gathered together. It truly felt like a real community event, showing the strength of the three pillars that support our children in their faith: home, school and parish. We are incredibly proud of the children as they take this next step in their faith journey.



Year 2 – Bridgewater Hall Trip

On Wednesday, Year 2 went to the Bridgewater Hall to hear the Hallé Orchestra perform a range of classical music and also well-known tunes from Spiderman and Monsters Inc. We also sang two songs that we had been learning in class. It was a fabulous opportunity for us to hear and see a live orchestra, and one we all thoroughly enjoyed!

Annabelle: I liked the orchestra because I liked the songs. I liked the theme of Minibeasts, it was fun. A person called Tom talked about the minibeasts.

Jessica: My favourite bit was singing our songs. We were brilliant!



Year 5 Mini Police

Yesterday, the Year 5 Mini Police visited The Welcome Café with PCSO Carlos. The Welcome Café is a warm and friendly place where people can relax, enjoy good food, and feel part of the community. When we arrived, we met Lucy, the café manager, who talked to us about the important role the café plays in bringing people together. Lucy also helped us role-play what happens when someone comes in to speak to PCSO Carlos during his surgeries at the café. We learned how he listens to people's worries, gives advice, and helps keep our community safe.

On our walk back to school, we looked carefully at how cars were parked around St Vincent's. We noticed that some cars were parked on the pavements, which can make it difficult and unsafe for children and families to walk. We spoke politely to a few parents about this and explained why safe parking is so important. It was a great afternoon of learning, teamwork, and helping our community—just what being Mini Police is all about.



Drowning Prevention Week

Drowning Prevention Week is from the 13 to 20 June 2026. As the warmer weather approaches, being smart around water is crucial for a safe and fun summer holiday. Drowning is one of the leading causes of accidental death in the UK, with children up to the age of 15 and adults over 65 the most at-risk groups.

<https://www.cheshirefire.gov.uk/your-safety/water-safety/>

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

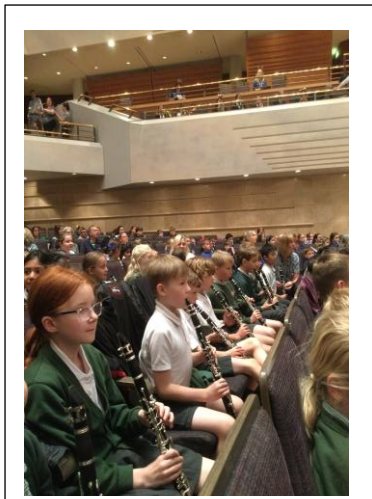
Photographs of the children will be taken at school on Monday morning. Please remember to send in your child's First Holy Communion clothes with them.

Refugee Week 2026 15th – 21st June

Theme of this year's week is courage. For refugees around the world, courage is often a daily necessity. It is the courage to face unknown journeys, learn new languages, navigate unfamiliar systems, or simply to wake up each morning and step into an uncertain world. The theme this year encourages us to think about the strength, courage and hope shown by refugees, and how communities like ours can offer welcome, understanding and friendship. Across school, children have been thinking about what it means to seek safety, the challenges refugees face, and the importance of kindness and compassion. Through stories, discussions, and reflection, pupils have been learning that every refugee has a unique story—and that every act of welcome, no matter how small, can make a difference. Refugee Week reminds us of the values we hold dear at St Vincent's: dignity, respect, inclusion and love for our neighbour.

Year 4 - Playing with the Halle at the Bridgewater Hall

On Thursday morning, Year 4 took part in the annual concert Come Play with the Hallé at the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester. All year, the children have been learning to play clarinet with the Love Music Trust and the concert was chance for them to demonstrate their excellent musical skills alongside hundreds of other school pupils across Cheshire. The children listened to music themed around the World Cup played by the world class Halle orchestra. They were then invited to play two pieces with the orchestra as well as singing two songs as part of a mass choir. The children thoroughly enjoyed this amazing musical opportunity and represented St Vincent's beautifully.



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
18	19	19	21

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

Attendance

Reception	93.7%	Year 4	97.7%
Year 1	95%	Year 5	98.5%
Year 2	98.3%	Year 6	92%
Year 3	96.8%		

WELL DONE YEAR 5 – GREAT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Whole School Attendance for this week – 96%

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:

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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



If your child has signed up for St Vincent's Got Talent, auditions will be taking place next week. Please ensure that your child comes fully prepared with any props they need, and that they have practised how they will begin and end their performance. **Please send links to any music and BEFORE the day of the talent show audition.** Following the auditions, some acts will be selected to perform at the event on Saturday 4th July, while others will be chosen to perform in the school show on 14th July.

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

- 26th June own clothes day – chocolate and bottle for Summer Fair
- Disco - 26th June
- Annual Summer Fair – 4th July
- Break the rules day – 10th July

Holidays in termtime

Our 'Holidays during term time' policy makes clear that head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless exceptional circumstances are clearly demonstrated. Please see this policy on our website for further details https://www.stvincentsknutsford.co.uk/serve_file/19729088

Please note Cheshire East Local Authority may issue Fixed Penalty Notices to parents who take their children out of school without authorisation. We also ask that an absence request form is completed and sent into school for each absence request at least 4 weeks before.

The Big Future survey

The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Future survey. It's your chance to have your say on what it's like to be a child or young person in England today - what you love, what worries you, how you have fun, and the changes you want for a better future. Please see the attached flyer for further info.



The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 15th June		
Y3 – Remember your First Holy Communion Clothes		
Reception Rex the Dinosaur Concert – parents welcome	9am	
Reception Forest School	PM	
St Vincent's Got Talent auditions	3:30pm	4:30pm
Tuesday 16th June		
Y4 Clarinet Lesson - Love Music Trust		PM
Sword Fencing Club	3:30pm	4:30pm
Wednesday 17th June		
Y5 St Nick's Activity Day	ALL	DAY
ARTIS Performing Arts Workshops	ALL	DAY
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Thursday 18th June		
Rock Steady	ALL	DAY
Recorder Club cancelled due to St Vincent's Got Talent auditions		
St Vincent's Got Talent auditions	3:30pm	4:30pm
Friday 19th June		
Y5 Play Leaders	3:30pm	4:30pm
St Vincent's Got Talent auditions	3:30pm	4:30pm



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.

RETREAT WEEKEND: Father Bernard Forshaw is leading a retreat at The Llandudno Spirituality Centre, 19-21 June. Please contact Aelred McIntyre on 07887 920851 if you wish to attend/for more information.

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN VACANCY: The Chaplain at St Nicholas will be retiring at the end of the school year and the school is seeking to appoint a full-time Chaplain to support the spiritual and pastoral life of the school community. This is a rewarding opportunity for someone with a living faith, good pastoral skills, and a desire to accompany young people in their journey of faith. Further details and application information are available at School or [Job Vacancies – St Nicholas Catholic High School](#). The closing date is 15th June.