

Focus on ... Year 5

This week, Year 5 enjoyed an exciting visit to St Nicholas' High School, where we took part in three fantastic sessions. In Science, the children designed and made rockets before launching them across the school playground. In RE, we spent time in the school chapel and then learned about patron saints in the classroom. The children were fascinated to discover some unusual patron saints – including St Barbara, the patron saint of things that go boom! Finally, we took part in a PE session, enjoying a circuit of fun activities, including a giant inflatable obstacle course.

Back in the classroom, Year 5 have continued to work hard and impress Mrs O'Keefe with their positive attitudes and enthusiasm for learning. As we enjoy our final half term together, it has been wonderful to see the children showing maturity, determination and teamwork in all that they do. Well done, Year 5!



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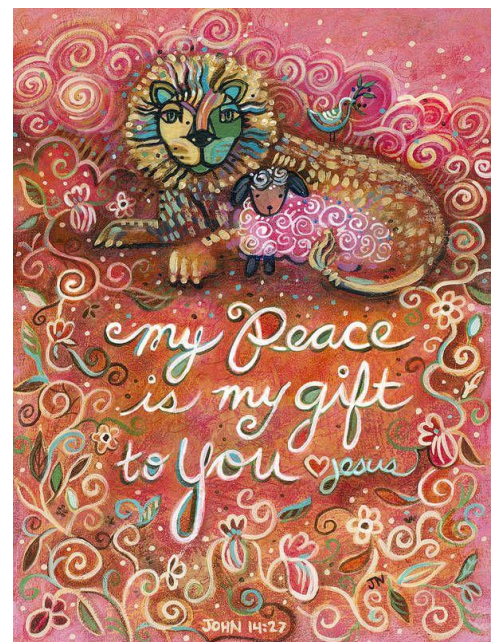
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Believe, Trust and Be Ready
"That they may have life, and to the full" John 10:10

Time to reflect

This week our Gospel Value focus is **peace**. Peace is a state of harmony in the absence of hostility and violence. In these current times, let us pray for a world that knows peace between us all.



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: Peace	Conduct & Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	James	Matilda	Frances – positive attitude to her phonics and reading this week
Year 1	Sofia	Heidi	Lara – for working hard on improving her Maths throughout Year 1
Year 2	Thomas	Amelia	Hinav – for her enthusiasm and effort in writing her invention description
Year 3	AyoOluwa	Oscar	Max – for trying really hard to improve his handwriting
Year 4	Rhea	Benjamin	Stanley – great improvements in handwriting and spelling
Year 5	Abrielle	Oliver TP	Amelia – for her thoughtful contributions during the RE session at St Nick's
Year 6	Zach	Mark	Hattie – excellent independent work on Brazil Project

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday's Colour Run was an absolute highlight. It was such a joy to see the children laughing, running, and throwing themselves into the fun with so much enthusiasm. The lovely weather made it even more special, and it was a real pleasure to have the chance to chat with so many of you. A huge thank you to our fantastic PTA and to Coach Dave for organising such a brilliant event — it truly brought our school community together.

We began this week with a beautiful music assembly from Reception. The children sang with such confidence and delight, and it was a lovely way to start the week. Moments like these remind us how lucky we are to work with such talented and enthusiastic young learners. What a wonderful week it has been in school. The sunshine has certainly lifted everyone's spirits, and I hope you are all able to enjoy the warm weather over the weekend.

God Bless,

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

Rex the Dinosaur Concert

On Monday, the whole school and Reception parents enjoyed a wonderful musical performance. Over the past six weeks, Mrs Baker-Wakefield from the Love Music Trust has taught the children new songs and introduced them to different instruments. The children proudly showcased their learning with enthusiasm and confidence, and it was clear how much fun they were having. A huge thank you to Mrs Baker-Wakefield for her hard work in creating such an enjoyable experience for them.



PTA Colour run

Last Friday's PTA Colour Run was a fantastic success. The beautiful weather, colourful course and excited children made for a brilliant evening. The BBQ sold out, the drinks stall was busy, and the whole event had a great community feel. A huge thank you to our PTA for organising it and to everyone who came along and supported the night.



Reception Trip to Knutsford Fire Station

On Thursday, our Reception children had a fantastic visit to Knutsford Fire Station. The firefighters made the session fun and engaging, sharing their work and important fire safety messages. The children loved exploring the fire engine, sitting in the cab, and watching Mrs Simister try on the uniform. The highlight was definitely spraying water with the fire hose! A huge thank you to everyone at Knutsford Fire Station for such a memorable visit.



Sports Day – Reminder

Sports Day is on **Thursday 25th June**. Field Events run in the morning at 9:30am for Rec/KS1 and 11:00am for KS2, with Track Races in the afternoon from 1:00pm for Rec/KS1 and 2:00pm for KS2. **Children should come in PE kits with House-colour t-shirts, trainers, sun cream applied, a hat and a filled water bottle.** Parents are welcome to attend both sessions.

Special menu for Sports Day – Burger Shack

As is tradition on Sports Day, the children will be enjoying their lunch outside. This year, instead of sandwiches, Mrs Freeman will be serving a special Burger Shack menu. Children can choose from: Beef Burger, Chicken Burger, Quorn Burger. All served with chips, veg sticks and chocolate cookies.

Diocesan Building fund Donations

A reminder that our annual **£15 per child** contribution to the Diocesan Building Fund is now due. This fund supports the 10% of building costs not covered for faith schools and will help towards our **new fire and intruder alarm system** this summer. Although voluntary, any shortfall must be met from the school budget. If you are able, please consider contributing, or giving a little extra. Payments can be made via **Arbor** in the School Shop. Thank you to the families who have already donated — **£705 collected so far**, leaving a current shortfall of **£2,115**.

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



School Disco – Friday 26th June

We're thrilled to announce the return of our two favourite resident DJs – Hughes & Hales – who will be hosting our summer school disco in the hall on Friday 26th June.

Key Stage 1: 5-6pm

Key Stage 2: 6:15-7:30pm

Tickets are £6 and include juice, crisps and a biscuit. Available now via Arbor.

Science Ambassadors

Congratulations goes to Carys and Ella from Year 5 who planned and performed an amazing presentation about the scientist Marie Curie in assembly as part of our Meet the Scientist programme run by our Science Ambassadors. They did a fantastic job teaching the school about this important female scientist whose discoveries have improved the lives for many. Well done girls!



Sports News

Netball Match: St Vincent's vs Bexton

On Thursday we played an amazing game against Bexton. We won 11-4. Evie got 6 goals, Chloe got 3 goals, Maya got one and Hattie also got one. It was super fun!

written by Evie & Molly.

Football Match: St Vincent's vs Bexton

We had a Y5 and 6 football match against Bexton school. We lost 1-0 and it was a close game. They scored in the first quarter and we were very unlucky.

Thomas



Calling all Musicians!

Mrs Cox is scouting for musicians to take part in her Talent Show! If there are any instrumentalists (of any standard) who would like the opportunity to perform to a very appreciative and supportive audience, then please send an email to Mrs Cox.

BMX Day

On Tuesday 9th June, we invited GB Extreme back to St. Vincents for a BMX Workshop Day. Everyone was able to take part, no matter what experience they had of riding a bike as balance bikes were also available to use. The day began with a fabulous Wow! Assembly on the playground, during which Jack displayed his many talents. Of course, Miss Groarke made it clear that no one was allowed to copy Jack's stunts and that all safety gear had to be worn at all times! The day was lots of fun, and it was wonderful to see those children who were very hesitant at the start of their session, gaining confidence the more they practised the different skills Jack was teaching.



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

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
21	22	17	17

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

Attendance

Reception	100%	Year 4	95.3%
Year 1	96%	Year 5	98.9%
Year 2	92.6%	Year 6	90.7%
Year 3	97.1%		

WELL DONE YEAR RECEPTION – PERFECT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Whole School Attendance for this week – 95.6%

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS
6	7	9	11
Sophie Alec	Henry	Harry	Martha

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 22nd June		
Reception – pedal bike training	9am	
Y5 Visit to Tatton Park	PM	
Y4 Tennis	PM	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Tuesday 23rd June		
Y4 Clarinet Lesson - Love Music Trust	PM	
Sword Fencing Club	3:30pm	4:30pm
Wednesday 24th June		
ARTIS Performing Arts Workshops	ALL	DAY
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Thursday 25th June		
SPORTS DAY – come in house colour t-shirts and PE shorts	ALL	DAY
Special Menu – Burger Shack		
Rock Steady	ALL	DAY
Recorder Club	3:30pm	4:15pm
Friday 26th June		
Own Clothes Day – bring a bottle or chocolates	3:30pm	4:30pm
Y5 Play Leaders	3:30pm	4:30pm
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
PTA School Disco – tickets available on Arbor - KS1	5pm	6pm
PTA School Disco – tickets available on Arbor – KS2	6:15pm	7:30pm



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.