

Focus on ... Year 6

Phew – what a scorcher this week has been! Year 6 have done brilliantly to stay positive and keep busy. We began with a full day of First Aid training with Amy from Cheshire First Aid, learning how to manage emergencies, help conscious and unconscious casualties, perform CPR, use a defibrillator, deal with choking and apply bandages.

In Maths, we're enjoying planning music festivals, though budgeting and site plans are proving challenging. On Wednesday we took our RE lesson outside to cool down in the shade, where Mrs Bullen was impressed by our thoughtful reflections on our worldviews. We're also loving our Geography project on Brazil, and Yasmin's dad visited to share what life was like growing up there.

All this, plus rehearsals for our end-of-year production and preparing to dissect hearts in Science, means we're definitely ready for a restful weekend!



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

Time to reflect

On Monday we celebrate the Feasts of Saints Peter and Paul. Peter, chosen by Jesus, became leader of the apostles, while Paul, once a persecutor of Christians, was transformed by his encounter with Jesus and became a great missionary. Both saints gave their lives for their faith, and their feast reminds us of their courage and the Church's mission today. We are all called, in different ways, to help make Christ known and loved in the world.



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	Noah	Jem	Lilly - for great resilience when learning to pedal a bike.
Year 1	Walter	Olivia	Sofia - for doing great independent writing
Year 2	Annabelle	Charmaine	Christian – super effort in music
Year 3	Oscar	Sophia	Lillie - for being resilient and having a positive growth mindset.
Year 4	Ariah	Nel	Juliet - for always working hard and presenting work to a high standard
Year 5	Carys	Loughlin	George - for excellent concentration and determination with his work.
Year 6	Grace C	Max	Alice - for always being such a friendly, positive class member.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the week has gone on, the weather has certainly heated up, and today has been the hottest so far. A huge thank you to all parents who donated fans and cooling units, and to the PTA for purchasing a fan for every class. Your support has made a real difference. Well done to all our children and staff, who have continued to work so positively and productively despite the heat, adapting lessons and routines together so smoothly. This afternoon, all children and staff enjoyed ice pops to help everyone cool down and stay comfortable. Next week please ensure children come to school with a water bottle, a sun hat, and sun cream applied before the school day begins. Staying hydrated and taking shade where possible helps everyone stay safe in the heat.

Enjoy your weekend with family and friends, God Bless,

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

Year 5 Trip to Tatton Park

On Monday, Year 5 enjoyed a wonderful visit to Tatton Park. During a tour of the mansion, the children followed the life of Samuel Egerton, a former owner of the estate, learning about his passion for art and viewing pieces from his collection, including works by Canaletto.



https://www.tattonpark.org.uk/what_to_see_and_do/mansion/mansion_exhibitions/canaletto-impossibleperspectives.aspx

After lunch, we explored the beautiful gardens and were delighted by the children's enthusiasm throughout the day. We were especially impressed with how well they managed the walk to and from Tatton Park. The visit left us feeling incredibly fortunate to have such a fascinating piece of local history on our doorstep, and many children said they would love to return with their families to explore the park, mansion and gardens in more detail.

Reception Pedal Bikes

This week, our Reception children enjoyed an exciting pedal bikes session on Monday. The children had a wonderful time developing their balance, coordination, and confidence while riding the bikes. They practised steering, stopping safely, and navigating different routes and challenges set up for them. It was fantastic to see everyone showing determination, resilience, and enthusiasm throughout the session.



Non uniform day for Summer Fair

Today it was lovely to see everyone in their own clothes for the privilege day. Thank you so much for the bottles and chocolate that were brought in for our Summer Fair next week – your generosity is hugely appreciated and helps make the event such a success. The children really enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere, and it was wonderful to see so many smiles around school. To help everyone cool down in the very hot weather, all children and staff enjoyed ice pops this afternoon, which were a much-needed treat in the heat. We are looking forward to the Summer Fair next week and are grateful for the continued support of our school community.



Sports Day – Change of date

The new date for Sports Day is **Friday 10th July**. 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.

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 — **£720 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

- Annual Summer Fair – 4th July
- Break the rules day – 17th July



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.

Head Lice

We have had a couple of cases again of head lice in school. We kindly ask all parents and carers to check their child's hair regularly for head lice and treat promptly if any are found. Head lice are common among school-aged children and can spread easily through close contact.

What to do:

Use a fine-toothed detection comb on wet hair to check for lice.

If lice are found, treat all affected family members on the same day.

There's no need to keep your child off school once treatment has started.

For trusted advice on how to spot, treat, and prevent head lice, please visit the NHS website on head lice and nits. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

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
19	18	17	23

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

Attendance

Reception	95.8%	Year 4	96.8%
Year 1	96.7%	Year 5	95.9%
Year 2	93.5%	Year 6	97.7%
Year 3	94.3%		

WELL DONE YEAR 6 – GREAT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Whole School Attendance for this week – 95.9%

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS
7	8
Thomas	Gracie

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 29th June		
Y6 Visit to Tatton Park	PM	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Tuesday 30th June		
Whole school Maths Enrichment Day	ALL	DAY
Y4 Clarinet Lesson - Love Music Trust	PM	
Sword Fencing Club	3:30pm	4:30pm
Wednesday 1st July		
ARTIS Performing Arts Workshops	ALL	DAY
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Thursday 2nd July		
Special Menu – Football Theme		
Rock Steady	ALL	DAY
Recorder Club	3:30pm	4:15pm
Friday 3rd July		
Reception Class Assembly	9:10pm	
Y5 Play Leaders	3:30pm	4:30pm
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Saturday 4th July		
PTA Summer Fair – School Field	12:00pm	4:00pm



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.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: On Monday 3rd August Knutsford Catenians will be hosting a talk from Knutsford Community First Responders Trust (their charity for this year) at Cottons Hotel, starting at 7:30 pm. Also, on Thursday 6th August, there will be a 'Summer Wines' tasting with Morgan Edwards in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. To secure your place please drop a line to events@knutsford.p17catenians.org.

CIVIC SUNDAY
MAYOR OF KNUTSFORD
CLLR PETER COAN
SUNDAY 12TH JULY

11:45 AM - 12:00 PM
Join the Mayor of Knutsford for a short parade, led by the City of Chester Brass Band. Setting off from King Street car Park at 11:45am. The mayor will be handing out sweets to children along the parade route.

REFRESHMENTS IN THE MARKET HALL
12:00 - 1:30PM
We invite the community to join the Mayor in Knutsford Market Hall for complimentary refreshments. Colouring in sheets will be available for children. All welcome.

For information contact Gemma at Knutsford Town Council. 01565 653 929
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