

Focus on ... Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic time in Science learning all about electricity. We have been investigating how to create different circuits using batteries, wires and bulbs, and enjoyed making bulbs light up. We also tested a range of materials to discover which ones conduct electricity. We are looking forward to using this scientific knowledge in our upcoming DT project. In DT, we recently designed and made felt pencil cases, using our sewing skills to attach buttons. We were very proud of the finished products, which were both attractive and practical.

On Tuesday, we had a wonderful visit from Liverpool University. Working in teams, we took part in a variety of Maths-themed games, including Countdown and Blockbusters. It was great fun and gave us the opportunity to use our mathematical knowledge to solve problems collaboratively.

Inspired by FLOTSAM by David Wiesner, we have also been writing Underwater Sea Creature Guides. Mrs Davies and Mrs Beaver have been extremely impressed with the quality of our writing and the excellent progress we have made this year.

Wow! We have been busy.



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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 focus is the gospel value of **truth**. We should stand up for the truth on all occasions and know that God will be with us in that decision to tell the truth. It might be easier to tell a little lie on occasions, but one lie often leads to another, and this can often mean that lots of people get hurt in the process.



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: Truth	Conduct & Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Theo	Leo	All Reception received a Headteacher award for an amazing class assembly this morning.
Year 1	Felix	Leon	Ethan for some excellent writing
Year 2	Aurora	Anton	Emmie for always working hard and trying her best.
Year 3	Jude	Mia	Sophia for always being a good role model to others.
Year 4	Charlie	George	Eva for an excellent piece of writing about an underwater sea creature.
Year 5	Roisin	Layla	Jenson for excellent effort with his writing this week.
Year 6	Daisy	William	Annie for excellent work on inter-faith dialogue in RE.

Dear Parents and Carers,

These weeks are really flying by as we hurtle towards the end of another school year. Can you believe there are only two weeks and two days until we finish for summer? Tomorrow is our Summer Fair, our major PTA event of the year and lots of hard work has gone on behind the scenes. All we need now is the support from all our families and friends to come along and have fun! We have ordered the sunshine, so we just need you to be here!

See you tomorrow.

Enjoy your weekend with family and friends, God Bless,

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

Reception Class Assembly

This morning, we were treated to something special – our Reception Class assembly. The children wowed their parents and the rest of the school with a fantastic assembly, showcasing all the wonderful learning they have enjoyed throughout the year. They performed with confidence, enthusiasm, and huge smiles, making everyone incredibly proud. A definite highlight was the unforgettable Minibeast Rave, which had the audience smiling from start to finish! We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. Well done, Reception! Their confidence and their love of learning was amazing. Thank you to our fabulous EYFS team Miss Quinn and Miss Fairhurst for all their hard work.



Maths Enrichment Day

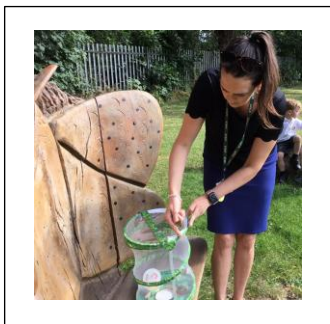
On Tuesday, we were visited by representatives from the Department of Mathematical Sciences at the University of Liverpool. The children took part in a range of exciting Maths activities, including maths-themed game shows, code-breaking challenges and exploring art through Maths. It was a wonderful day, giving the children the opportunity to use their mathematical skills in new and engaging ways. A big thank you to our PTA for funding this fantastic experience.



Reception Butterflies

After our second attempt, our Reception children were delighted to finally see their butterflies emerge and take to the skies! Watching the incredible transformation from caterpillar to butterfly has been a wonderful learning experience, helping the children understand life cycles, growth, and the importance of caring for living things.

There was great excitement as we gathered outside to release the butterflies. It was lovely to see them spread their wings and fly away, marking the end of a fascinating journey that the children have followed with such care and enthusiasm. We wish our butterflies well on their new adventure!



Mini Police Learn Life-Saving Skills

On Thursday evening, eight members of our Mini Police team, together with some of their parents and Miss Groarke, took part in a fantastic 2½-hour First Aid course at Knutsford Methodist Church.

During the session, everyone learnt a range of potentially life-saving skills, including how to:

- Recognise and respond to heart attacks
- Help an unconscious person
- Perform CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation)
- Deal with choking incidents
- Use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

The course was engaging, informative and practical, giving both children and adults the confidence to know what to do in an emergency. Everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed the experience and agreed that it was brilliant. We would highly recommend this course to all Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and their parents. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn important skills that could one day help save a life. To find out more or book a place on a future course, please visit kcfrt.org.uk.

Did you know that our school also has an AED? It is located outside the main office and is available for use in an emergency.

Well done to our Mini Police officers for taking part and developing such valuable community skills!



Maths Challenge Day at St. Ambrose College

On Wednesday, Mrs Davies took a group of Year 5 children to a Maths Challenge Day at St Ambrose College. The children enjoyed a wide range of activities, including puzzles, problem-solving challenges, a maths treasure hunt and many other exciting tasks. We competed against 16 other schools and, although we did not finish in the top three, we had a fantastic day. The children represented our school brilliantly, showing excellent teamwork, enthusiasm and determination throughout the event.



Year 4 Tennis Tournament.

Yesterday a selection of your Y4 children took part in the Knutsford Primary's Tennis Tournament at Knutsford Tennis Club. The children played brilliantly and came second! Well done!

In the tennis tournament there were 4 girls & 4 boys. The girls were: Peppa, Eva, Juliet and Rhea. The boys were: 5 of: Milan, Archie, Theo & we were all from year 4. There were 5 schools each from year 4 to 6, i.e. Boston, egerton, manor park and probably we came close 2nd. Overall and Boston beat us by 3 points then egerton came 3rd followed by manor park and the manor park. I was 1 vs 1 and boy vs boy and then girl vs girl. We lost some and we won some but we had fun and that's all that matters.

Peppa

End of School Year Mass – Everyone welcome

On Wednesday 8th July we will be celebrating a Thanksgiving Mass for the whole school, in the school hall at 9.15am. It would be lovely to see all our families represented at this very special occasion.

Sports Day

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 — **£ 1,145 collected so far**, leaving a current shortfall of **£ £1,675**.

Summer Fair Reminder



A reminder about the school Fair tomorrow:

Saturday 12pm to 4pm

£1 per person on the door (infants in pushchairs/prams are free)

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	19	21	20

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

Attendance

Reception	92.8%	Year 4	96%
Year 1	97.1%	Year 5	97.7%
Year 2	100%	Year 6	99.2%
Year 3	97.3%		

WELL DONE YEAR 2 – GREAT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Whole School Attendance for this week – 97.3%

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS
5	6
Lilly	Eddie

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 6th July		
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Tuesday 7th July		
Reception Stay & Learn – Transition to Year 1	9am	10am
New Intake visit – Sept 2026 children – Forest Schools session	1:45pm	3pm
Y4 Clarinet Lesson - Love Music Trust	PM	
Sword Fencing Club	3:30pm	4:30pm
Wednesday 8th July		
Whole school mass – everyone welcome	9:15am	
New Intake visit – Sept 2026 children	1:30pm	2:45pm
ARTIS Performing Arts Workshops	ALL	DAY
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Thursday 9th July		
Reception Trip to Pizza Express	AM	
Rock Steady	ALL	DAY
Recorder Club	3:30pm	4:15pm
Year 6 Leavers' Mass and BBQ	6:30pm	
Friday 10th July		
SPORTS DAY	ALL	DAY
Y5 Play Leaders	3:30pm	4:30pm
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	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.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FROM CHURCH NEWSLETTER – EVERYONE WELCOME:

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.

LADIES COFFEE MORNING: The next Ladies Coffee Morning will be on Friday 3 July from 10am to 10.30am. Everyone is most welcome and all proceeds will be donated to our Cambodia Link.