

Focus on ... Year 3 and Year 2

This week, **Year 3** have been busy learning, creating and having fun!

In Maths, we became shape engineers, using straws to build a variety of 3D shapes while carefully thinking about their properties, including faces, edges and vertices.

In Art, we travelled back to Ancient Egypt and made our own papyrus paper, just like the Egyptians used thousands of years ago. In Computing, we put our programming skills to the test by using Scratch to code a sprite and make it draw different lines. What a fantastic week of creativity, problem-solving and discovery!

Year 2 have had a wonderfully busy week. In Maths, the children have been getting themselves ready for the move to Year 3 by mastering column addition, showing great determination and growing confidence with their written methods.

In RE, they have been learning all about Judaism, exploring a range of artefacts and discussing why these items are important to Jewish people. The children asked thoughtful questions and showed real curiosity throughout the topic.

They have also spent plenty of time out on the field practising their races for Sports Day, working hard to do their best and cheering one another on, getting ready for the big day.

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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 weekend the gospel focus will be Matt 13:1-9 which is all about a sower going out to sow. This parable illustrates the importance of being open to God's teachings and responding with faith. It encourages us to listen and grow in our understanding of God's love and the impact of our actions on our relationship with Him.



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	Henry	Benen	Leonel - for amazing effort at sports day
Year 1	Charlotte	Flynn	Eddie - for brilliant effort during sports day
Year 2	Theo	Robyn	Nathan - for working hard to improve his handwriting
Year 3	Charlie	Lyra	Leo - for being a good friend and for always having a positive attitude
Year 4	Harry	Archie	Pippa - for great contributions to English discussions
Year 5	AraOluwa	Robyn	Jaxon - for his amazing effort with swimming
Year 6	Ed	Yasmin	Evie - for being incredibly supportive with our younger pupils

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and memorable week at St Vincent's. On Wednesday, we gathered as a school family for our End of Year Mass. The children sang beautifully, read with confidence and reverence, and reflected thoughtfully on the many blessings of the year. We are extremely grateful to Father David for leading such a special celebration. On Thursday, our Reception children enjoyed a fantastic visit to Pizza Express, where they learned about making pizzas and represented our school brilliantly in the local community. We also celebrated our Year 6 Leavers' Mass, joined by parents, grandparents and family members. It was a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for our Year 6 pupils and all they have contributed to school life during their time at St Vincent's. Today, we rounded off the week with our annual Sports Day. It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm, determination and sportsmanship shown by all of the children. Thank you to all the families who came along to support and encourage the children throughout the day.

As we approach the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to take a moment to thank every single member of our amazing school community. Our kitchen staff, midday supervisors, cleaners, caretakers, office team, teaching assistants, teachers and governors all go above and beyond every day for your children. St Vincent's would not be the special place it is without their dedication, commitment and care. Together, they do far more than educate; they nurture, encourage and guide our children to be the very best they can be.

Enjoy your weekend with family and friends, God Bless,

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

Year 6 Leavers' Celebrations

Last night we celebrated our Year 6 leavers with a beautiful Mass, followed by a BBQ and the much-loved water fight. The Mass was a special moment for the children to reflect on their time at St Vincent's, with confident readings and lovely singing. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed food, laughter and time together before finishing the evening with an energetic water fight that left children (and staff!) thoroughly soaked. It was a joyful send-off and a wonderful way to mark their final days in primary school.



Alice's Engineering Success



On Tuesday evening, Mrs Webster and Mrs Beaver joined Alice Smith and her family at Liverpool John Moores University as she received her award as one of the national winners of the 'If You Were an Engineer, What Would You Do?' competition. This fantastic STEM initiative encourages pupils to design creative engineering solutions, and Alice's brilliant Fridge Scanner invention earned her well-deserved national recognition.

We were incredibly proud to celebrate this achievement with Alice and her family. She is a wonderful example of creativity and determination, and an inspiration to our whole school.

Following this success, we are delighted to confirm that the Primary Engineer after-school club will run again next year, giving more pupils the chance to explore engineering and develop their innovative ideas.

Sports Day

As you know, we had to postpone Sports Day earlier this month due to the heatwave, and this week the high temperatures meant we once again needed to adjust our plans. To keep everyone safe and comfortable, we ran the field events yesterday when conditions were a little cooler, and managed to complete the running races this morning.

A huge thank you to our volunteers from Knutsford Academy, who stepped in at short notice and helped us make the event a success. We are also very grateful to Mrs Cox and Coach Dave for their hard work and careful planning throughout the year in PE, and to the PTA for providing much-appreciated refreshments.

Despite the challenges, the children showed great resilience and enthusiasm, and we were delighted to give them a Sports Day to enjoy.

Congratulations to our winning house: St George!



PTA Update

🌞 **2026 SUMMER FAIR** 🙌 A massive THANK YOU to everyone who came along to our Summer Fair last Saturday - we have raised a brilliant total of £3,135! What a great result - even the rain didn't dampen the spirits and we are very grateful to everyone in the St Vincents community who came along and supported the event, we really do appreciate it ❤️ 🙏

SPORTS DAY 🏆 & **LOLLY SALE** 🍭 Thanks for your support today everyone, a fundraising total will be issued on the PTA WhatsApp group later.

BREAK THE RULES DAY 🤪 To avoid a clash with Sports Day we have moved Break the Rules Day to next **FRIDAY, 17TH JULY**. As in prior years, all rules which can be broken will be posted on Arbor early next week to allow time for the kids to choose which, if not all, rules they wish to break (for a fee obviously). We will keep you posted on the PTA WhatsApp groups and via school emails.

PTA WHATSAPP COMMUNITY ✅ If you are not a part of the PTA WhatsApp community please speak to your class rep to add you in so you can keep up to date on PTA events, fundraising totals and our fundraising targets for the year.

Attendance and Punctuality

Please pay particular attention to the attendance and punctuality information included in your child's report.

At St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School, our attendance target is **97% or above**.

Attendance Facts

- **95% attendance** = approximately **10 days absent** (2 weeks of learning missed)
- **90% attendance** = approximately **19 days absent** (almost 4 weeks of learning missed)
- **85% attendance** = approximately **29 days absent** (almost 6 weeks of learning missed)
- **80% attendance** = approximately **38 days absent** (over 7 weeks of learning missed)

Science visit



The Science Ambassadors wrote to Louise Carter who kindly agreed to come in on Wednesday and speak to all KS2 classes about her job(s!). She spoke about nutrition staying healthy and the reasons why. The children loved the informative sessions, finding their pulses and having a greater understanding about how their bodies work - thank you Louise!

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
16	21	16	23

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

Attendance

Reception	91.1%	Year 4	98.7%
Year 1	99%	Year 5	93%
Year 2	96.1%	Year 6	97.8%
Year 3	96.8%		

WELL DONE YEAR 2 – GREAT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Whole School Attendance for this week – 96.4%

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS
7	10
Patrick Nathan Aiden	Oliver

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 13th July		
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Tuesday 14th July		
Y4 Clarinet Lesson - Love Music Trust	PM	
St Vincent's Got Talent	2:10pm	
Wednesday 15th July		
ARTIS Performing Arts Workshops	ALL	DAY
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Thursday 16th July		
Mini Vinnies visit to Sharston House	AM	
Recorder Club Cancelled		
Friday 17th July		
Break the Rules day	ALL	DAY
Rocksteady Concert	2:20pm	
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.