

Focus on ... Year 1

Wow – we can't believe we've reached the end of **Year 1** already! We have had a fantastic year together.

This week, we designed and made healthy ice lollies in DT after learning about the difference between fruits and vegetables and where they grow. We then chose our favourite fruits for our recipes. In Maths, we have been learning to tell the time and about money, developing important life skills in a fun and practical way.

We are looking forward to enjoying our last few days together in Year 1 before the summer holidays.



and Reception

The last two weeks of term have been full of exciting experiences for our **Reception** children. We enjoyed a brilliant joint Forest School session with our Pre-School friends and a wonderful Stay and Learn session to help prepare for the transition to Year 1. We also welcomed PC Carlos, who spoke to the children about his role in the community and how the police help to keep us safe.

To finish the year, we had a fantastic trip to Pizza Express, where the children made their own delicious pizzas. We are so proud of everything the children have achieved and wish them every success in Year 1.

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

Time to reflect

One of the best gifts
 you can give someone
 is thanking them for
 being part of your life.



As we move towards the Summer holidays, let us all remember to show kindness and love to those we meet.

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	Almar	Noah	Shreya – for always trying her best
Year 1	Albie	Seb	Walter – for making fantastic progress in Year 1
Year 2	Lily	Thomas	Annabelle – she has worked consistently hard and has helped Mrs Cox get through the year!
Year 3	Dora	Milan	AyoOluwa – for always contributing to class discussions and having a positive attitude to learning
Year 4	Isla	Izzy	Edward – for listening well and working hard in all he does
Year 5	Oliver C	Narin	Harryett – for the effort she puts into her presentation skills
Year 6	ALL OF YEAR 6 for being so AMAZING		

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week we have had at St. Vincent's! We were delighted to celebrate our amazing SATs results this week. Well done to all of our Year 6 children for their hard work, determination and success throughout their time at St. Vincent's. A huge thank you to all the staff who have supported our Year 6 children on their journey through school, and to their parents and families for their continued encouragement and partnership over the years.

On Tuesday afternoon, we enjoyed a wonderful talent showcase, with children from Reception to Year 6 proudly sharing their talents with the school community. It was a joy to see such confidence, creativity and enthusiasm on display.

Today, Hattie in Year 6 gave an inspiring presentation to both Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 1, including Reception, about Teddy, her hearing dog, who also came to visit us. Hattie spoke beautifully about how Teddy supports her, helping to raise awareness and understanding among all our pupils. We are incredibly proud of her for sharing her experiences so confidently. This afternoon, we were also treated to a fantastic Rocksteady concert. Well done to all the children who performed with such enthusiasm and confidence.

Enjoy your weekend with family and friends, God Bless,

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

St Vincent's Got Talent 2026

St Vincent's Got Talent 2026 lit up the hall on Tuesday 14th July, with pupils from Reception to Year 6 showcasing an exciting mix of singing, dancing, gymnastics, comedy and music. Each performance was full of confidence and creativity, and it was wonderful to see the children enjoying their moment on stage. A huge thank you to Mrs Cox, whose organisation and encouragement made the event such a success. It was a joyful celebration of our pupils and a perfect way to round off the school year.



St Vincent's Sporting Successes 2025-26

What a fantastic way to end another incredible sporting year! At the Primary Schools Partnership Meeting, we received the final football and netball league results, bringing an outstanding 2025–26 season to a close.

We are incredibly proud of every child who has represented St Vincent's this year. Whether competing, encouraging teammates or showing determination and resilience, our pupils have been exceptional ambassadors for the school. Their teamwork, sportsmanship, commitment and positive attitude have been just as important as the trophies they have won.

This year's achievements include:

- 🏆 Cross Country Champions (1st overall out of 6 schools)
- 🏆 Girls' Football Tournament Winners – winning all eight matches without conceding a single goal
- 🏆 Mixed Football Tournament Winners – unbeaten throughout the competition
- 🏆 Sports Hall Athletics Year 5/6 Champions
- 🏆 High 5 Netball Champions
- 🏆 Year 3/4 Boys' Football Tournament Winners
- 🏆 Autumn Netball League Champions
- 🏆 Spring Netball League Champions
- 🏆 Spring Football League Champions
- 🥈 Autumn Football League Runners-up
- 🥈 Sports Hall Athletics Year 3/4 Runners-up
- 🥈 Quad Kids Runners-up (missing first place by just two points)
- 🥈 Tennis Tournament Runners-up
- 🥉 Year 5/6 Boys' Football Tournament – 3rd place



Across the year, St Vincent's celebrated **eight competition victories, four runners-up finishes and twelve podium finishes** in Knutsford Schools Partnership events. These remarkable results reflect the dedication of our children, who consistently demonstrated resilience, determination and respect while representing our school.

From Reception through to Year 6, pupils have embraced every opportunity to take part in sport, whether at festivals, taster sessions, leagues or tournaments. Every child who represented St Vincent's should feel enormously proud of their contribution.

A huge thank you also goes to our staff and families for their continued encouragement and support throughout the year. Together, you have helped create another memorable sporting year for St Vincent's.

Well done to all of our sporting stars – you have made the whole school community incredibly proud!



Mini Vinnies visit to Sharston House



Yesterday, our Mini Vinnies brought joy, laughter and friendship to the residents of Sharston House. They took part in a range of fun sporting activities, including balloon games and a mini football match, where some fantastic goals were scored. The children were a real credit to our school, showing kindness, enthusiasm and a genuine desire to help others. They truly lived out the Mini Vinnies mission of service and compassion. As a special treat, they were rewarded with ice creams at the end of a wonderful visit.

Well done and thank you, Mini Vinnies – you have had a fantastic year and made us all very proud!

Thank You to Our Chair of Governors, Mike Dobson

Yesterday, we were delighted to welcome Mike Dobson, our long-serving Chair of Governors, into school for a special assembly to mark his retirement from the governing board. It was a warm and heartfelt occasion, giving our pupils and staff the chance to thank Mike for his many years of dedicated service to St Vincent's. Mike is a former St Vincent's parent, with two daughters who attended the school, and he continues to be an active member of our parish.

Mike has been a steadfast supporter of our school, guiding the governing board with wisdom, commitment and genuine care for our children's education and wellbeing. His leadership has been especially significant during some of the most challenging and transformative periods in recent years — supporting the school through the Covid lockdowns and leading us through the successful conversion to academy status. His calm, steady presence and clear direction made an enormous difference to our whole community.

During the assembly, the children shared their thanks, and Mike was presented with a gift as a token of our appreciation. It was a lovely celebration of everything he has contributed to St Vincent's.

We extend our deepest thanks to Mike for his outstanding service and wish him every happiness for the future.



PTA - Break the Rules Day

Break the Rules Day has been an absolute hit. The children arrived this morning full of excitement, dressed in their fun outfits and ready to enjoy a day of treats, toys and rule-breaking. The atmosphere around school has been brilliant, and it's been lovely to see everyone joining in with such enthusiasm.

A huge thank you to all families for your support and contributions. Thanks to your generosity, the event has raised **over £500**, which will go directly towards enriching experiences for our children.

You can still pay via Arbor if you haven't done so yet and this will be match funded.



Summer Reading Challenge

Sign up at Knutsford Library!



The Summer Reading Challenge is a FREE holiday activity for children. It's all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's reading skills and confidence. The Challenge runs every year throughout the summer holidays, and all children aged 4-11 are welcome to take part.

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	24	20	17

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

This **term**:

St. David	St. Andrew	St. George	St. Patrick
226	248	230	237

Winners for this term are **St. Andrew !**

Attendance

Reception	94.7%	Year 4	98.7%
Year 1	96.3%	Year 5	98.5%
Year 2	94.5%	Year 6	97.7%
Year 3	97.9%		

WELL DONE YEAR 4 – GREAT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Whole School Attendance for this week – 97.1%

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS
5	6
Noah	Marcus Tabby

School Building Fund – Last Chance to Contribute

As we reach the end of term, this is a final reminder for families who may still wish to contribute to our School Building Fund. Contributions are made via Arbor at £15 per child, and every donation directly supports improvements to our school environment and facilities.

A heartfelt thank you to all parents who have already contributed - your generosity is truly appreciated.

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 20th July		
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Tuesday 21st July		
Leavers' Performance - School Hall. All parents/carers welcome	9:20am	
Break up for Summer Holidays	3:25pm	
SUMMER HOLIDAYS		
Tuesday 1st September		
INSET Day – no children in school		
Wednesday 2nd September		
INSET Day – no children in school		
Thursday 3rd September		
Start of Autumn Term	8:55am	
Friday 4th September		
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.