

Focus on.....Year 6

What a fantastic first full week we have had in Year 6!

We have really impressed Miss Groarke and Mrs Bullen with how sensible we have been and with the positive example we have set for our younger pupils. We're very excited to find out what Prefect roles we will be given because we have all written our letters of application to Miss Groarke and delivered our House Captain speeches and are ready to be interviewed individually next week!

We were very lucky to have Forest School with Miss Hughes this week, where we made links with our Geography topic by making models of river systems and talking about the water cycle.

In RE lessons, we have been studying the second account of Creation in Genesis and learning all about the Fall. We made 'responsibility pies' to decide who should receive the most blame!

Our first piece of work in English will be to write a detailed chronological description of a sandstorm, inspired by the book Survivors, and we are already impressing Mrs Bullen with our use of vocabulary. AND we've been learning about place value in Maths, netball in PE, street art in Art and light in Science!

Phew - we are definitely ready for a relaxing weekend before another super busy week next week!



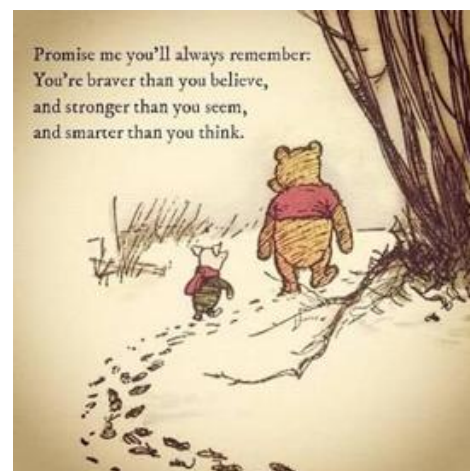
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Believe, Trust and Be Ready
"That they may have life, and to the full" John 10:10

Time to Reflect



Gospel Values

Our gospel value this week is:
Faithfulness

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: Faithfulness	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Well done to all of Reception for settling in so well.		
Year 1	James	Maggie	Hallé and Ava – for settling into Year 1 and St Vincent's so well and trying their very best with all their work.
Year 2	Tudor	Arthur	Lucie - fabulous start to Year 2! Lucie has tried her best in everything!
Year 3	Henry S	Christian	Hinav - for settling into Year 3 really well and trying hard in all her work.
Year 4	Florence H	Lillie	Milan – excellent effort and focus in all his work.
Year 5	Eva	Theo F	Izzy – for settling into Year 5 so well and for her focus and attention in lessons.
Year 6	Abrielle	Layla	Oliver TP – excellent commentary and discern work on the second account of creation.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first full week back at school, it has been wonderful to welcome all of our Reception children into school full-time from today. They have settled in brilliantly and are already becoming an important part of our school family. This week has also been full of democracy in action! Pupils have been voting for House Captains, Vice Captains and School Councillors, learning first-hand about having a voice and making choices. I am incredibly proud of all the children who put themselves forward for these important roles. Speaking in front of others takes courage, and every candidate represented themselves with confidence and maturity. Congratulations to all of those who were successfully elected.

It has been a busy and productive week across the school, and I have thoroughly enjoyed spending time in every classroom. The children have returned with great enthusiasm for learning and have settled quickly into their routines. It has been a pleasure to see such positive attitudes, hard work and happy faces throughout the school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, and I wish you all a lovely weekend.

God bless,

Miss Groarke and all the staff at St. Vincent's.

Welcome to our Reception Class

We are delighted to welcome our new Reception children and their families to St Vincent's. The children have settled in beautifully, quickly growing in confidence and embracing their new routines. It has been wonderful to see them making friends, exploring the classroom and joining in with such enthusiasm. We look forward to a fantastic year ahead with them.



House Captains and Vice Captains

On Monday, pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 took part in voting for our new House Captains and Vice Captains. Year 5 and Year 6 pupils stood for election and delivered confident, well-prepared speeches to their houses, explaining why they would make great leaders. We are incredibly proud of every pupil who put themselves forward and represented their house so positively. On Thursday, Miss Groarke presented the successful candidates with their badges, and they were formally introduced to the whole school during Friday's assembly. Congratulations to all of our new House Captains and Vice Captains!

The votes were counted and our House Captains and Vice Captains for 2026-2027 are:

	House Captain	Vice-Captain
St. Andrew	Thomas	Archie
St. George	Robyn	Pippa
St. David	Sebby	Theo
St. Patrick	Jenson	Harry



School Council

Over the past week, children from Year 2 to Year 6 have been standing for election to our School Council. Each candidate prepared and delivered a speech to their classmates, explaining why they would make an effective School Councillor. Yesterday, we congratulated all of the children who put themselves forward. We are incredibly proud of their confidence, enthusiasm and willingness to represent the views of others. As part of our democratic process, each class was able to elect two representatives. After all the votes were counted, we are delighted to announce our School Councillors for 2026-2027:

Year Group	School Councillors
Year 2	Albie & Olivia
Year 3	Christian & Lily
Year 4	Sofia & Oscar
Year 5	George & Nel
Year 6	Oliver TP & Carys



KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts)

The Autumn KIRFs will be sent home tonight. Please pin them up somewhere visible at home so that your child can look at them each day. The expectation is that children will learn these facts and use them in other aspects of their Maths work in school.

Curriculum Overviews

Tonight, all children will bring home a Curriculum Overview, providing you with lots of information and insight into what your child will be learning about in school and the homework routines and expectations.

Pupil Premium Funding/Free School Meal entitlement

All children in Reception class, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a free school meal under current Government policy; this is known as Universal Free School Meals. However, you may be entitled to Income Related Free School Meals if you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit. If this is the case, please apply for this even if your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1. The school can then claim additional funding for resources, known as Pupil Premium, which can be used to help your child when they are in school. Apply online:

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx or contact Mrs Lees in the school office.

Rugby Taster



Coach Dave was delighted with the enthusiasm, teamwork and sheer energy shown by our Year 1 to Year 4 children during their tag rugby taster session at Knutsford Rugby Club. The event was a brilliant introduction to the sport, with children throwing themselves into the activities.

It was wonderful to see them having such fun while learning new skills.

Cross Country Practice – Thursday 17th September Years 4, 5 & 6 — after school until 4:15pm.
Practice ahead of the upcoming Cross Country Festival at Knutsford Academy. Please sign up via Arbor. £1

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	19	15	20

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

Attendance

Reception	94.5%	Year 4	92%
Year 1	98.9%	Year 5	96.7%
Year 2	99.4%	Year 6	96.7%
Year 3	100%		

WELL DONE YEAR 3 – PERFECT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Whole school attendance this week: 96.8%

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO	LOOK WHO
IS	IS
10	11
Joe	Henry

Swimming

As part of their PE curriculum, Years 3 and 4 will be swimming every Friday until half term. Please remember kits every week – swimming costumes/trunks, swimming cap, towel and goggles if needed. Payment is via Arbor in Trips.

Residentials 2027

We have now finalised the residential visits for Years 3 to 6 for 2027. They will be:

Year 5 & Year 6	Robinwood Maes y Nant, Wrexham	24th to 26th February 2027 (2 nights)
Year 4	Petty Pool Vocational College & Outdoor Centre, Sandiway	28th to 30th April 2027 (2 nights)
Year 3	The Conway Centre - Delamere, Fox Howl, Frodsham	6th to 7th May 2027 (1 night)

You can pay for these in instalments via Arbor – this will be live by the end of next week. Please make an appointment to see Miss Groarke if you need financial support.

Reminder: School Masses

We will be celebrating our first school mass of the year on **Tuesday 15th September** in the school hall at 9:15am – everyone is welcome!

Sunday 27th September at 11:00am will be our first School Parish Mass of the year at St. Vincent's Church. The children will be playing an important role in the celebration by welcoming parishioners, reading during the Mass, taking part in the offertory procession and singing. Please save the date in your diary and join us as we come together as a school and parish family. **Please let us know if you are attending Mass via Arbor** as Miss Groarke will be looking to allocate roles.

Head Lice

We have had a couple of cases 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/>

Save the date - Cyber Security Parent Information Session

We will be holding a Cyber Security and Online Safety Information Session on **Thursday 24th September from 9:00am to 10:00am**. We ask that one parent or carer from each family attends if possible, as the session will provide important information, practical advice and key messages to help keep children safe online both at home and at school. Following the presentation, parents will have the opportunity to visit their child's classroom and spend 15-20 minutes seeing their learning environment and meeting their child's teacher. The visit will conclude by 10:30am.

School safe haven cameras

A reminder that the enforcement cameras are in operation during school term-time. Please do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside school, as doing so may result in a fixed penalty notice. We also ask all parents and carers to park considerately when dropping off or collecting children, ensuring that driveways of neighbouring houses are not blocked. Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe and respectful.

Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers to help in school. If you are able to give up some time every week, please let Mrs Lees in the office know.

Staff Vacancies

We currently have a couple of vacancies being advertised on the school website. If you or someone you know may be interested, please take a look at the details online:

<https://www.stvincentsknutsford.co.uk/page/vacancies/>

Year 1 and 2 after-school club

We are pleased to offer an After-school Multisports Club for Years 1 and 2, run by Coach Dave, every Friday from 3:30pm to 4:30pm until half term (11 Sep 2026 - 23 Oct 2026).

The cost is £2 per session, and children will need to sign up for all sessions in the block (£14 in total). If you would like your child to take part, please **sign up on Arbor** as soon as possible – this will be found in Clubs.

Data Collection – Is your data correct in Arbor?

Please could all parents log into their Arbor account to check that the information we hold is accurate and up to date. If it is incorrect, you can update it yourself through the Arbor app. It is essential that we maintain comprehensive records for every child, including contact details, medical information and consent preferences. All new parents should have received their log in details.

The Week Ahead		Start Time	End Time
Monday 14th September			
Y5 Forest Schools		PM	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk		15:30	16:30
Tuesday 15th September			
Whole School Mass – everyone welcome!		9:15	
Y4 – Love Music Trust Clarinet Lesson – please remember your instrument			PM
Wednesday 16th September			
ARTIS performing arts workshops		ALL	DAY
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk		15:30	16:30
Thursday 17th September			
Y1 Stay & Learn – Welcome to Year 1		9am	10am
Rock Steady Music			
Friday 18th September			
Y3/Y4 Swimming – payment via Arbor. Don't forget swimming kits!		PM	
Y4/Y5/Y6 Netball - email School office if your child wishes to join (Boys and Girls)		15:30	16:15
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football www.drsportsclubs.co.uk		15:30	16:30



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.

MUMS AND TOTS AT ST. VINCENT'S PARISH CENTRE, all preschool aged children and parents/carers are welcome every Friday (except the first Friday of the month) at the Parish Centre from 10am until 12.



CHILDREN'S FAIR: Children's Fair on Sunday, 27th September, after the 11:00 am Mass. Games, crafts, face painting, pottery painting, popcorn, quizzes, refreshments and a grand raffle for the children. Tickets 20p or £1 a strip – these will be on sale on Wednesday and Friday after school on the playground.

We need your help! Volunteers to run a stall, donations of cakes, small toys, prizes or craft materials. Raffle prizes especially welcome. Speak to Christel 07874135843.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Knutsford Catenians are organising two events in September: A Barbeque on Sunday 13th, 1pm in Charlton Lodge. Also, on Saturday 26th, a sponsored walk in support of Knutsford First Responders. If you want to come along to either of these please contact events@knutsford.p17catenians.org or speak to Stuart Jones.