

Focus on.....Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic start to the school year! We were lucky that the sun shone down on us on Monday afternoon for Forest School, where we used our knowledge of knots to create characters from twigs before making parachutes for them and testing how effective they were. We discussed the forces at play and enjoyed putting our scientific thinking into action. In English, we have been reading *Curiosity*, the story of a rover sent to Mars by NASA. The children imagined they were the rover and wrote about their journey to Mars, building suspense as they described the tense landing! In Art, we have been exploring installation art and have begun designing our own pieces inspired by artist Cai Guo-Qiang. We can't wait to see our finished creations – watch this space! A fantastic start, Year 5!



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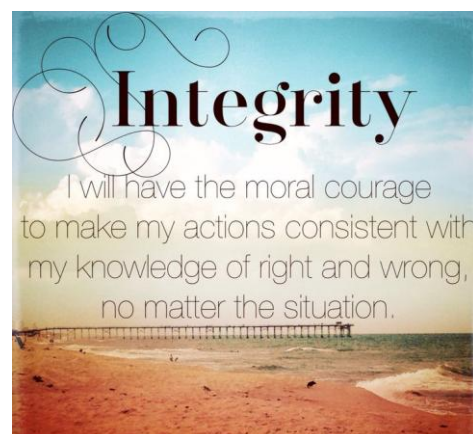
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Believe, Trust and Be Ready
"That they may have life, and to the full" John 10:10

Time to Reflect

This week we think about the gospel value of **Integrity**. The definition of integrity in the Bible emphasises the importance of doing what is right, even when it is difficult or unpopular. It involves being truthful, reliable, and consistent in one's words and actions.



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	Penny G	Ewan	Filipe – for settling into Reception so well
Year 1	Beatrix	Joshua	Wynter – for her kindness and fantastic attitude to learning
Year 2	Ralph	Eliza	Charlotte - for her amazing behaviour, hard-working attitude and kindness to everyone!
Year 3	Henry C	Annabelle	Aurora for approaching school every day with a smile and always trying her best
Year 4	Peyton	Oliver	Freddie – trying hard with his writing in English
Year 5	Rose	Edward	Juliet – for always being so kind to everyone - what a role model!
Year 6	Ayden	Marissa	Zara – for being enthusiastic, always trying her best and putting her hand up in every lesson

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week it has been at St Vincent's!

I have had the privilege of spending time with children from Reception through to Year 6 and have been so impressed by their enthusiasm, kindness and positive attitudes. Our Reception children have settled brilliantly into school life, while our Year 6 pupils have shown maturity and determination, particularly during their prefect interviews and learning assessment activities.

I have also enjoyed hearing beautiful singing in music lessons, celebrating excellent work through Headteacher Awards, and joining our cross-country runners, who showed great resilience and team spirit despite the pouring rain, during their training session.

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

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

Year 6 Prefect Letters



One of the highlights of my week was interviewing our Year 6 pupils for the important role of Prefect. I was incredibly proud of every single child. They arrived well prepared with thoughtful letters, confident handshakes and impressive responses to the interview questions.

Their maturity, enthusiasm and commitment to serving our school was clear to see, and I look forward to announcing the roles next week.

Summer Reading Challenge Success!

We cannot stress enough how important sharing books and reading together is, whether your child is in Reception or Year 6. The benefits are truly immeasurable; helping to develop vocabulary, imagination, confidence and a lifelong love of reading. We are delighted that so many of our children took part in the Summer Reading Challenge at Knutsford Library over the summer holidays. The challenge encourages children to keep reading during the break while also promoting library membership and regular visits to the library. A huge well done to everyone who participated. If your child completed the challenge and has not yet done so, please send their certificate into school. Miss Groarke will be delighted to award a Headteacher's Award in recognition of their achievement. We are incredibly proud of our young readers and the enthusiasm they have shown for reading beyond the classroom. Below are a few photographs of some of the children proudly receiving their medals from the Mayor. Congratulations to all who took part and thank you to families for supporting reading at home.



Year 1 Stay and Learn

A big thank you to everyone who came along to our 'Welcome to Year 1 Stay and Learn' session yesterday. We hope you found it useful and enjoyed seeing a little of what life is like in Year 1. Thank you to Mrs Webster for leading it. It was a brilliant turnout, and the children loved having their family members join them and take part in some classroom activities. Thank you for your continued support — it was lovely to see you all!



European Day of Languages

On Monday 28th September, we will be celebrating the European Day of Languages in school and children will be able to take part in a variety of activities involving different languages. If you speak a language other than English with your child at home, please make sure we know about it so we can celebrate it in school.

Open Afternoon

We will be holding an open afternoon on **Thursday 15th October from 2.00pm** and **Thursday 12th November** for parents of children who are looking to change school or are due to start in Reception in 2027. Please pass on this information to neighbours and friends in Knutsford. To book a slot please email

admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk

Applications for Secondary School Places – Year 6

31st October 2026 is the deadline for applications for Secondary School places for September 2027. Please ensure you register your preferred schools by this date via the Cheshire East website –

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/start-school-september.aspx>

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.

Wednesday Word

Every week, we will be attaching to our Newsletter the Wednesday Word. The Wednesday Word is an excellent resource that can be used at home to reflect on the issues and messages present in the liturgies. Wednesday Word Family Time presents an opportunity for even the busiest of parents to enrich relationships with their children through spending a very special 10 minutes together each week. Every Wednesday a 'word', inspired by the coming Sunday's Gospel, will be suggested for families to talk about in the home. They have structured The Wednesday Word around the Sunday Gospel, because evidence shows that Gospel values really do help family relationships to thrive. The Wednesday Word Family Time leaflet is designed in a family friendly fashion to ensure that all family members feel included. It aims to be informative, enjoyable, and to help families maintain a special closeness throughout the school year.

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
18	22	18	20

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

Attendance

Reception	100%	Year 4	95.3%
Year 1	95.8%	Year 5	96.7%
Year 2	99.7%	Year 6	90.7%
Year 3	96.2%		

WELL DONE RECEPTION – PERFECT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Whole school attendance this week: 96.4%

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO	LOOK WHO	LOOK WHO
IS	IS	IS
6	8	10
Beatrix	Reggie	James Leo

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.

Residential 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 – they are live on Arbor. Please make an appointment to see Miss Groarke if you need financial support.

Whole School Mass

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 such as reading bidding prayers at Mass or helping with the Offertory.

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 21st September			
Y4 Forest Schools		PM	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk		15:30	16:30
Tuesday 22nd September			
Y4 – Love Music Trust Clarinet Lesson – please remember your instrument			PM
Wednesday 23rd September			
ARTIS performing arts workshops		ALL	DAY
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk		15:30	16:30
Thursday 24th September			
Parents Cyber Security and Online Safety meeting		9am	10am
Rock Steady Music			
Y4/5/6 Cross Country Event, Knutsford Academy		3:45	5pm
Friday 25th 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.

christelcasse.stvincents@outlook.com

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.