

## Focus on ...Year 2

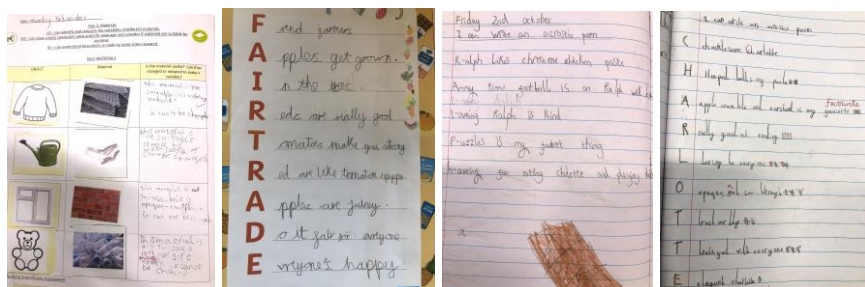
Year 2 have had another busy week! We have created our individual Acrostic poems all about ourselves and Mrs Cox is going to send all our poems to 'Young Writers' so that we can enter their national poetry competition. We are very excited, so please wish us luck!



In Science, we have continued finding out about different materials and their properties. This week we thought about how some materials were unsuitable for certain objects. Imagine a watering can made out of paper, or a jumper made out of metal! We had lots of fun imagining the problems that would occur!

In History, we found out how the Gun Powder Plot was foiled and how Guy Fawkes was caught and imprisoned. We now understand why we celebrate Bonfire Night on November 5th.

In RE, we are thinking about our Church family and how, when we receive the Sacrament of Baptism, we become members of the Christian family. We are enjoying sharing stories about our own Baptisms!



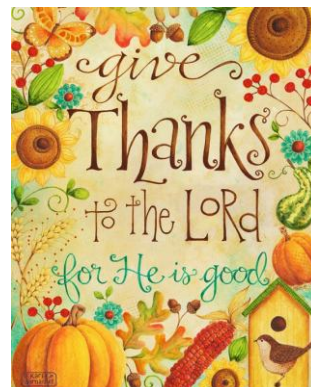
## Newsletter 6

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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, we reflect on Matthew's gospel, Matthew 22:1-14 and the main focus is that we are all welcomed by God and we are asked to treat everyone as though they are our brothers and sisters. Next Friday, we celebrate our Harvest Festival with performances and prayers lead by our children. We will share the many wonderful, much needed gifts that we collect with those who most need it in our local community.

## 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: Gentleness | Conduct and Courtesy | Merit award - comment                                                                                |
|------------|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Reception  | Raffy                    | Penny P              | Charlie – for amazing work on his phonic sounds and blending to read words                           |
| Year 1     | Tilly                    | Albie                | Henry - for making a super effort to include finger spaces between words and improve his handwriting |
| Year 2     | Florence                 | Bess                 | Walter - for trying so hard to use his sounds when writing independently                             |
| Year 3     | Aiden                    | Amelia               | Georgia - for trying hard to develop a growth mindset and trying her best in her Maths work          |
| Year 4     | Sophia                   | Emlyn                | Luna – excellent effort with her handwriting and concentration in lessons                            |
| Year 5     | Archie                   | Pippa                | Lola - for showing excellent resilience and determination in Maths this week to solve problems       |
| Year 6     | Jenson                   | George               | Narin – for showing great resilience in Maths when working with negative numbers                     |

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your amazing support this week. It has been wonderful to see such a fantastic turnout for both our Reception and Key Stage 1 Reading for Pleasure Workshop and the Year 5 singing event at St Nicholas High School. On Wednesday evening, our Year 5 children joined pupils from St Bede's to perform at a wonderful musical celebration. The children sang beautifully, performed with confidence and represented St Vincent's brilliantly. We are incredibly proud of them.

It has been another great example of the positive partnership between home and school. When we work together, our children thrive, enjoy their experiences and achieve their very best. Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

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

## Year 5 Forces Workshop

What a fantastic day Year 5 had on Thursday, taking part in a whole day workshop centred on our current Science topic, Forces! Rachel Watson, a local scientist, worked with the class to help us understand gravity, friction, upthrust and magnetism by getting everyone involved in carrying out simple investigations. The children learnt so much and asked and answered some excellent questions whilst having lots of fun. It really was a treat to have a day filled with Science!



## Year 5 Music Festival

On Wednesday, Year 5 visited St Nicholas' High School to take part in their Music Festival. They enjoyed fantastic performances from the high school choirs, bands, orchestras and soloists.

Our pupils sang beautifully, performing *Lucky Star* by Lucy Spraggan and *Best Day of My Life* by American Authors. It was also lovely to see former St Vincent's pupils on stage, including Will on keyboard and Jess singing. Year 5 were brilliantly looked after by the high school students and loved sharing pizza and chips with them before the concert. They represented St Vincent's so well and we are incredibly proud of them.

A huge thank you to Mrs Beaver, Mrs Hales, Mrs Ranfield and Mrs O'Keefe for supporting the children throughout the evening.



## KS1 Workshop: Reading for Pleasure



Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us on Tuesday for our KS1 Reading for Pleasure Workshop.



It was wonderful to see so many families engaging with reading and supporting their children's love of books.



## Harvest Festival

On Friday 16th October, we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival in school. Each class will perform a little something - this might be a song, poem etc. You are all very welcome to join us for KS2 at 9.10am and Reception and KS1 at 2.45pm. This year we have split into two performances as it is always very busy. All our food will be donated to Hope Central Foodbank who support families in need. We are asking for donations to be sent into school from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 16th October. Any donations are gratefully received but we have been told they particularly need the following:

- Tinned meat/spam/tuna/corned beef
- Tinned pasta
- Microwave rice packets
- Pasta sauce jars
- Shampoo
- Tinned soup
- Tinned carrots
- UHT semi-skimmed milk
- Tinned custard
- Pot noodles
- Household cleaning products
- Biscuits
- Coffee
- Curry sauce jars
- Chocolate/Sweets
- Cup-a-Soup
- Instant noodles
- Tinned Hotdogs

## Year 1 & 2 Dance Taster

Last night, some of our Year 1 and Year 2 children took part in a fantastic Dance Taster event organised by the Knutsford School Sports Partnership. The children had a brilliant time learning and performing a dance routine; showing lots of enthusiasm, energy and some fantastic dance moves!

A big well done to everyone who took part. It was lovely to see the children enjoying themselves, trying something new and having so much fun!



## Online Safety

We would like to remind families that WhatsApp has a minimum age requirement of 13. As this app is used outside school hours and on personal devices, it is essential that parents monitor their child's phone activity, including messages, group chats and contacts. Staying vigilant helps keep children safe and prevents issues from escalating. Thank you for your continued support in safeguarding all our pupils.

## School Photos

Tempest have told us that proof order forms will be sent to us next week and we will distribute them as soon as they arrive.

## 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 |
|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 22        | 19         | 21         | 16          |

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

## Attendance

|           |       |        |       |
|-----------|-------|--------|-------|
| Reception | 95.3% | Year 4 | 97.1% |
| Year 1    | 100%  | Year 5 | 98.6% |
| Year 2    | 99.4% | Year 6 | 100%  |
| Year 3    | 96.7% |        |       |

**WELL DONE YEARS 1 AND 6 – PERFECT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!**

**Whole school attendance this week: 98.2%**

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

## Applications for Secondary School Places – Year 6

31<sup>st</sup> 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>

## Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations will take place at school on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November. You will receive a message from the vaccination team approximately 3 weeks before this date asking for your consent.

## Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about health protection and managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school on the first day before 9:30am. Let us know that your child won't be in and give us the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let the office know. Please see the attached guide on common childhood illnesses.

## Christmas Performances 2026 – Save the date

This year's Christmas performances will be as follows:

**KS1 Nativity** – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Afternoon performance and Evening performance in the school hall – times TBC

**KS2 Christmas Performance** – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Evening performance in Church, **6:00–7:00pm**

## Open Afternoon

We will be holding an open afternoon on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October from 2.00pm** and **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk)

## 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.

## Vacancies

We currently have several 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/>



## PTA Movie Night – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Our first PTA event of the year will take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October, hosted by our Year 4 parents.

Children are invited to come to school at **5pm** in their pyjamas, onesies or Oodles for a cosy Movie Night in the hall.

The film will be *The Magic Faraway Tree (U)*, and pupils will enjoy a drink, crisps and a biscuit while watching together. The event runs until 7pm.

Tickets cost £6 per child and are available on Arbor in the School Shop.

## Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:

| LOOK WHO<br>IS | LOOK WHO<br>IS |
|----------------|----------------|
| 8              | 11             |
| Christian      | Noah           |

| The Week Ahead                                                                                          |  | Start Time | End Time |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|------------|----------|
| <b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>                                                                   |  |            |          |
| Y2 Forest Schools                                                                                       |  | PM         |          |
| D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) <a href="http://www.drsportsclubs.co.uk">www.drsportsclubs.co.uk</a> |  | 15:30      | 16:30    |
| <b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>                                                                  |  |            |          |
| Y4 – Love Music Trust Clarinet Lesson – please remember your instrument                                 |  |            | PM       |
| <b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>                                                                |  |            |          |
| ARTIS performing arts workshops                                                                         |  | ALL        | DAY      |
| D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) <a href="http://www.drsportsclubs.co.uk">www.drsportsclubs.co.uk</a> |  | 3:30       | 4:30     |
| <b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>                                                                 |  |            |          |
| Rock Steady Music                                                                                       |  | ALL        | DAY      |
| Open afternoon for prospective parents                                                                  |  | 2pm        | 3:15     |
| <b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>                                                                   |  |            |          |
| Harvest Festival – Year 3/4/5/6 – all welcome                                                           |  | 9:10       |          |
| Harvest Festival – Rec/Y1/Y2 – all welcome                                                              |  | 2:45       |          |
| 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 ( <b>Boys and Girls</b> )           |  | 3:30       | 4:15     |
| D.R. Sports – KS2 Football <a href="http://www.drsportsclubs.co.uk">www.drsportsclubs.co.uk</a>         |  | 3:30       | 4:30     |
| PTA Movie Night – <i>The Magic Faraway Tree</i> – Tickets on Arbor                                      |  | 5pm        | 7pm      |

\* DR Sports After School Clubs are booked directly through their website at [www.drsportsclubs.co.uk](http://www.drsportsclubs.co.uk)



## 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.

**PARISH MEAL:** Please hold the date for our annual Parish Dinner on the evening of **Friday 13th November** at Knutsford Golf Club. This will be a 3-course meal. Further details to follow.