

Focus on ...Year 1

We have been very busy in Year 1 since the start of the school year!

In English, we have loved exploring the book *Old Bear* this half term. We have also been enjoying writing sentences and letters about a special toy called Tin Dog, who has been stuck in the attic! We have loved using our imagination and developing our writing skills as we think about Tin Dog's adventures.

In Computing, we have been learning how to use a laptop. Over the past two weeks, we have been practising using the keyboard, learning how to type our names and even writing our own sentences. We are becoming more confident at using technology and are very proud of what we have achieved!

In Science, we have started learning about the different seasons. We have been exploring the signs of autumn and noticing the changes happening around us as the weather gets cooler and the leaves begin to change colour.

We have had a fantastic start to Year 1 and are looking forward to all the exciting learning still to come!



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

Gospel Values

Our gospel value this week is **Humility**.

To have humility is to recognise that everyone has different strengths, and that these are gifts from God. Humility is the first step towards learning; you can't learn until you are humble enough to realise there is something for you to learn. We should remember to apologise to others, accept advice and receive compliments graciously in life. True humility is not looking down on yourself but looking up to God.



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: Humility	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Arlo B	Elouise	Filip – for amazing RE work this week
Year 1	Benen	Noah	James – for being a fantastic member of Year 1 and consistently demonstrating role-model behaviour every day
Year 2	Leon	Albie	Beauden - for amazing 'bridging through a 10' in Maths
Year 3	Hugo	Nathan	Robyn - for showing resilience, determination and a positive attitude, even when things feel challenging
Year 4	Isabella P	Gracie	Jude – for writing a beautiful prayer about trust
Year 5	Theo M	Stanley	Charlie - for showing great resilience with school tasks despite a broken thumb
Year 6	Amelia	Henry	Sebby – excellent peer editing work and showing enthusiasm in all lessons

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and exciting week it has been! We are delighted to welcome Miss Abigail Dawson, who will be joining us as our Year 1 teacher while Mrs Webster is on maternity leave. Miss Dawson will be joining us for Parents' Evening next week, and we look forward to welcoming her to the St Vincent's family.

On Thursday, it was a pleasure to welcome prospective families to our Open Afternoon. Our fantastic Year 5 and 6 School Councillors and a Prayer Leader made us very proud as they helped showcase our wonderful school. It was lovely to see our enthusiastic children and dedicated staff in action.

Finally, today we celebrated our Harvest Festival with two lovely celebrations. It was a wonderful way to end another busy week and give thanks for all that we have. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Our children, staff and families are what make St Vincent's such a special place to learn, grow and belong.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

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

Harvest Festival

What a lovely Harvest celebration we enjoyed today! The children filled our school with music, poems, smiles and enthusiasm, making it a truly special occasion for everyone. This was the first year that we held two separate Harvest celebrations, which meant we were able to welcome many more of our families into the hall. We hope you enjoyed the new format and having the opportunity to share this special celebration with the children. A special thank you to Father David for joining us for our Reception and Key Stage 1 Harvest Festival. A huge thank you to all our families for your incredibly generous Harvest donations. These will be given to Hope Central Food Bank, helping local families and households who need a little extra support. Your generosity is a wonderful example of the kindness and care that make our St Vincent's community so special. Thank you, too, for all your lovely messages following the celebrations. We are delighted that you enjoyed them as much as we did!



Parent Governor Vacancy

You should have received an email last week about a vacancy for a parent governor on our local governing body. The local governing body is asking for nominations of someone with parental responsibility for a child at the school. If you are interested, please come and see Miss Groarke. If more than one nomination is received, then a ballot will be held. The closing date is Wednesday 21st October 2026.

Parents' Evening – Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October

An email was sent out this week with instructions on how to book your Parents' Evening slot in Arbor. The booking system will remain open until Monday 19th October at 3pm. Please email Mrs Lees in the school office with any issues booking your slot.

Open Afternoon

We will be holding another open afternoon on **Thursday 12th November from 2-3:15pm** 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

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
20	18	19	20

Well done to this week's winning houses – **St David and St George!**

Attendance

Reception	96.2%	Year 4	98.6%
Year 1	100%	Year 5	97.6%
Year 2	96.8%	Year 6	97.8%
Year 3	99.5%		

WELL DONE YEAR 1 – PERFECT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Whole school attendance this week: 97.9%%

Y5 & Y6 Swimming

Swimming lessons for Year 5 and Year 6 will start on the afternoon of Friday 6th November and run every week up until 11th December. The swimming fees for the Autumn term are £18.65 per pupil. School pays for the swimming lessons and hire of the pool – this fee is to cover the coach every week. Please ensure you log into Arbor to give your consent and payment as soon as possible and before 4th November. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

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.

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>

Flu Vaccinations

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

Christmas Performances 2026 – Save the date

Knutsford Christmas Lights switch on – 4pm on Saturday 21st November

This year's Christmas performances will be as follows:

KS1 Nativity – Tuesday 15th December

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

KS2 Christmas Performance – Wednesday 9th December

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

Football – Manor Park vs St Vincent's

Last night, our children took part in the first fixture of the new Knutsford School Sports Partnership, with Coach Dave managing the team and Charlie providing excellent support on the sidelines.

It was a particularly special evening for four of our players, who proudly made their school team debuts. The first half was a close contest, with St Vincent's leading 2-1 at the break. During the second half, the quality and teamwork of the team in green really shone through. St Vincent's finished the match with an impressive 9-2 victory, securing all three points — and treating spectators to some brilliant goals along the way.

Above all, the children were absolutely fantastic. Their behaviour, attitude and sportsmanship were a real credit to the school. And to top it off, we think this might just be the shortest distance travelled to an away fixture in the UK — a true local derby.



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/>

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO	LOOK WHO	LOOK WHO
IS	IS	IS
7	10	11
Bess Olivia	Evie	Beatrice

Netball

The last netball training session this year will take place on Friday 23rd October.

Safeguarding

We have a dedicated Safeguarding and E- Safety page on our website in the Virtual Office.

<http://stvincentsknutsford.co.uk/page/safeguarding-and-e-safety/29365> This provides you with information to support keeping safe, including keeping safe online, together with key contacts. Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Miss Groarke, and Mrs Davies and Mrs Dowler are the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Brownies

2nd Toft Brownies has spaces for girls aged 7-10 to join our unit.

The unit meets on a Wednesday, 6 – 7:30pm at St John's Church, Toft. We are a fun unit where girls make friends and memories. We enjoy a wide variety of activities from crafting, baking, games, observing the universe with High Legh observatory and our annual Chips on The Heath. To register your interest contact us via email: 2ndtoftowls@gmail.com

The Week Ahead		Start Time	End Time
Monday 19th October			
Reception Forest Schools		PM	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk		15:30	16:30
Tuesday 20th October			
Y4 – Love Music Trust Clarinet Lesson – please remember your instrument			PM
Parents' Evening – Please book on Arbor		AFTER	SCHOOL
Wednesday 21st October			
ARTIS performing arts workshops		ALL	DAY
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk		3:30	4:30
Parents' Evening – Please book on Arbor		AFTER	SCHOOL
Thursday 22nd October			
Rock Steady Music		ALL	DAY
Friday 23rd October			
Y3/Y4 Swimming – payment via Arbor. Don't forget swimming kits!		PM	
Y4/Y5/Y6 Netball – LAST Netball training session this year		3:30	4:15
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football www.drsportsclubs.co.uk		3:30	4:30

* DR Sports After School Clubs are booked directly through their website at 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.