Focus on … Reception

What a busy and exciting end to our first half term in Reception! On Monday, we enjoyed our first Forest School session with Miss Hughes, exploring autumn and hunting for colourful leaves. The children loved noticing the changing colours and the signs of nature around us.

In RE, we have been thinking about how God made each of us special. The children shared their shoeboxes, helping us learn more about one another and celebrate what makes us unique. It was lovely to see them listening so thoughtfully to their friends.

In Music, we visited our Year 4 buddies to perform our special name song. The children did a fantastic job and it was wonderful to see their confidence grow and friendships strengthen.

We are so proud of how well the children have settled this half term. They have worked hard, made new friends and embraced so many new experiences. We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break, ready for another exciting half term ahead.









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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 reflect on Matthew's gospel, Matthew 22:34-40.

In this reading, Jesus says that if we love God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind and also love other people as ourselves, we will be keeping all of the commandments.



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	Sloane	Remi	Alana – for her fantastic handwriting practice
Year 1	Joshua	Ava	Theo – for working hard to remember his phase 3 phonics sounds
Year 2	Flynn	Lara	Heidi - for her super focus on tasks this week, and trying her best
Year 3	Hinav	Reggie	He has come to school with a positive attitude and should be proud of his efforts
Year 4	Mia	William	Florence O – great contributions during Maths lessons
Year 5	Harry	Elsie	James - for his excellent contribution and passion during our History topic on Anglo-Saxons and Vikings
Year 6	AraOluwa	Roisin	Huey – making mature links between John's gospel and the Nicene Creed and really focusing on scaling up in Art

Dear Parents and Carers,
Where has this half term gone? The past eight weeks have flown by in a wonderful whirl of learning, achievement and memorable experiences for our children. It was a pleasure to welcome so many parents and carers to our Parents' Evenings this week. Thank you for taking the time to meet with teachers and discuss your child's progress. The strong partnership we share between home and school is one of the greatest strengths of our community. When families and school work together, children thrive, growing in confidence, independence and a love of learning. I would also like to thank you for the many kind and encouraging comments shared during the evenings. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces leaving school and celebrating the progress their children have made so far this year. My sincere thanks go to our dedicated staff for their enthusiasm, hard work and commitment to providing the very best opportunities for every child. I am also grateful to our governors, parents and carers for their continued support, and most importantly to our wonderful children, who make St Vincent's such a special place each and every day.
I hope you all enjoy a restful and happy half-term break, with plenty of opportunities to relax and spend time with family and friends.
We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 3rd November, refreshed and ready for another exciting half term ahead.
God bless,
Miss Groarke and all the staff at St. Vincent's.

Harvest Festival

A huge thank you to everyone who donated food and essential items for the food bank at Hope Central. Thanks to your generosity, all of the donations were collected last Friday evening, filling two car boots with supplies for local families in need. At Hope Central, their aim is simple: nobody should go hungry. They support people facing difficult circumstances such as illness, unemployment or family challenges, providing practical help when times are tough. Your donations will make a real difference to those in our local community. Thank you once again for your kindness and generosity. If you or someone you know needs support, Hope Central is there to help.




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

Year 2 Moving Monsters DT project

Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed designing and making their Moving Monsters in DT this half-term. Some are friendly and some are scary! Can you tell which are which?



Netball news

Manor Park vs St Vincent's

16/10/26

Netball report Time 4:15 -4:39 date 16.10.26

MANOR PARK VS ST. VINCENT'S

In the first quater it went well, we scored 3 goals and nothing stopped us from carrying on to the second quarter. In the second quarter unfortunately Manor Park scored but we carried on our streak so then we scored two more goals to make it 5-1. Next in the third quarter Manor Park scored once again. We came back with four more goals to make it 9-2. Finally came the last quarter where we successfully shot one more goal in the net. The match come to an end and we made a victorious win. The final score was 10-2 and Sebi was man of the match. from Pippa, Eva and Juliet

Mobberley vs Knutsford
22/10/26

yesterday, we played a netball match against Mobberly pamary school. Everyone was great at their positions and was amazing at passing and deffending. ~~There~~ Their shooting was right on target, wich made it harder for us. It came to an excellent score of 19-9 to Mobberly. They defnetly deserved it.

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
19	17	18	**20**

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

Attendance

Reception	93.6%	***Year 4***	93.2%
Year 1	95.8%	***Year 5***	**97.2%**
Year 2	95.5%	***Year 6***	97%
Year 3	95.7%		

WELL DONE YEAR 5 – GREAT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Whole school attendance this week: 95.5%

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

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.

Birthday Wishes!

Many happy returns for this week and next week to:

LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS
9	10	11
Isabella	Milan	George Narin

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

PTA update

We have set a date for our PTA AGM. This is our big PTA meeting of the year and will be held on **Thursday Nov 12th, 6.30-7.30pm** in the school hall. This is the meeting we encourage as many parents as possible to attend as we will be running over the PTA finances and targets for the year, plus looking for activities and events to plan for the year ahead. We will provide refreshments.

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 2nd November		
INSET DAY – School Closed	*ALL*	*DAY*
Tuesday 3rd November		
Y4 – Love Music Trust Clarinet Lesson – please remember your instrument	*PM*	
Wednesday 4th November		
Year 4 visit to Catalyst Museum	*ALL*	*DAY*
ARTIS performing arts workshops	*ALL*	*DAY*
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	*3:30*	*4:30*
Thursday 5th November		
Rock Steady Music	*ALL*	*DAY*
Friday 6th November		
Y5/Y6 Swimming – payment via Arbor. Don't forget swimming kits!	*PM*	
D.R. Sports – KS2 Footballwww.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)

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.