Focus on … Year 6

We have certainly hit the ground running with a busy start to the half term in Year 6! In our English lessons, we have continued our work inspired by the beautiful book '*A Story Like the Wind*' by Gill Lewis. We have planned a flashback narrative for one of the characters and have really impressed Mrs Bullen with our descriptive language:

The sky darkens by the minute as thick clouds, grey and bruised, loom ominously over our wooden vessel, suffocating what little hope that remains. (AraOluwa)

Waves clash furiously against our pathetic boat, almost as if punishing us for some unknown crime. (Marissa)

In Maths, we have become long division heroes, showing real resilience at times and, after researching the chronology of some major events, we are excited to begin our new History topic on wars and battles that have shaped British history. Finally, in Art, we learned about how our left and right brain hemispheres work and tried to do a drawing task to exercise our right hemisphere without our dominant left side taking over. We certainly had mixed (and often entertaining!) results! As well as learning about houses in French and starting our Christmas Nativity rehearsals, we've definitely earned a relaxing weekend!





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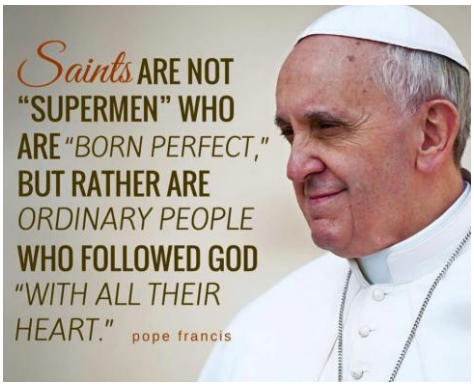
Believe, Trust and Be Ready

"That they may have life, and to the full" John 10:10

Time to Reflect

This week we remember 1st November, All Saints' Day. During assembly on Tuesday, we prayed the Eternal Rest for all our loved ones who are no longer with us. On 1st November, and during the month itself, we honour not only the saints we know by name in Heaven, but also any saints whose names we don't know!



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: Compassion*	*Conduct and Courtesy*	*Merit award - comment*
Reception	Acacia	Felix	Lisa – for trying really hard with her writing this week
Year 1	Maggie	Matilda	Almar – for trying hard with her counting and Maths work
Year 2	Caden	Sophie	Marcus - for trying hard to work faster and complete his written work. Keep it Up!
Year 3	Annabelle	Henry S	Anton - for writing a fantastic poem describing a fox using similes
Year 4	Charlie	Leonardo	Henry – for fantastic scientific answers during our trip to Catalyst Science Museum
Year 5	Ian	Joe	Carter – for settling so well into Year 5 this week and for being a fantastic addition to our team!
Year 6	Bea	Stanley	Noah – showing real enthusiasm in writing lessons when working on his flashback narrative

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful half-term break and are feeling refreshed for the exciting weeks ahead. With just six weeks to go until Christmas, Autumn 2 is always one of the busiest and most enjoyable parts of the school year.

On Monday, all our teachers and teaching assistants joined colleagues from Bexton Primary and Mobberley Primary for training led by the Educational Psychology Service on attachment, trauma and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). The training helped us reflect on the strong support we already provide for our children and consider how we can further strengthen our practice.

On Tuesday, with the children we began the term with a reflective assembly focused on All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. We reflected on the lives of ordinary people who showed extraordinary faith and took time to remember loved ones who have passed away.

As we head into the weekend, I hope you have a lovely time with family and friends. If you are attending any bonfire or firework events, please stay safe and take extra care as the evenings become darker. It is always worth reminding children to stay close and be aware of their surroundings.

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

Year 4 Visit to Catalyst Museum

On Wednesday, Year 4 enjoyed an exciting trip to the Catalyst Science Discovery Centre and Museum in Widnes. The children took part in a fascinating Soap-Making Workshop, where they learned about the history of soap, how it is manufactured and the ingredients used to create it. The results were fantastic and smelled amazing! Year 4 also explored four different interactive exhibition areas, where they had the opportunity to investigate a wide range of scientific concepts through hands-on experiments and challenges. Later, the class participated in the Glorious Gases workshop, which brought our learning about States of Matter to life. Through a series of exciting demonstrations and investigations, the children discovered how gases behave, carried out experiments to prove that air is all around us and explored what might happen if there were no air at all. Throughout the day, the children showed tremendous enthusiasm, curiosity and scientific knowledge. They were a credit to St Vincent's with their excellent behaviour and positive attitude to learning. Well done, Year 4 scientists, on a wonderful day of discovery and exploration!



Mrs Webster Begins Her Maternity Leave

Today, we said goodbye and good luck to Mrs Webster as she begins her maternity leave. On behalf of everyone at St Vincent's, we would like to wish her and her husband all the very best for the exciting months ahead. We are delighted for her and her family as they prepare to welcome their new baby, and we hope she enjoys every moment of this very special time. We look forward to meeting the newest member of the St Vincent's family and welcoming Mrs Webster back in the future.

Netball: Egerton vs St Vincent's

Friday 6th November

On Thursday the St Vincents Netball team played against Egerton primary school it was a fantastic match. In the first quarter we scored 2 in the second we scored 4 in the third we scored 2 and in the fourth we scored 1. At the end of the match the score was 9-1 to us, our player of the match was Juliet for her attacking abilities and theirs was Kara, she was a great player for her team. Thanks for reading and it was our pleasure sharing the results about the match.



Children in Need – Friday 13th November

On Friday 13th November, we will be holding an Own Clothes Day to raise money for Children in Need. Children are invited to come to school wearing their own clothes instead of their school uniform. We kindly ask that families make a donation to our fundraising page via the link below or by scanning the QR code. All donations, no matter how small, will help support vulnerable children and young people across the UK.
https://challenge.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/fundraising/st-vincent-s-children-in-need-fundraising-page

Mini Vinnies Coffee Afternoon

On Tuesday 10th November at 2.45pm, our Mini Vinnies will be hosting their own coffee afternoon in the School Hall. This will be a lovely opportunity for parents, grandparents etc. to gather for a quick catch up before collecting their child at the end of the school day. It will also allow our Mini Vinnies to show how amazing they are - they will be selling cakes and helping with the serving of drinks.
All money raised will be split between Macmillan Cancer Support and Children in Need, please bring some **cash** as we won't have a card machine.

Open Afternoon

We will be holding an open afternoon on **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

Eco update: Plate Waste Project



Before half term, Chartwells delivered an engaging assembly to KS2 about food waste. This week, our Eco Committee members have been busy measuring the amount of food wasted in school. They aim to raise awareness, encourage positive changes and help our school community reduce food waste to protect the environment.

Wrap-around Care Club Availability at Pre-school

Here is the current availability for before and after school club at preschool:

Breakfast Club: Available Thursdays and Fridays

After-School Club: Available Fridays only (until 4:30 pm)

Waiting List & Allocations
To join a waiting list please email cath@stvincentspreschool.co.uk or call 01565 651948.

To cancel a space: If your child no longer needs their current place, please inform us immediately so we can reallocate it.

Ad-hoc Bookings
We always try our best to accommodate last-minute bookings. While we cannot guarantee a place, please phone the office or email to check if any spaces have opened up due to cancellations.

Odd Socks Day – 16th November

In November every year, Anti-Bullying Week takes place. In 2026, this week will kick off on Monday 16th of November. To mark Anti-Bullying Week, a super special day called 'Odd Socks Day' takes place. Odd Socks Day is all about embracing and celebrating people's differences. The children are being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. The rest of their school uniform should remain the same. Socks can be as colourful and as whacky as you like!

Swimming

As part of their PE curriculum, Years 5 and 6 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.

OPERATION ENCOMPASS
In every force. In every school. For every child.

Cheshire Constabulary

Our school is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces. Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse. As a school we have ensured that three members of our staff have been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care.

The trained adults are Designated Safeguarding Lead, Miss Groarke, and Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Davies, and ELSA, Mrs Hales. The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right. We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

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
21	20	18	19

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

Attendance

Reception	94.6%	***Year 4***	97.4%
Year 1	98.7%	***Year 5***	97.5%
Year 2	96.4%	***Year 6***	**100%**
Year 3	98.8%		

WELL DONE YEAR 6 – PERFECT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Whole school attendance this week: 97.6%

Y5 & Y6 Swimming

Swimming lessons for Year 5 and Year 6 have started today 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 if you haven't done so already. 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.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations will take place at school on Tuesday 24th November. You will receive a message from the vaccination team 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 **2:15pm** and Evening performance **5:30pm** in the school hall
KS2 Christmas Performance – Wednesday 9th December
Evening performance in Church, **6:00–7:00pm**

PTA Update

Just a reminder about our AGM next week. Thursday 12th November 6:30-7:30 in the school hall, open to everyone and it would be great to have as many attendees as possible. It's an opportunity to discuss fundraising ideas for the year ahead. Hoping to see you all there.

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 9th November		
Y5 Forest Schools	*PM*	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	*3:30pm*	*4:30pm*
Tuesday 10th November		
Y4 – Love Music Trust Clarinet Lesson – please remember your instrument		*PM*
Wednesday 11th November		
Internet safety workshops – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	*AM*	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	*3:30pm*	*4:30pm*
Thursday 12th November		
Rock Steady Music		
Girls football tournament	*3:45pm*	*5pm*
PTA AGM	*6:30pm*	*7:30pm*
Friday 13th November		
Children in Need – own clothes day	*ALL*	*DAY*
Year 4 class Assembly	*9:10am*	
Y5/Y6 Swimming – payment via Arbor. Don't forget swimming kits!	*PM*	
D.R. Sports – KS2 Footballwww.drsportsclubs.co.uk	*3:30pm*	*4:30pm*

* 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.

SVP WARM WINTER CLOTHING APPEAL: Please leave any donations in the porch behind the Piety stall. All donations gratefully received, especially fleeces, jumpers, jeans, socks, pyjamas, leggings & joggers.