Focus on … Year 5

This week, Year 5 have enjoyed a fantastic week of learning!

We began by exploring the eight points of a compass in Geography as we kicked off our new map skills topic. During Forest School, the children put their learning into practice by locating north and using natural resources to create their own compasses. They also took part in a range of orienteering activities to develop their map-reading and navigation skills.

In RE, we have been working hard to imagine what some of the stories from the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary might have been like from Mary's point of view. Mrs O'Keefe was blown away by the thoughtful reflections and insightful ideas shared by the children.

In Science, we have begun exploring the planets in our solar system, which has certainly sparked lots of excitement ahead of our trip to Jodrell Bank next Thursday! Well done, Year 5!







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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 **Compassion**.

Compassion is about putting oneself in someone else's shoes and feeling empathy for their struggles.

Christian values teach that showing compassion is a way to help others and demonstrate God's love.



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	Koa	Marco	Arlo-Jay – for his fantastic story telling of the Three Little Pigs
Year 1	Ava	James	Freddie - for showing excellent maths skills this week
Year 2	Tabby	Eddie	Ethan - for working so hard on improving his handwriting and focusing well on his work
Year 3	Aurora	Aiden	Lily - for always coming to school with a smile on her face and spreading positivity
Year 4	Amandine	Aubrey	Jack - for showing great attitude and responsibility when given a job to do
Year 5	Harrison	Evelyn	Evie - for showing fantastic creativity during Forest School this week
Year 6	Layla	Oliver Ch	Loughlin - for working so thoughtfully in RE and being a fantastic Harald Hardrada in History

Dear Parents and Carers,
Where has this week gone? It feels as though it has flown by in the blink of an eye! We began the week with an exciting whole-school assembly on Parkour and have ended it on a high with our wonderful Year 4 class assembly. On Wednesday, I led a whole-school Remembrance Assembly, helping our children reflect on the sacrifices made by others in service of peace and freedom. Later that morning, our Year 6 School Councillors and Prayer Leaders represented St Vincent's with great pride at the Remembrance Service at the Centennial War Memorial outside the library. Alongside the Mayor of Knutsford and representatives from local churches, they showed maturity, reverence and respect throughout the occasion and were excellent ambassadors for our school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, and I hope you all have a restful weekend.

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

Year 4 Class Assembly

This morning, our Year 4 children treated us to a wonderful class assembly. Every child played a part and took on their role with confidence, helping to tell the story of their learning journey so far this year, including their work in RE, Science, History and Geography, giving parents and pupils a real insight into life in the classroom. A huge well done to all of our Year 4 pupils for their hard work and confidence, and thank you to Mrs Beaver and Mrs Davies for supporting the children in putting together such an enjoyable and informative assembly. We are very proud of you all!



Parkour Day

Monday saw the return of GB Extreme. This time we met Choc, who took each class from Reception through to Year 6 for 'Parkour'. There were a lot of safety rules which all children followed carefully. And, as a result, everyone had an amazing, fun time pushing their bodies to the limits. It was lovely to see how the children's confidence grew through the session.

Lily (Y3) I enjoyed Parkour because got to learn running, jumping and stuff like that.



Lucie (Y2) The best bit was trying to get on to the higher bar, and I did it! I swung forwards and backwards.



Nathan (Y3) I thought it was great. I loved backward rolling and dive rolling.





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
23	19	13	**23**

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

Attendance

Reception	94.1%	**Year 4**	**100%**
Year 1	97.9%	**Year 5**	98.7%
Year 2	95.1%	**Year 6**	97%
Year 3	99%		

WELL DONE YEAR 4 – PERFECT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!
Whole school attendance this week: 97.4%

A HUGE Thank You from our Mini Vinnies



Both our amazing Mini Vinnies and I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who supported the coffee afternoon on Tuesday 10th November and the cake sales yesterday and today. A whopping £318.41 has been raised! This money will be split between Macmillan Cancer Support and Children in Need.
This is a wonderful achievement by our children and I am incredibly proud of each and every one of them for their commitment and enthusiasm. Well done Mini Vinnies! Mrs Davies

Birthday Wishes!

Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS
5	**8**	**9**	**10**
Lisa	Jess	Isabela	Eva

Netball match report:

On monday our st vincents netball team played against Bexton's team in a netball match. Both teams showed great strength throughout all four quarters. Although our shooting and defending was amazing so was their's. We played a very good game, we showed teamwork sportsmanship and understanding of the rules. Even though we lost 9-5 we should all be proud of ourselves. Our effort was through the roof and the score does not reflect our achivments. Thank you to all the many parents who came to support us.

Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Tournament Champions!



A huge congratulations to our fantastic Year 5 & 6 girls, who were crowned champions at the Knutsford School Sports Partnership 2026–27 Girls Football Tournament!

The girls put in an outstanding performance from start to finish, finishing top of the tournament without conceding a single goal! They secured a brilliant 1–0 victory against Bexton and a hard-fought draw against strong opposition from Mobberley. We are incredibly proud of every one of them. Well done, girls – what a fantastic achievement!

Anti bullying week

Next week is anti-bullying week. This year's campaign - Break the Silence - will encourage children and adults across the UK to start conversations about bullying, speak up, listen and take action together. Millions of children and young people experience bullying every year. Many never tell anyone. They stay silent when they are being bullied, when they see it happening, and sometimes when they feel drawn into it themselves. When silence persists, bullying can grow. In today's world, bullying can happen in new and more complex ways. It happens face to face, online, and through new technologies. And in a world that can feel more divided and less kind, young people feel the impact. But we can change that. When people come together, speak openly, and choose kindness, bullying loses its power. Every conversation, every act of support, and every voice raised against bullying makes a difference. This Anti-Bullying Week, we are encouraging everyone to start the conversation about bullying. We are calling on children to speak up and share their experiences, and on adults to listen, support, and act.

Remembrance Day



On Wednesday 11th of November me, Carys and the pray leaders (Amelia and Zara) went down to ~~the~~ Knutsford for the act of Remembrance. We started at about 10:45 am. Vicar James introduced us to the ceremony and brought another priest up for a prayer. The whole ceremony was very peaceful exceptingly in the two minutes of silence, nobody moved or talked. I enjoyed even though we were a few minutes ahead of schedule. It made me relise that everybody who got killed in the great wars loved us to risk there their lives for our future. The act of Remembrance was very calm and welcoming to everyone. I was glad I got to represent our school in it.

by Oliver

On Tuesday 11th November, the whole school came together to observe a two-minute silence in remembrance of all those who have lost their lives in conflicts around the world.

Our Year 6 Councillors and Prayer Leaders also accompanied Miss Groarke to the Town Centre Centennial Memorial to attend the Service of Remembrance. They joined members of the local community in paying their respects and honouring those who have served and sacrificed so much for our freedom.



The Week Ahead – Anti-bullying week	Start Time	End Time
Monday 16th November		
Odd Socks day – Everyone to wear odd socks to school	*ALL*	*DAY*
Y4 Forest School		*PM*
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	*3:30pm*	*4:30pm*
Tuesday 17th November		
Stay & Learn Phonics - Reception	*9am*	*10am*
Y4 Clarinet Lesson	*PM*	
Reception Hearing & Vision Checks	*PM*	
Wednesday 18th November		
Reception Y1/Y2 Stay and Read	*9am*	
Whitworth Gallery Trip		
ARTIS performing arts workshops	*ALL*	*DAY*
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	*3:30pm*	*4:30pm*
Thursday 19th November		
Y5 Jodrell Bank Trip		
Rock Steady Music	*ALL*	*DAY*
Friday 20th November		
Own Clothes Day – bring a selection box	*ALL*	*DAY*
Y5/Y6 Swimming – sign up via Arbor. Don't forget swimming kits!	*PM*	
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	*3:30pm*	*4:30pm*
Saturday 21st November		
Christmas lights switch on – KS1 and Reception Choir Singing	*4:10pm*	*4:45pm*

* 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.

LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Please join us on Tuesday 15 December 2026 for a buffet at 1pm in the parish hall. The cost is £16 to include raffle and a glass of wine. Please collect a form by 30 November from June Finnan/Sheila Flynn after 9am Mass or Andrea Ross after 11am Mass. Any profits will go to CAFOD.

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.

LAY PASTORAL ASSISTANT: For the last 18 months Christel has been working in our two parishes and many of you have got to know her and benefitted from the gifts she has shared. Christel is now leaving us. We thank her for her work amongst us and send her every good wish for the future.