

Focus on.....Year 6

Year 6 have had a super busy week this week! Because we are away on residential next week, we have had Assessment Week this week and have been impressing all the adults with our extremely mature attitude. We did most of our assessments in the hall as a practice for SATs, which we all felt was really useful. We also had Forest School on Monday, where we did lots of team-building activities and games as preparation for next week. We built structures to keep an egg safe, which were (mostly) very successful. We did have one egg, however, who failed to survive the night when we checked up on them on Tuesday! In addition to all that, it is also Neurodiversity Week this week and we have again impressed Mrs Bullen with our maturity when learning more about neurodivergence, including autism and ADHD. Thursday was even busier still, with World Book Day and our penitential service in the hall with Father David. Using our whole-school text "If The World Were 100 People", we are going to be doing some performance poetry when we are back from residential. Phew! Now time for a restful weekend before Robinwood next week!



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

Time to Reflect



We are now in the season of Lent which lasts for 40 days, a significant time in the Church's year. Jesus spent 40 days and nights in the wilderness, was tempted, and put to the test in many different ways. Jesus listened to God and the angels looked after him, helping him to make the right choice.

We too are reminded to listen to God and make the right choices.

Behaviour Awards

Good Conduct Award – Excellent attitude in all aspects of school life.

Courtesy Award – Good manners and polite behaviour.

Merit Award – Super work and effort in a particular area of the Curriculum.

Year Group	Good Conduct	Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Aiden	Thomas	Patrick – brilliant performance in our Artis show.
Year 1	Oscar	Chase	Jack – brilliant performance in Artis.
Year 2	Lola	Ariah	James – amazing reasoning in maths.
Year 3	Amelia	Jenson	Sebby – amazing attitude towards learning.
Year 4	Annie	Sadie	Grace F – excellent formal letter to the Prime Minister!
Year 5	Imogen	Thomas	Charley – great attitude during assessment week.
Year 6	Maison	Audrey	Jacoby – excellent work for neurodiversity week.

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week it's been here in school, so many interesting and exciting things going on. Our children are working incredibly hard and are certainly packing in lots to each school day. We have had Reception Stay and Learn on physical development with parents, Year 1 Stay and Learn on phonics with parents, Year 3 retreat to St. Nicholas High School, Reception and Year 1 Artis performance to parents, Year 5 and 6 assessments as well as World Book Day yesterday. Father David has also been in again this week and led a Penitential Service with Year 6 children.

I have also given out lots of Headteacher awards for amazing writing and brilliant Maths work. Well done! Have a lovely weekend, celebrating Mothers' Day with your families.

God bless,

Miss Groarke and everyone at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School

Mini Vinnies Lent Fundraiser

Our Mini Vinnies will be selling raffle tickets on the playground from Monday 11th March. Each ticket will cost 50p and funds raised will go towards Caritas Good Shepherd Appeal and CAFOD. Thank you for supporting our Mini Vinnies.



Year 3 Retreat to St Nicholas



On Wednesday, the children preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation went to visit the chaplain at St Nicholas Catholic High School. Whilst we were there, we were told all about the story of Zacchaeus and how Jesus forgave him. We even got to act out the story in the drama studio to make sure we completely understood the meaning of forgiving each other for our mistakes.

Internet safety talk for parents

On Thursday 14th March our PCSO Carlos Paulo from Knutsford Police will be coming to do an Internet Safety talk for all parents at 3.30pm in the school hall. At least one parent/ carer from each family needs to attend as this is so important. We will be putting on a film evening in the classrooms for the children.

World Book Day



On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day throughout school. All the children, from Reception to Year Six, had great fun engaging with activities relating to books. Our focus in class this year was from the book 'If the World Were 100 People' by Jackie McCann. So the children chose a 'non-fiction' character they have been inspired by and we had such a variety – from Florence Nightingale to Liam Gallagher!

Thank you so much, as always, for the constant support from home in celebrating World Book Day.

Parents Evening – 20th and 21st March

An email was sent out yesterday with a reminder on how to access the School Spider Parent's Evening portal. The booking system will go live on Monday morning at 9am and will remain open until Monday 18th March at 4pm. In preparation for booking appointments, it would be useful if you could check over the weekend to make sure you can log onto the parent's part of the website. Please email Mrs Watson in the school office with any issues.

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
17	18	21	21

Well done to this week's winning houses – **St. George and St. Patrick**

Attendance

Reception	97.9%	Year 4	96.1%
Year 1	96.3%	Year 5	97.1%
Year 2	95.5%	Year 6	96.5%
Year 3	99.6%		

WELL DONE YEAR 3 – BRILLIANT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Artis performance – Reception and Year 1



On Wednesday, Reception and Y1 parents/carers were invited to school to see the children perform some of their fantastic work from Artis this term. Reception performed some scarf dancing to different songs. Y1 sang and signed to 'Here Comes the Sun'. We were so proud of them all!

Sacramental Programme Meeting – Year 3

The next meeting for parents and carers from Year 3 will be on Wednesday 13th March at 7pm in St. Vincent's Church Hall. It is important that all parents and carers who have enrolled their child to take part in the Sacramental programme attend this meeting with Fr David.

Lenten prayer

This week we have continued with our daily acts of Lenten Prayer before school starts. It has been a beautiful way to begin each day and has provided us with the time to pray, pause and reflect in what can be very busy lives that we all lead. A special thank you to all the children who have prepared and led the reflections this week. Please join us if you can at 8.45 am in the school hall each day, all children, siblings, parents and carers are welcome. Please come in via the main office.



Eco-committee applications

As a school, we are looking to form an Eco-committee made up of 16 children from Year 2 to 6 who are passionate about helping the environment and willing to give up an hour every other Thursday after school. Maybe you already have your green Blue Peter badge or have been part of the Eco-club run by Miss Hyland and want to find out more ways to help, or maybe it's something new you want to start.

If you think you would make a good member of the committee, please write a short letter sharing why you would be a good fit! Your letters need to be handed in to Miss Hyland by Friday 15th March. The committee's first meeting will be the Thursday after Easter (18th April).

Year 1 phonics information session

Thank you to all of the year 1 parents/carers for attending the phonics screening stay and learn session on Tuesday morning. The children really enjoyed showing you some of the activities they do in class.



Reception Stay and Learn

On Wednesday, parents/carers were invited into school for a 'Stay and Learn' session in Reception. The theme of this workshop was physical development. The parents/carers listened to a presentation about the importance of physical development in the early years, before engaging in activities in the classroom with the children. Thank you to everyone who was able to make it. The PowerPoint will be shared with parents on Tapestry.



PTA Fun Ball Friday Lottery

Today's PTA Fun Ball Friday lucky ball was number 16.

Congratulations to parents of Thomas (Y3) and William (Y1).

A big thank you to those who attended our PTA meeting at the Angel last night. We appreciate your input and support.

Tickets for our **KS1 Disco and KS2 Bonkers Bingo** - next Friday, 15th March - will be available to purchase on Parent Pay today.

If any of our KS2 parents have any school uniform items that their children have grown out of and they're happy to donate, we're specifically looking for larger boy's jumpers, PE tops & shorts and girls dresses. Thank you.

Dates for the diary...

Book Fair - after school from 18th - 21st March, and at both Parent's Evenings.

Tuck Shop - after school on Wednesday 27th March (break up day).

Uniform Sale - before school on Tuesday 16th April

Adult Quiz Night - Crosstown Bowling Club on Friday 20th April. Tickets to go on sale via ParentPay soon.

Next PTA meeting - Thursday, 25th April, 7:30pm at The Angel on King Street.



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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS each Saturday from 11.30am-Noon

Birthday Wishes!

Many happy returns for this week:

LOOK
WHO IS

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Sophia

LOOK
WHO IS

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Amelia

LOOK
WHO IS

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Audrey

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 11th March		
Lenten Prayer, School Hall	08:45	08:55
Y5/Y6 residential to Robinwood		
Y4 Forest Schools	AM	
Reception Forest Schools		PM
Y4 Wider Opportunities Music – please remember instruments	PM	
D.R. Sports After School Club	15:25	16:30
Recorder Club	15:25	16:00
Tuesday 12th March		
Lenten Prayer, School Hall	08:45	08:55
Y5/Y6 residential to Robinwood		
Whole School Mass, School Hall – all parents/carers welcome	9:30	
Wednesday 13th March		
Lenten Prayer, School Hall	08:45	08:55
Y5/Y6 residential to Robinwood		
Rec/Y1/Y2 Stay and Read Session	9:05	9:20
D.R. Sports After School Club	15:25	16:30
KS2 Love Music Trust Choir	15:25	16:25
Y3 FHC parents meeting, St Vincent's Church	19:00	20:00
Thursday 14th March		
Lenten Prayer, School Hall	08:45	08:55
Rock Steady Music	ALL	DAY
Internet Safety Talk with PCSO Carlos, School Hall	15:30	16:30
Friday 15th March		
Y2 Class Assembly, School Hall	09:05	
Y5/Y6 Swimming – sign up and payment via ParentPay	PM	
Y4/Y5/Y6 Netball practice – let the office know if your child wants to sign up.	15:25	16:15
D.R. Sports – After School KS2 Football	15:25	16:30
PTA KS1 School Disco, School Hall – Tickets via ParentPay	17:30	18:45
PTA KS2 Bonkers Bingo, School Hall – Tickets via ParentPay	19:00	20:15
PTA Dads Darts, Lord Eldon – tickets via ParentPay	19:00	

* DR Sports After School Clubs are booked directly through their website at www.drsportsclubs.co.uk