

Focus on ... Year 3

As we head further into our Spring term, Year 3 have been kept very busy...

We have enjoyed our new science topic of 'Plants' this half term and jumped straight into lots of hard work! We have carried out an experiment to see what plants really need to grow which has meant we have kept plants in some very strange places! We will soon be learning more about the different parts of the plants and the life cycle of plants too.



In History, we have been continuing our topic of Stone Age. We have learnt about four main sites that early stone age people first decided to settle in and we then discussed the reasons why these locations were ideal. We're definitely ready for our trip to Tatton Park to learn even more!

This Wednesday, the children went to St Nicholas High School to visit the Chaplain, Mairie, to help us prepare for the sacrament of reconciliation in a few weeks. We learnt about the story of Zacchaeus and how Jesus forgave him, we also learnt about the stations of the cross and how there is always hope.

The children had a fantastic time, with some sharing their thoughts:

'I learnt I have lots of talents'

'I learnt that you should love your enemies'

'I enjoyed the lovely pizza and chips so so so much'.

We are all very grateful for the opportunity for us to go to St Nicholas for this day and for Marie for leading us today.

Another very busy week for Year 3!



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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:
Mercy



Last Sunday was the 1st Sunday of Lent and in the gospel reading, Luke 4:1-13, the focus is on the fact we all need a little help to choose to do what is right even when it might be easier to do something else.

Let us all take time to look at other people with 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: Mercy	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Lucie	Bess	Flynn – for being kind to his friends.
Year 1	Christian	Isaac	Albert – brilliant contributions to group and class discussions.
Year 2	Amy	Elora	Dora – always tries her best especially in writing.
Year 3	Pippa	Juliet	Milan – amazing representation of our school on our retreat day.
Year 4	Harryett	Oliver T-P	Jenson – working hard in English.
Year 5	Bobby	Edward W	Grace C – for always being a kind, caring and thoughtful member of our class.
Year 6	Gianna	Thomas	Malachy – for writing a fantastic speech in R.E.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely on Wednesday morning welcoming 6 children from other schools from our Parish to go on the retreat to St. Nicholas High School for the Sacramental programme. Our children as always were so welcoming and everyone had a great day. Thank you to Mrs Makin, Miss Hyland, Mrs Brown and all parent helpers who supported them on the retreat with Mairie Gelling the Chaplain at the High School.

This week the weather has been beautiful and sunny one minute and pouring with rain the next, quite warm and then icy cold! Please remember to send your child into school with a coat even if it is sunny in the morning as the weather is so unpredictable.

Have a lovely weekend with family and friends.

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

Lenten prayer

This week we started with our daily acts of Lenten Prayer before school. 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 with staff. Please join us if you can at 8.45am in the school hall next week, all children, siblings, parents and carers are welcome. Please come in via the main office or when the hand bell is rung on playground.



Big Lent Walk for CAFOD

During Lent we are going to take part in The Big Lent Walk. We will be raising money to help people as they overcome poverty. Money raised will go straight to CAFOD. Our Lent Walk will be completed on Monday 24th March and Tuesday 25th March.

We will be collecting sponsors via our Just Giving fundraising page:

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-vincent-de-paul-catholic-primary-school-knutsford-wal68a/>

Mini Vinnies continue to put kindness into action

Yesterday, our Mini Vinnies visited Sharston House to share in some Spring art and craft activities with the residents. The smiles and chatter were a joy to behold - our children were a real credit to us all. They have also planted some flowers around school, showing care and kindness to wildlife and God's creation. The beautiful colours of the flowers have put a smile on visitors' faces and brighten our school grounds for all to enjoy. Thank you, Mini Vinnies, for all you do.



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	21	22	18

Well done to this week's winning house – **St. George**

Attendance

Reception	96.2%	Year 4	96.3%
Year 1	98.1%	Year 5	99.7%
Year 2	100%	Year 6	95.3%
Year 3	99.3%		

WELL DONE 2 – PERFECT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Y3/Y4 Swimming – 21st March

As Y5 and Y6 are on residential to Robinwood on Friday 21st March, Y3 and Y4 will be taking the swimming slot for that week. Please ensure your child brings in their swimming kits.

Mini Vinnies Book Sale - Amazing Prices!

As Lent is a time when we especially think about helping others, Mini Vinnies will be holding a Preloved Book Sale on Monday 17th March before and after school on the playground. Please either support this as parents on the playground or send your child in with some money. Books will be priced at £1.00 or less. All money raised will go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society who help anyone experiencing poverty in England and Wales or overseas at any point before, during or after a crisis. For more information about this society please visit: [Our Work | St Vincent de Paul Society](#)

Comic Relief 'Red Nose Day' – 21st March

We're excited to be celebrating Comic Relief Red Nose Day on Friday 21st March! Children can come to school in their own clothes and wear something that makes them smile. If you are able we would kindly ask for a donation via ParentPay to support this great cause. Please follow the link to contribute:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=17701>

Thank you for your support—we can't wait to see all the happy outfits!

Part-Time Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We are currently advertising for a part-time teaching assistant to join our team after the Easter holidays. If you are interested in applying or would like more information, please visit our website:

<https://www.stvincentsknutsford.co.uk/page/vacancies/53518>

Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Watson in the school office by emailing

admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk or calling 01565 633637. Please also pass this information onto anyone you think would be interested in the role.

Y3/Y4 Multi Skills at Knutsford Academy



Yesterday, a selection of our Year 3 and Year 4 children took part in an exciting multi-skills sports event at Knutsford Academy! The event was run by the academy's fantastic sports leaders, who guided the children through a variety of fun activities, including bench ball, football, and tag. Everyone had a brilliant time, showing great teamwork, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship. A big well done to all the children for their effort and participation! A special thank you to the sports leaders for organising such a fantastic event.



PTA Fun Ball Friday Lottery



This week's lucky Fun Ball Friday number was 10 —congratulations to the parents of Thomas (Y1). Every Friday, a number is drawn, and if it's yours, your child gets to pick a ball and you get to collect a cheque from the office on Monday. Winners are revealed in the Friday newsletter, so keep your eyes peeled! There's no limit to how many balls you can buy, so why not boost your chances? It's a super fun way to support our school, raise funds, and make a child's day with a brand-new ball. So, what's not to love? Get involved now via ParentPay. Numbers can be bought up to 5pm every Thursday for the following Friday's draw—good luck! 🍀

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week:

LOOK
WHO IS

5

Lara
Rafe

LOOK WHO
IS

6

Charmaine
Anton

LOOK
WHO IS

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Sophia
Tyler

LOOK
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Amelia

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Amelia



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 - all preschool aged children and parents/carers are welcome every Friday (except the first Friday of the month) at the Parish Centre from 10:00 until 12:00.

CAMBODIA LINK: Message from Fr David - Thank you so much for the many donations I have received to help build the classrooms at the Jesus Farm; already we have raised £2000. It was wonderful to visit FR Totet recently and celebrate the Vigil Mass with him and the parish. I also visited the Jesus Farm and saw the site where the classrooms will be built and met some of the children who will benefit from them. I have posted photos on the Parish Facebook Page if you would like to see them. We now have a special bank account for our link with Fr Totet and his work in Cambodia. When he visited last year, we promised to help him raise \$40,000 to build a classroom to support his work with children. If you would like to donate, please make cheques payable to "Knutsford and Lymm Cambodia Link." You can also **make payments direct via BACS to Knutsford and Lymm Cambodia Link, Lloyds Bank, Account No. 68321468; Sort Code 30-15-52.**

The Week Ahead

Start Time	End Time
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Monday 17th March

Lenten Prayer – School Hall. All children, parents, carers welcome	08:45	08:55
Big Lent Walk for CAFOD		
Year 4 Forest Schools	AM	
Year 4 Wider Opportunities Music Lessons – please remember instrument	PM	
Rec Forest Schools	PM	
Rec/Y1/Y2 Board Games Club – sign up via ParentPay	15:30	16:15
Y3/Y4 after school dance club – sign up via ParentPay	15:30	16:30
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (all years)	15:30	16:30

Tuesday 18th March

Lenten Prayer – School Hall. All children, parents, carers welcome	08:45	08:55
Big Lent Walk for CAFOD		
Reception parents/carers 'Stay and Learn – Learning Goals' School Hall	09:00	14:30
School Choir at Sharston House	14:30	15:15
Music Ninjas – Piano lessons		PM

Wednesday 19th March

Lenten Prayer – School Hall. All children, parents, carers welcome	08:45	08:55
ARTIS Performing arts workshops – all classes		
Year 5/Year 6 residential to Robinwood, Wrexham	ALL	DAY
Y1/Y2 Easter Crafts Club	15:30	16:15
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (all years)	15:30	16:30

Thursday 20th March

Lenten Prayer – School Hall. All children, parents, carers welcome	08:45	08:55
Year 5 /Year 6 residential to Robinwood, Wrexham	ALL	DAY
Rock Steady Music		
Year 4 Penitential Service – School Hall, Parents/Carers welcome	14:15	
Rec/Y1/Y2 'Introduction to Gymnastics' after school club	15:30	16:30

Friday 21st March

Year 5 /Year 6 residential to Robinwood, Wrexham		15:30
Comic Relief/Red Nose Day – wear something that makes you happy!		
PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale	08:30	09:30
Lenten Prayer – School Hall. All children, parents, carers welcome	08:45	08:55
Y3/Y4 Swimming – Please remember costumes/towels/caps/goggles	PM	
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football	15:30	16:30
Y1-Y6 Jam Coding After School Club	15:25	16:25

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