

Focus on ... Reception

What a busy half term it has been in Reception. Last week the Evil Peas from the Supertato story arrived in Reception causing all sorts of chaos. We finally managed to catch them on Tuesday but Miss Quinn accidentally took the lid off the jar whilst showing Mrs Webster and now they are on the loose around St Vincent's!! They sent us photos of what they have been up to all around school - we can't believe they've been into Year 6 and Miss Groarke's office! To warn the rest of the school about these Evil Peas, we have made some amazing wanted posters. We are going to set some traps to try and catch them over the Easter holidays.

Reception had a fantastic time last Wednesday with a visit from PC Carlos! He shared insights about his role in the Police and how we can all be good citizens. The children loved trying on parts of the police uniform and asking great questions to learn more. The highlight was exploring his Police Car —sitting inside it and hearing the sirens. A huge thank you to PC Carlos for such an exciting and educational visit!

Today we had another visitor to Reception - The Easter Bunny. He left a very special Easter Egg hunt for us out in our Reception Outside Area. Everyone had to find an egg with their name on in exchange for a special chocolate treat! Yum!



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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



Our KS2 children have led us through the events of Holy Week over the past few days in such a responsible and thoughtful – provoking way. As we finish school for the Easter holidays, let us take time to reflect on the true meaning of Easter and enjoy celebrating the joy of Easter with our family and friends.

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	Arthur	Eddie	Lara-for being so kind to all her friends.
Year 1	Aurora	Annabelle	Theo – for working really hard in his English.
Year 2	Jude	Charlie	Narla-Rae – for always trying her best.
Year 3	George	Elsie	Harry – for being a pleasure to teach!
Year 4	William	Narin	Matthew – excellent attitude to all work.
Year 5	Martha	Max	Mark – fantastic effort to make his writing accurate.
Year 6	Ferreira	Sofia	Freddie – for working so hard to improve his writing and always listening.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today is the end of our Spring term and what a beautiful and sunny day it has been. Hopefully we will have this weather for the holidays. This week our KS2 pupils helped us reflect on Holy Week by leading us through the various events. On Tuesday, Year 3 reflected on Palm Sunday. On Wednesday, Year 4 retold the Last Supper, on Thursday Year 5 led us through the Garden of Gethsemane story and then today Year 6 told the story of the Crucifixion. Thank you very much indeed for your support in these Holy Week reflections. The purpose of such reflections is to allow us to think about the events of Holy Week, culminating in the retelling this morning of the Crucifixion, led so sombrelly and respectfully by our Year 6 pupils. The tone is set by the darkness and silence on entry and exit and I am so proud of the way our children lived up to the high expectations that we had of them. I hope you felt moved by the stories retold. I'm sure you will agree, the children provided us with much to reflect upon and re-told the Easter story most maturely and appropriately. We are very proud of each and every one of them.

Enjoy the holidays and take time to reflect on the true meaning of Easter with family and friends.
God Bless,
Miss Groarke and all the staff at St. Vincent's.



Cafod Assembly and workshops

On Thursday this week, Nicola from CAFOD visited our school to talk to the children about how their fundraising helps families in countries like Kenya. Nicola gave an inspiring assembly to the whole school, explaining how the money raised through initiatives like the Big Lent Walk supports communities around the world. She then led workshops with Years 1, 3, and 5, focusing on the important work of CAFOD and how it connects to the Jubilee Year of Hope. The children enjoyed the activities, solving puzzles, completing word searches, and working through mazes to learn more about how CAFOD makes a difference. It was a fantastic learning experience for everyone!



Year 3 really enjoyed the CAFOD workshop on Thursday and were fascinated by the facts they were told - they were shocked that 250 million children around the world don't have access to education!

Last week the whole school took part in The Big Lent Walk to raise money to help people as they overcome poverty. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan. Money raised will go straight to CAFOD. 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-knutford-wa168al> So far we have collected £80 and have a target of £200.

Rock Steady Concert

On Thursday we had another fantastic Rock Steady Concert with 8 bands all performing in front of the school and their families. We had audience participation and responses to chants. If your child is interested in joining Rock Steady, please follow the link to sign them up:

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>



Sacrament of Reconciliation

On Wednesday night it was great to see our Year 3 children and others making their Sacrament of Reconciliation in Church with their families. It was a lovely, prayerful and reflective service. Thank you to everyone who attended and to Father David, Father Tony, Mrs Whitworth, Mrs Makin, Miss Hyland and Mr Galligan (on the guitar) who made it so special for them.

Reflection by Year 3 - Some had felt very nervous about making their First Forgiveness but once they had made it they knew that God had forgiven them and felt proud of themselves. Some said that they felt different and more grown up and were happy that their mums and dads were there to support them. During the service, their completed 'Making this Right' books were taken to Father in the offertory.



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
26	18	15	18

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

Spring Term House Point totals

St. David	St. Andrew	St. George	St. Patrick
229	236	214	224

Well done **St. Andrew**

On Tuesday, 6th May, everyone in St. Andrew house is invited to bring along a blue T-shirt and a game to school. The fun kicks off in the afternoon with an hour of exciting games in the hall, led by our fantastic House Captain, Ethan, and Vice-Captain, Alice.



Attendance

Reception	97.7%	Year 4	96.3%
Year 1	91.4%	Year 5	91.6%
Year 2	94.7%	Year 6	97.8%
Year 3	91.3%		

WELL DONE YEAR 6 – BRILLIANT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Attendance since September

A reward was given to the class that had the for best attendance since September.
Well Done Year 2.

Reception	97.2%	Year 4	95.7%
Year 1	95.6%	Year 5	96.2%
Year 2	97.7%	Year 6	95.6%
Year 3	96.7%		

Holidays during term time and absence requests Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless exceptional circumstances are clearly demonstrated. Please see this policy on our website for further details. Please can you ensure that any absence requests (when possible) are put in writing to Miss Groarke at least 4 weeks before the intended dates of absence. **Please note** Cheshire East Local Authority have informed all schools that Fixed Penalty Notices will be issued to parents who take their children out of school without authorisation. Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

P.E. kits Over the Easter holidays is the perfect time to check those PE kits, especially pumps and trainers. PE kits need to be fully named and back in school on **Wednesday 23rd April**.

Easter Bonnet Competition

We're thrilled to announce our Easter Bonnet competition as part of this year's celebrations. The judging will take place on Wednesday, 23rd April, and all the details you need can be found in the newsletter attachment. Every child who joins in the fun will receive a special certificate, and there are small prizes waiting for the creators of the two best bonnets—one from Reception/KS1 and one from KS2. So, dust off your craft supplies and get designing 🌸🌺, Mrs Webster.

New Menu We have a new menu (attached) starting after the Easter holidays. Please go through the daily options with the children so they know what their choices are each day.



This week's lucky **Fun Ball Friday** number was 14 — congratulations to the parents of Maya (Y5) and Patrick (Y1).

It's been a bumper year for the **Book Fair**....Total value of books sold was £932 which gives school an amazing £439.08 to spend on new books. Takings were nearly £400 more than last year!! Thank you to everyone who came along and bought books.

🎵🎸🎹 ***SAVE THE DATE*** 🎹🎸 Two dads from St Vincent's Joe Shaw and James Power are playing a gig to raise funds for the PTA. Their band is called Wallop and they are playing at Wine and Wallop Knutsford on Thursday 24 April 2025. Wine and wallop and have agreed to donate £100 to the PTA. A suggested donation of £5 per person is requested from parents attending. The band play popular, acoustic, rock and blues music. The pianist is Liam Morson who also plays at the Blues Kitchen Manchester. Please support this event. Tickets are available now on ParentPay.

The next **PTA meeting** will be Thursday 8th May at The Angel 7:30pm, please come along if you can. Friday 9th May, **preloved uniform sale**. We still have lots of summer term uniform available. Tuesday 20th May, **afterschool cake sale** hosted by Year 4.

And finally, we are pleased to announce that the Knutsford Primary Schools Ball have launched their new website. All details about the ball can be found here <https://knutsfordprimaryschool.co.uk/>

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week and over the Easter holidays:

LOOK WHO IS

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Eliza
Seb
Emily

LOOK WHO IS

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Henry

LOOK WHO IS

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Alfie

LOOK WHO IS

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Judy
Annie

LOOK WHO IS

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Lottie
Alice
Ferreira
Malachy
Heidi
Olivia Co

Cost of Living support

Please remember if you need any financial or food support at this time please come and see Miss Groarke. She can make referrals or signpost you for different support that is available.

The Household Support Fund – a range of support available to help financially vulnerable adults, children and their families living in Cheshire East:

- Food and energy support
- Support for household essentials covering white goods, bedding and basic refurbished furniture items (if available)
- Exceptional cost support

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/council_information/financial-support/household-support-fund.aspx

Other types of support is available online:

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/education-employment-and-money/money-matters/cost-of-living.aspx>

The Week Ahead		Start Time	End Time
Monday 21st April			
Easter Monday – No school			
Tuesday 22nd April			
Holiday – No School			
Wednesday 23rd April			
Back to School		08:55	
Easter Bonnet Parade			
ARTIS Performing arts workshops – all classes			
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (all years)		15:30	16:30
Thursday 24th April			
Rock Steady Music			
Friday 25th April			
Jam Coding after school club		15:30	16:30
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football		15:30	16:30
Sunday 27th April			
Mini Vinnies Mass , St Vincent's Church		11:00	



Father David and St. Vincent's Church

[St Vincent De Paul RC Church, Knutsford \(stvincentsknutsford.org\)](http://stvincentsknutsford.org)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will follow 9.30am Mass on Wednesdays in Lent.

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.

The 'Easter or Paschal Tridum' recalls the three days that Christ spent in the tomb and we look forward to the celebration of the great feast of Easter. During these three days there are three special opportunities to mark the importance of prayer and preparation for Easter at our Parish Church and they are as follows:

Holy Thursday:

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm

Traditionally we remember the Lord washing his disciples' feet during this Mass followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm.

Good Friday: a day of fasting and abstinence.

Passion of the Lord 3.00pm

Holy Saturday: Saturday 19th April

Vigil & First Mass of Easter 8.00pm

Easter Sunday: Sunday 20th April

Masses at 9.00am and 11.00am

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