

Focus on ... Pope Francis

This is a selection of Year 6 research about Pope Francis which they have made into booklets.



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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
Service

A Prayer for Pope Francis

O God, faithful rewarder of souls,
grant that your departed servant
Pope Francis,
whom you made successor of
Peter

and shepherd of your Church,
may happily enjoy for ever in your
presence in heaven
the mysteries of your grace and
compassion,
which he faithfully ministered on
earth.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son,

who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Let us keep a place for
Christ in our lives, let
us care for one
another and let us be
loving custodians of
creation.

Pope Francis



Pope Francis: Quick Facts

- Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina on 17th December, 1936.
- Studied Chemistry at University.
- Had a lung removed at 22.
- Ordained as a Jesuit priest at 32.
- Became a bishop in 1992.
- Became Archbishop of Buenos Aires in 1998 but still chose a simple life.
- Became a cardinal in 2001.
- First non-European Pope
- First Jesuit Pope
- Lived in Vatican City, Rome, Italy.
- 266th Pope.
- Real Name: Jorge Mario Bergoglio.

OUR WORLD

Do your part
laudato si
we are
Have a say

Francis of Assisi gave up all his goods to live a natural and simple life of poverty. He was a dedicated life of the Catholic Church. He brought us home, care for our common home. We are single family living in a common home. He cared about the planet like gardening, caring for the world life and picking up litter. God being kind and no deforestation. Using too much oil can pollute the sea and harm wildlife. Jesus also gets in the air and make deadly bacteria and cause serious illness and even if it gets to bad death. That's why Pope Francis taught us the right way.

ELECTIONS

The pope gets his job by being elected by cardinals. This takes place when a pope has passed away. If he gets 2/3 of the votes, it's a win. It's mixed with the paper, ballots and turned, sending black smoke up through the chimney, indicating to people that a new pope hasn't been decided yet. The ballot papers are not burned with them, creating white smoke and electing there is a new pope. Jorge Mario Bergoglio was elected pope and he was elected as the 266th Pope in 2013. He spoke German, Italian and Spanish. He strongly believed in helping the poor and planet.

The pope is the meaning of Father, they are heads of the Catholic Church.

POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis has many duties for his job such as:

- giving blessings for tourists and pilgrims.
- leading religious celebrations inside St. Peter's.
- appointing new bishops and meeting with them at least once every 15 years.
- receiving visits from heads of state.
- travelling all around the world with a mission to spread faith and understanding.

Miserere Agnus Dei

Pope Francis' five finger prayer

Five and weak
Fingers are fingers
Fingers are fingers
Fingers are fingers

Everyone has a heart, even the earth.

POPE FRANCIS

Our home

Life and saving our common home

POPE FRANCIS

We will miss you Pope Francis

POPE FRANCIS

Young People Demand Change!

Spread Faith

Behaviour Awards

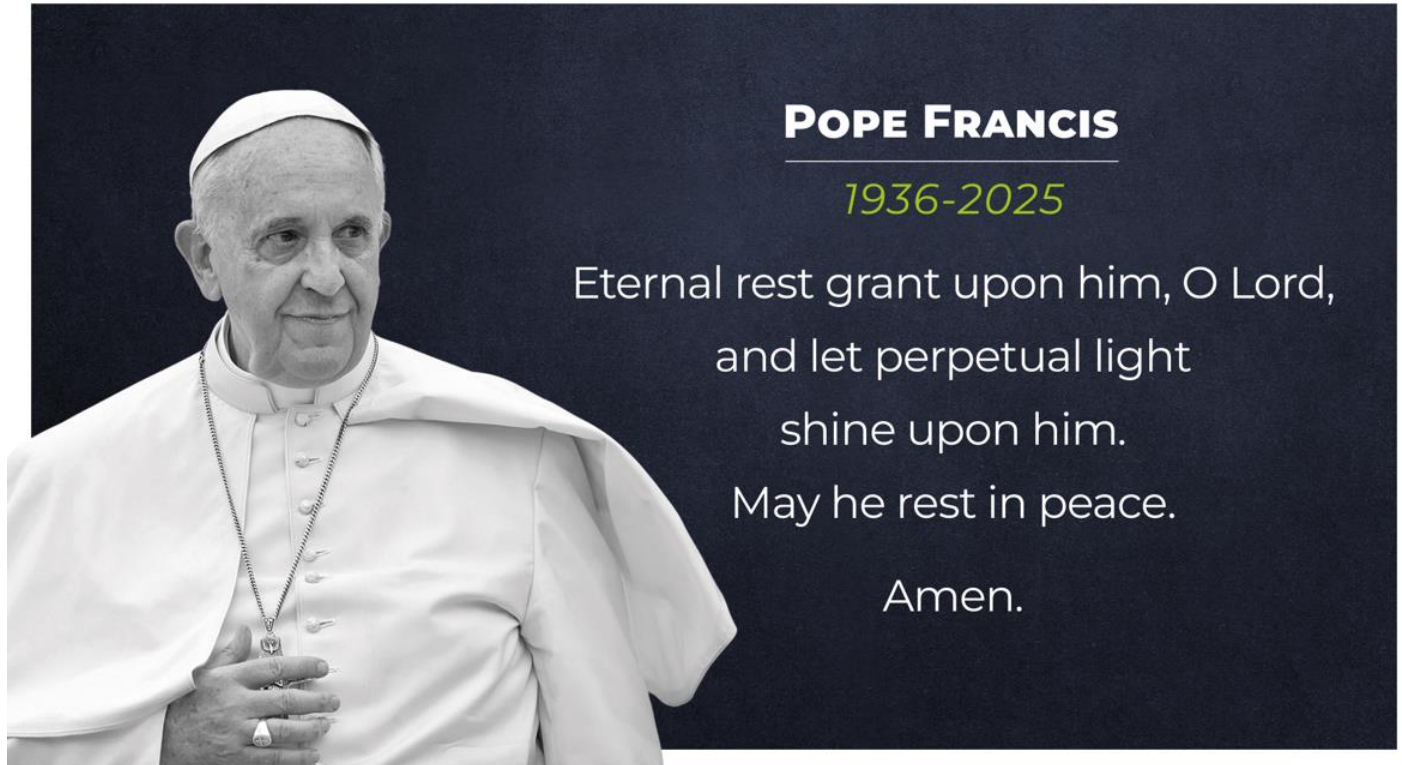
Conduct and Courtesy Award – Great attitude with good manners and behaviour.

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

Year Group	Gospel value: Service	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Frankie	Beth	Charlotte – for amazing independent writing.
Year 1	Charmaine	Christian	Hinav – being kind and helpful to others.
Year 2	William	Sophia	Mia – for being a kind, caring and hardworking Year 2!
Year 3	Violet	Alfie	Evie – amazing attitude towards all learning.
Year 4	Marissa	Carys	George – for trying hard in all subjects.
Year 5	Dominika	Alissa	Sadie – for always trying her best, having a great attitude to learning and for being so helpful.
Year 6	Ethan B	Damian	Albin – for always listening and working hard in lessons.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in school we have been remembering Pope Francis. Pope Francis believed in the power of children and young people calling them the 'joy and hope of the Church and the world!' He said that his own life story was a journey of hope. He understood that in a world that can feel scary or divided, God's love and the hope it brings is needed more than ever. His emphasis on hope inspired him to make it the central theme of this Jubilee Year, encouraging all of us to strive for a better world. During this week's assembly, we celebrated the remarkable service Pope Francis gave as the leader of the Catholic Church, and explored ways we, too, can contribute to making the world a kinder, more hopeful place.



All classes have settled into the new term extremely well and are working hard. Next week is meant to be a mini heat wave! If the weather forecast is correct, please make sure that your child comes into school with a water bottle, hat and sun cream. The summer term is an exceptionally busy one with residentials, some class trips, external tests, end of year assessments, reports, Sports Day and Leavers activities, to name but a few. Please try to keep well informed by reading the Looking Further Ahead, the weekly newsletters and email communications sent out to you so that you don't miss anything important.

Have a lovely weekend with your family and friends

God Bless

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

Gather the SVP family

To celebrate the birthdays of St Vincent de Paul on 24th April 1581, and Blessed Frédéric Ozanam on 23rd April 1813, we gather the SVP family to honour the legacy of both men and look to the future filled with hope. Please join the Mini Vinnies at 11.00am Mass on Sunday 27th April and afterwards for refreshments in the Parish Centre. The Mini Vinnies will be serving refreshments and giving out some little activities showing how we can put concern into action.



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
18	18	20	21

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

Attendance

Reception	94.9%	Year 4	96.3%
Year 1	100%	Year 5	96.2%
Year 2	96.7%	Year 6	97.9%
Year 3	98.9%		

WELL DONE YEAR 1 – PERFECT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Safeguarding

We would like to bring to your attention an important safety concern regarding the school premises.

Please refrain from tying your dogs to the fence near the passageway that children and adults use to walk along. We have observed that some dogs are trying to get through the fence, which poses several risks:

1. **Safety of Children and Adults:** Dogs attempting to get through the fence can startle or potentially harm passersby. This is especially concerning for our younger children who may not be aware of the risks.
2. **Unsupervised Interaction:** Children may be tempted to stroke or interact with the dogs without supervision, which can lead to unintended incidents.
3. **Animal Welfare:** Being tied up for extended periods can cause distress to the dogs, leading to unpredictable behaviour.

To ensure the safety and well-being of everyone, we kindly ask that you do not tie your dogs to the school fence near the passageway. If you have to tie your dog up, please tie them near the car park gate. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our school environment safe and welcoming for all. Thank you for your understanding and support.

RE Newsletter - attached

Please take time to read over this term's RE newsletter which has important dates in, details about your child's RE curriculum and much to celebrate about the catholic life of our school.

Y3/Y4 and Y5/Y6 Football Tournament



'Last night the Y5 and Y6 team won a tournament at Knutsford Academy, without conceding a single goal! We beat Peover Superior Primary 1-0, drew 0-0 with Mobberley Primary and Egerton Primary, and beat Bexton Primary and Manor Park Primary 1-0. We all played really well as a team'.

'Last night, Y3 and Y4 boys took part in a football tournament and were winners! There was lots of fun, teamwork and happiness. We won the tournament without conceding a goal'.

Easter Bonnet Competition

Wow! Mrs Webster had a very difficult job on Wednesday in deciding the winners of the Easter Bonnet Competition. The standard was so high, each bonnet was a fabulous display of creativity, colour, and Easter cheer! There were 60 entries in total from Reception through to Year 6!! But after some tough decisions, the winners were:

Lily (Year 1)

Theo (Year 3)

Charlotte (Reception)

Oliver (Year 2)

Congratulations to all of our winners. A huge thank you and WELL DONE to all the amazing children who took part in our Easter Bonnet Competition. Every bonnet was unique and full of Easter joy – you should all be very proud!



Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week:

LOOK
WHO IS

5

Sofia

LOOK
WHO IS

7

Oscar

LOOK
WHO IS

9

Huey

LOOK
WHO IS

10

Edward W
Alice

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 28th April		
Y4 residential to Petty Pool Outdoor Centre		
Y1 Forest Schools	PM	
DR Sports After School Club	15:25	16:30
Tuesday 29th April		
Y4 residential to Petty Pool Outdoor Centre		
Reception visit to Knutsford Library	AM	
Y5 Maya Archaeologist Workshop	ALL	DAY
Y6 WWII Workshop	ALL	DAY
Wednesday 30th April		
ARTIS Performing arts workshops – all classes		
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (all years)	15:25	16:30
Thursday 1st May		
Rock Steady Music		
Y3 FHC Parents Meeting, Parish Room	19:00	20:00
D.R. Sports – Disney Dance (Reception, Y1 and Y2)	15:25	16:30
Friday 2nd May		
Jam Coding after school club	15:25	16:30
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football	15:25	16:30

* 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 \(stvincentsknutsford.org\)](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.

CONFIRMATION: Bishop Mark will celebrate Confirmation at St Vincent's Church on 5 June. The programme of preparation will begin with a meeting for parents and candidates at 7pm on Wednesday. Anyone in Year 8 or upwards is welcome to join the group. Registration Forms can be downloaded from the Parish Website, or you can collect a hard copy from Fr David.

PARISH SECRETARY: I am delighted to announce that I have appointed Julie Matthews, a parishioner from St Winefride's to be Parish Secretary for our two parishes. Julie will begin her work on 29 April.

LAY PASTORAL ASSISTANT: One of the other candidates at the interviews for Parish Secretary, Christel Casse had excellent theological qualifications and a great background in parish ministries, and I am delighted to announce that she will take up a role as Lay Pastoral assistant for our two parishes later this year. Christel will support me in developing the life and mission of our parishes.

CAMINO DI SAN VINCENTE: Knutsford Catenians are planning a sponsored walk starting at St Winefride's and finishing at St Vincent's (10 miles) on Saturday 14 June to raise funds for our Cambodia Link. There will be a stop for refreshments at the Jolly Thresher in Broomedge where anyone is welcome to join us. It is planned to have shorter loops in Lymm or Tatton Park for those who do not want to walk the full distance. To take part please contact Martin Relton or Stuart Jones or email events@knutsford.p17catenians.org