

# Welcome – Reception class

What a joyful and exciting day it's been! We're absolutely thrilled to welcome our Reception children as they come together as a full class for the very first time. They look so smart and proud in their uniforms, and it's been wonderful to see their happy faces as they settle into their new routines.

We're so pleased with how confidently they've embraced the start of their school journey—making new friends, exploring their classroom, and diving into learning with curiosity and enthusiasm. Every time I've popped into Reception, Miss Quinn and Miss Fairhurst have had the biggest smiles, clearly delighted by how well the children are doing.

It's been a fantastic beginning, and I can't wait to see all the fun, growth, and adventures that lie ahead for this lovely group!



## Newsletter 1

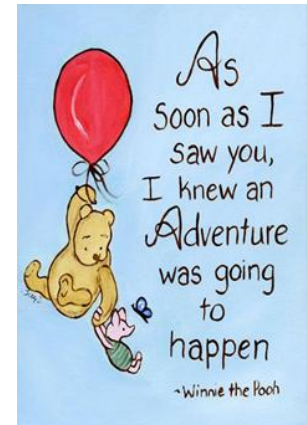
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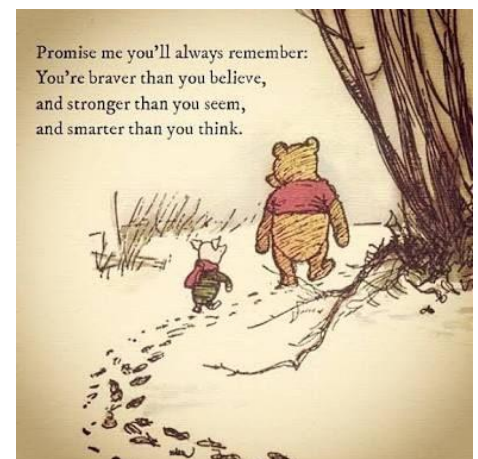
*Believe, Trust and Be Ready*  
**"That they may have life, and to the full" John 10:10**

## Gospel Values

Our gospel value this week and next is **Faithfulness**.



Happy new school year everyone!



## 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: Faithfulness	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	No awards this week - Settling into school		
Year 1	Tabby	Beth	Flynn – for his brilliant start to Year 1
Year 2	Nathan	Lily	Georgia – for working amazingly hard over the summer
Year 3	Amandine	Peyton	Milan – for working hard in all areas of the curriculum
Year 4	Rose	Alfie	Evie – great effort in all areas
Year 5	Layla-Grace	Roisin	Ayden – for his great start to Year 5
Year 6	Grace C	William	Alice – for making excellent contributions in lessons

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a brand new school year! I hope your summer was filled with joy, rest, and special moments with loved ones. It was such a delight to see the children return on Wednesday, full of enthusiasm and looking incredibly smart in their uniforms. They've settled beautifully into their new classes, making wonderful first impressions and showing a real eagerness to learn. What a fantastic start to the year!

Over the summer, I was deeply blessed to travel to Rome during the Jubilee Year and attend a papal audience—an experience that far exceeded anything I had imagined. I was absolutely thrilled to go, and the moment I saw Pope Leo XIV in his popemobile, surrounded by thousands of pilgrims from all over the world, I was truly moved. The atmosphere was electric yet reverent, filled with people of all ages and nationalities, united in faith and hope. It was a powerful reminder of the beauty of our Catholic community and the inspiration it offers us as we begin this new chapter together. I carried thoughts of our whole school family with me during that spiritual journey, and I returned feeling renewed and deeply grateful. I hope that spirit of unity, joy, hope and reflection will guide us all throughout the year ahead.

Have a lovely weekend with your families and friends!

God bless,

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

## Thank you

Thank you from myself and all the staff for your kind words, cards and gifts of thanks at the end of last year, it was much appreciated.

## Parish Masses

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September (11am) will be our first School Parish Mass of the year at St. Vincent's Church. The children will be welcoming parishioners, reading in the Mass, taking the offertory and singing. Please put the date in your diary so we can all come together as a School and Parish community.

## Year 5



Year 5 have come back to school with a great attitude to learning and a wonderful enthusiasm. Today we did a collective worship all around being loyal members of the class. The children have come up with wonderful ways we can ensure each other has a fantastic year.

## KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts)

The Autumn KIRFs will be sent home tonight. Please pin them up somewhere visible at home so that your child can look at them each day. The expectation is that children will learn these facts and use them in other aspects of their Maths work in school.

## Looking Further Ahead

Our Autumn Term (1) 'Looking Further Ahead' document which lists all the key dates for this half term will come out at the beginning of next week.

## Attendance

<b>Year 1</b>	96.3%	<b>Year 4</b>	95.4%
<b>Year 2</b>	97.7%	<b>Year 5</b>	95.7%
<b>Year 3</b>	98.3%	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>98.4%</b>

**WELL DONE YEAR 6– GREAT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!**

## Playground Routines

- The playground is supervised with a member of staff from 8.45am onwards – children should not be on the playground before this time.
- The whistle will blow at 8.55am – children line up and go into class promptly.
- Children will be dismissed at 3.25pm each day.

**Please note, children are not allowed to play in the outdoor classroom, fitness zone or MUGA at the beginning or end of the day. Should you have pre-school aged children on the playground please ensure you supervise them appropriately.**

## Allergies

We have children in school who have a severe allergy to nuts. For that reason, we kindly ask that you do not send in any food in lunch boxes or for morning snacks which contain nuts. The Healthy Eating Policy is attached.

Should your child have a medically diagnosed allergy to any foods, please send in a copy of such advice so that the catering company can provide appropriately.

## REMINDER: Dinner Money

The cost of a school dinner for KS2 children is £3.20 per day. School dinners MUST be paid for in advance via ParentPay and the maximum in arrears amount you can now be in is one week (£16). If you should have any queries please contact Mrs Hough – [finance@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:finance@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk). Thank you for your co-operation.

## Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers to help in school. If you are able to give up some time every week, please let Mrs Lees know.

## The Season of Creation

The Season of creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home which began on 1st September and finishes on the feast of St Francis, 4th October. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

The theme of Pope Leo XIV's message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation is 'Seeds of Peace and Hope'. In his message for the Tenth World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Pope Leo stresses that environmental justice – implicitly proclaimed by the prophets – can no longer be regarded as an abstract concept or a distant goal. Further details can be accessed via the link

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/season-of-creation/>

## Data Collection

It is important that we keep comprehensive and up to date records on our students and their contact, medical and consent information. This is particularly essential in times of an emergency or where a school wide message requires your attention. Please ensure that you have updated us with any new phone numbers, email addresses and change of home address as soon as possible. The GDPR was designed to keep data collection to the bare minimum. Therefore, all personal data collected must be 'adequate, relevant, and limited to what is necessary concerning the purposes for which they are processed'. Under GDPR guidelines, all schools must be able to justify the amount of data they collect.



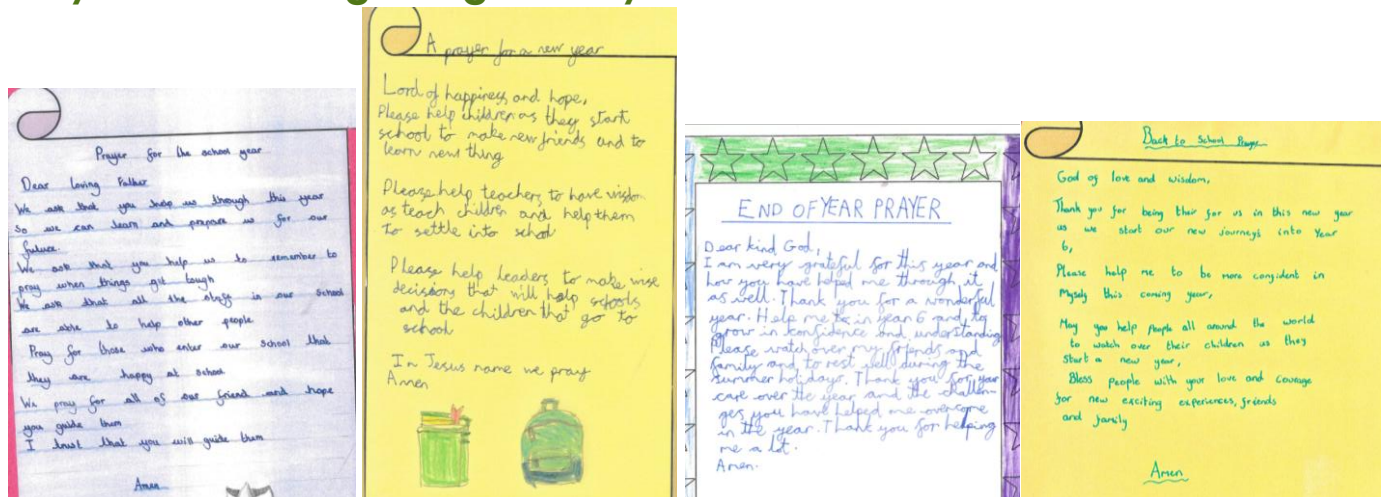
## Curriculum Overviews

Tonight, all children will bring home a Curriculum Overview, providing you with lots of information and insight into what your child will be learning about in school, the homework routines and could even inspire some day trips!

## Swimming

As part of their PE curriculum, Years 3 and 4 will be swimming every Friday from 19<sup>th</sup> September. Please remember kits. Payment is via ParentPay.

## Prayers for the beginning of the year



## Buddies

This week was bursting with excitement as lots of our children reunited with their buddies to share all the fun they had over the holidays! The classrooms and corridors were filled with laughter, stories of beach trips, ice creams, family adventures, and even a few muddy wellies from countryside walks. It was heartwarming to see the older children listening so kindly and the younger ones beaming with pride as they told their tales. These special moments of connection made the start of term feel extra magical!



**Birthday Wishes!** Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO  
IS

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Isaac

LOOK WHO  
IS

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Carys  
Sebby  
Henry

LOOK WHO  
IS

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Hattie

## Netball

Netball Practice starts on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September (3.30pm-4.15pm) for Year 4, 5 and 6 - **boys and girls**. This term, Mrs Davies, Coach Dave, Mrs O'Keefe and Mrs Clarke will be leading the sessions. Numbers will be limited to 30. Please email the office if you wish your child to attend.

**Year 5/6 Walking Home:** Please email the school office if your child has permission to walk home.

## Holidays during term time

Our 'Holidays during term time' policy makes clear that 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

[https://www.stvincentsknutsford.co.uk/serve\\_file/19729088](https://www.stvincentsknutsford.co.uk/serve_file/19729088) **Please note** Cheshire East Local Authority may issue Fixed Penalty Notices to parents who take their children out of school without authorisation. We also ask that an absence request form must be completed and sent into school for each absence request at least 4 weeks prior to the expected absence. Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

## Earrings

Our school policy is for children to wear no jewellery this includes earrings. I have noticed some children wearing earrings. School takes **no** responsibility to damage from wearing earrings or if they get lost. If earrings cannot be taken out, they must be very small and discreet – clear transparent studs. **No** earrings can be worn on PE or swimming days – they need to be taken out, if they can't be removed, as ears have just been pierced, they have to have tape on them, provided by parents.

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>		
Y6 Forest Schools	PM	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) <a href="http://www.drsportsclubs.co.uk">www.drsportsclubs.co.uk</a>	15:30	16:30
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b>		
Whole School Mass, School Hall – everyone welcome	09:15	
Y4 Love Music Trust Wider Opportunities Music Lesson	PM	
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b>		
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6) <a href="http://www.drsportsclubs.co.uk">www.drsportsclubs.co.uk</a>	15:30	16:30
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>		
Rock Steady Music		
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>		
Y4/Y5/Y6 Netball with Mrs Davies and Mrs O'Keefe - email School office if your child wishes to join ( <b>Boys and Girls</b> )	15:30	16:30
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football <a href="http://www.drsportsclubs.co.uk">www.drsportsclubs.co.uk</a>	15:30	16:30

\* DR Sports After School Clubs are booked directly through their website at [www.drsportsclubs.co.uk](http://www.drsportsclubs.co.uk)

## Walk of Hope – Saturday 20th September - THE CHRISTIE CHARITY

This September, staff from St Vincent's are taking part in the 10km Walk of Hope to raise vital funds for The Christie, a charity that's especially close to our hearts. Many of us, our families, friends, and members of our school community have been affected by cancer. The Christie has played a crucial role in supporting those we care about through world-class treatment, research, and compassionate care. We're proud to walk in hope – for healing, for progress, and for the people we hold dear. If you're able, please support us by donating whatever you can. Every penny will help make a difference to the lives of those affected by cancer.

Thank you for your support. Team St Vincent's ❤️

[https://www.justgiving.com/team/st-vincent's?utm\\_medium=TE&utm\\_source=EM](https://www.justgiving.com/team/st-vincent's?utm_medium=TE&utm_source=EM)



## 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.

**PARISH DINNER:** We are planning a parish meal to celebrate our Parish's patronal feast at 7pm on Friday 26th September at Knutsford Golf Club. There will be a buffet meal with main options of Beef Stroganoff, Mushroom Stroganoff or Fish Pie with a selection of hot and cold sweets. The cost will be £20 per person. Please email [John.Long@btconnect.com](mailto:John.Long@btconnect.com) to book and I will send you the account details for payment in advance. Looking forward to a very pleasant evening.

**CLIMBING TO THE STRATOSPHERE FOR EAST CHESHIRE HOSPICE** The Catenians are organising a sponsored event in September and are looking for volunteers to join Stuart Jones and Nick Johnson to climb more than 10km of vertical ascent (higher than Mt. Everest) through repeated climbs of Alderley Edge by cycling or by walking. More details and how to volunteer can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/echstratos>

**CAMBODIA VISIT:** Eight people have booked so far to visit Fr Totet with me in February next year. If you would like to join us please email me or speak to me after Mass. The total cost is in the region of £1500.

**CHILDREN'S FAIR:** All primary school children (and their families!) are warmly invited to our Children's Fair on **Sunday, 28th September**, after the 11:00 am Mass. There will be fun stalls, games, raffles, and plenty of excitement for the kids! Volunteers are needed to run stalls. Donations of toys for the raffles are very welcome. A cheerful set-up team (before Mass) and tidy-up team (afterwards) would be greatly appreciated. *If you can help, please contact: Christel Casse, Lay Pastoral Assistant, [christelcasse.stvincents@outlook.com](mailto:christelcasse.stvincents@outlook.com)*