



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Believe, Trust and Be Ready

"That they may have life, and to the full" John 10:10

Religious Education Newsletter - Autumn 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new academic year, we have certainly had a very busy few weeks. In this newsletter, you will find information about events at the end of last year and also what has been happening so far this year. You will also find details of your child's RE Curriculum learning for this term in order for you to feel a part of their RE growth and development. If you have any questions about RE, please speak to your child's class teacher.

I am also happy to answer any other questions and welcome any ideas and suggestions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs G. Davies - Deputy Head & RE Subject Leader

Masses, liturgies and other Catholic life events this term:

St. Vincent de Paul feast day - 27th September

School Parish Mass (church) - 28th September

Family Fast Day - 3rd October

World Mental Health Day - 10th October

Harvest Festival - 17th October

Year 4 Class Assembly - 21st November

1st Sunday of Advent - 30th November

Advent Mass in school - 2nd December

Knutsford Crib Service - 6th December

KS2 Christmas Performance - 9th December

FS/KS1 Nativity - 16th December

Carol Service (school) - 19th December

Please talk to your child about what they are learning in school.

Autumn 1 RE Curriculum

Reception	God made our beautiful world and everything in it.
Year 1	All that is comes from God. Reflect on what prayer means.
Year 2	God's covenant (promise) with Noah. The Sacrament of Baptism. How can we care for God's world?
Year 3	The story of Creation. Caring for our common home. All human beings are made in the image and likeness of God. Catholic Social Teaching – Human Dignity
Year 4	God's call to Abraham and God's covenant. Virtues of faith, hope and love and how we live our lives.
Year 5	The story of Moses, the call and the covenant. Covenants throughout history. Ten Commandments. Virtues help us live a good life.
Year 6	The second account of Creation – Genesis. The Nicene Creed. Laudato Si. Sin. Symbols of Baptism. God as sustainer and source of universe – compatibility with scientific account.

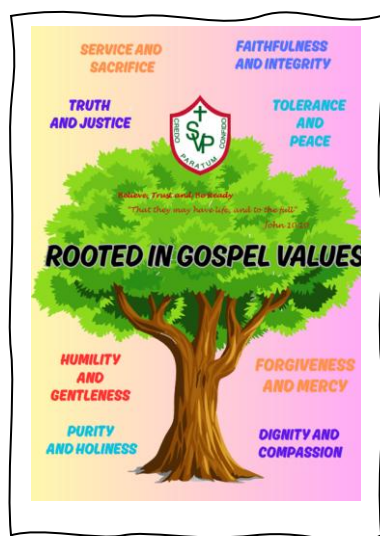
The Vine and The Branches: This year, Reception, Year 5 and 6 will join the rest of the school following the new curriculum – 'The Vine and The Branches'.

Welcome from Father David

As parish priest of St Vincent's, I just wanted to say hello as we begin a new school year. It was lovely to start the new term with a Mass for the whole school. The links between the parish and the school are very important. The children are our hope for the future. Each month a couple of classes come together to do the readings, welcoming parishioners and taking the collection at our 11am Sunday Mass. This Sunday will be the first time the children will help at our 11am Mass in the new school year. We hope you will come along. After the Mass there will be a Family Fun Day for everyone with lots of games, and activities for the children. Soon we hope to relaunch Children's Liturgy at our 11am Sunday Mass where the children can listen to the readings in a simpler form. Watch this space for more details when we get started. I write this on the Eve of our patronal feast of St. Vincent de Paul; May we be inspired by his example of care for the poor and the importance of education for all. St Vincent de Paul: Pray for us.

Gospel Values

Last year, our Mini Vinnies designed a poster for our Gospel Values which is now on display in all classrooms and around school. Each fortnight we have been focusing on a different value. Well done team!



Mini Vinnies

On Friday 19th September, we had a special commissioning assembly for our new Mini Vinnies. We were joined by Mrs Bayley from the SVP society. The children made a pledge in front of the whole school to be the best Mini Vinnie they could be and we all said the Mini Vinnie prayer together. Mrs Bayley helped to present the children with their badges, certificates and bookmarks. The children have taken their new role very seriously and I look forward to having our first meeting and planning future events. Please do support them on their mission to bring kindness to all.

Year 3 - First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion

If your child is currently in Year 3, or older, and you would like them to make their First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion then please contact the school office or speak to Miss Groarke.



Please join us in church at 11.00am on Sunday 28th September. Mass will be followed by fun family events.

Catholic Social Teaching

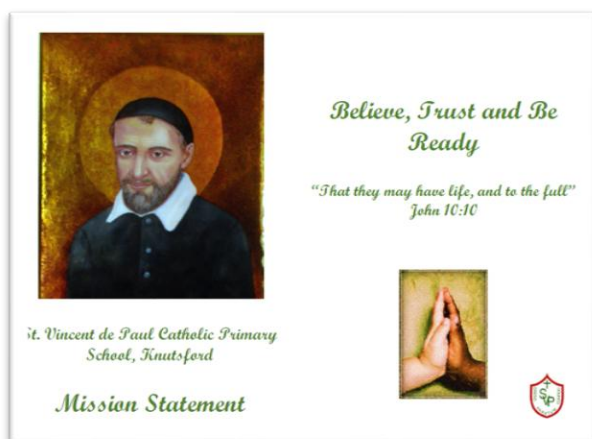
Catholic Social Teaching is rooted in scripture and formed by the teachings of the Church leaders. Simply put, it is our moral compass guiding us on how to live out our faith in the world. This term we will be focusing on the gospel values: Autumn 1 – Human Dignity (Fairtrade) Autumn 2 – Preferential Option for the Poor

Y6 SATs – prayers

Thank you for all your prayers and support at the end of last year for our Year 6 children as they took their SATs test. We were very proud of them and all they achieved.

Our Mission Statement

At the start of this academic year, all classes looked at our school mission statement with their teachers and what it means to us all. The children came up with some wonderful ideas such as "...believing in God, ourselves and others...". Please discuss our mission statement with your child as it is an important aspect of our school.



Start of the new school year Mass

On the 9th September, Father David joined us in school to celebrate Mass for the start of our new academic year. It was lovely to see so many of our family and friends joining us – you are all welcome to join us at our next Mass on 2nd December in the school hall. The children all sang and read beautifully. At the end of Mass Father blessed our new Prayer Leaders and presented them with their CAFOD Club badges.

Prayer Leaders



Fairtrade Fortnight



In school we have been focusing on Fairtrade, what it means and how we can all play a part. We used comprehensions, PowerPoints, videos and looked at labels on food. Fairtrade is the most recognised and trusted sustainability label working to make trade fairer for the people who grow our food. If you would like to find out more and look at ways you can help then please click on the link :

[Teaching Resources - Fairtrade Schools](#)

	The Liturgical Colours	
	Ordinary Time	
	Lent and Advent	
	Easter and Ascension	
	Pentecost and The Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday)	
	Christmas and Epiphany	

We are currently in Ordinary Time.

Have a wonderful school year everyone!

