

## Focus on ... Year 3

Year 3 have had a wonderful start to the year! On Monday, we had an exciting Forest School session with Miss Hughes where we hunted for (pretend) bones around the field and forest area. We worked together to build a human skeleton, carefully choosing sticks, leaves, and stones to create a life-sized model. The children also got creative by designing skeletons of animals using natural materials. This linked perfectly with our current Science topic, Animals Including Humans.

In Maths, we've been focusing on addition and subtraction, spotting patterns, using number bonds within 10, and learning how to add across a 10. Our English lessons have been based on The Iron Man, where the children designed their own traps to catch the Iron Man. They presented their designs to the class, explaining the features and why they would work. We had great fun bringing our designs to life!

In RE, we've been learning about how we can look after God's world and those less fortunate than ourselves. Well done, Year 3, for all your hard work and creativity!



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

## Time to reflect

This week we think about the gospel value of **Gentleness**.

The quality of doing things in a quiet and careful way. Jesus is our gentle king, and he works in us through his Holy Spirit to bring about gentleness in our lives! Gentleness means that we work toward the welfare of those around us, rather than being rude and inconsiderate.

The opposite of gentleness might be rudeness, being mean, or not considering other people's feelings.



## 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: Integrity	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Freddie	Jem	Lilly – Amazing letter writing
Year 1	Leon	Lara	Arthur – For his brilliant contributions to class discussions and for consistently modelling outstanding behaviour
Year 2	Thomas	Amelia	Henry S – For his excellent attitude to work and his fabulous Maths explanations
Year 3	Florence H	Gracie	Henry – For wowing us with his general knowledge every day
Year 4	Theo M	Joe	Eva – Amazing writing about a setting in narrative form
Year 5	Jenson	Thomas	Beatrice – For her enthusiasm when performing at St Nick's Music Festival
Year 6	Hattie	Daniel	Yasmin – For sharing such enthusiasm for learning

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a joyful and busy week in school, filled with creativity, achievement, and celebration. I've had the pleasure of seeing a wide range of fantastic work from our pupils—everything from challenging maths puzzles to thoughtful prayer writing and imaginative English pieces. It's always a delight to present Head Teacher Awards to children who show such enthusiasm and pride in their learning.

On Wednesday evening, I had the privilege of attending a wonderful musical event at St Nicholas High School, where our Year 5 children joined pupils from St Bede's and St Wilfrid's to perform. The evening was a true celebration of talent, with beautiful singing and impressive instrumental performances. St Nicholas students also showcased their musical gifts, making it a memorable occasion for all involved. Our children represented the school brilliantly and should be very proud of themselves.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

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

## Thank you

Last Sunday's Mass was a truly spiritual and uplifting occasion, made all the more special by the wonderful involvement of our children. From distributing hymn books and taking up the offertory gifts, to reading scripture and leading the bidding prayers, each child played their part with clarity, reverence, and confidence. They were a real credit to our school and to their families.

It was heartwarming to see so many families gathered together in church, and the joyful atmosphere continued at the Church Fair afterwards. Congratulations to Violet, who cleverly guessed the number of sweets in the jar, and to Amy, who took home the big teddy! With face painting, games, and plenty of laughter, it was a beautiful example of our community coming together in faith and fun. "I had a lovely time at the Children's fair yesterday at the Church playing with my friends." Emily and Olivia enjoyed the face painting and balloons.



## Explosive Erica Ignites Scientific Curiosity!



On Monday, our school was buzzing with excitement as Explosive Erica from the Mad Science Company led not one, but three thrilling science experiments. Her visit brought the wonders of chemistry and physics to life, leaving every child wide-eyed and inspired. Erica introduced us to fascinating scientists like Jacques Charles, known for his work on gases and flight. Then came the experiments—each more jaw-dropping than the last: Egg in a Bottle: Erica demonstrated how removing oxygen from a bottle can create pressure changes that pull an egg inside. Science magic! Red Cabbage pH Indicator: Using cabbage juice, she showed how everyday substances can reveal their acidity or alkalinity through colour changes. Fire Experiment: With safety front and centre, Erica wowed us with a fiery demonstration that taught us about combustion and chemical reactions. The children were absolutely mesmerised, hanging on every word and gasping with delight at each experiment. It was an assembly full of learning, laughter, and lots of "oohs" and "aahs"—a perfect spark to ignite a lifelong love of science!

## 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
24	18	16	23

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

## Attendance

Reception	98.9 %	Year 4	96.2 %
Year 1	96.2 %	Year 5	96.3 %
Year 2	94.2 %	Year 6	97.7 %
Year 3	95.7 %		

**WELL DONE RECEPTION – GREAT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!**

## Music Festival



On Thursday, Year 5 went to St Nicholas' High School where they were invited to be part of a Music Festival. This included listening to amazing musical talents from the high school students in the form of choirs, bands, orchestras and solo talents. Our pupils from Year 5 showcased their singing talents by performing two songs; Raise Your Voice and Make Me Feel Your Love. It was lovely seeing ex-pupils demonstrating their amazing talents. This year we saw Will perform many pieces on the keyboard – we can remember Will playing the piano in assemblies and lunchtimes at St. Vincents and he has further developed his musical talents at St. Nicks. The Year 5's loved being in the high school, they were looked after by the students there and enjoyed eating pizza and chips with them before the concert. We are so proud of our Year 5 pupils, they were amazing!

## Building work

Last Monday building work started on the ICT suite and Staffroom. This is to make intervention space and a larger staffroom due to an increased number of staff. We are hoping all work will be completed by end of this half term.

## Applications for Secondary School Places – Year 6

31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 is the deadline for applications for secondary school places for September 2026. Please ensure you register your preferred schools by this date via the Cheshire East website –

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/start-school-september.aspx>

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

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## Open Afternoon

We will be holding an open afternoon on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October from 1.30pm** and **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November** for parents of children who are looking to change school or are due to start in Reception in 2026. Please pass on this information to neighbours and friends in Knutsford. To book a slot please email [admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk)

## Save the date – Harvest Festival

On Friday 17th October, we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival in school. Each class will perform a little something - this might be a song, poem etc. You are all very welcome to join us for a 2.15pm start, it is always very busy but it is a wonderful celebration of the kindness and community spirit of our St. Vincent's family. All our food will be donated to Hope Central Foodbank who support families in need. We are asking for donations to be sent into school Thursday 16th October or Friday 17th October. Any donations are gratefully received but we have been told they particularly need the following:

- Tinned meat/spam/tuna/corned beef
- Tinned pasta
- Microwave rice packets
- Pasta sauce jars
- Shampoo
- Tinned soup
- Tinned carrots
- UHT semi-skimmed milk
- Tinned custard
- Pot noodles
- Household cleaning products
- Biscuits
- Coffee
- Curry sauce jars
- Chocolate/Sweets
- Cup-a-Soup
- Instant noodles
- Tinned Hotdogs

## Forces workshop



Year 5 had a Forces workshop in class on Thursday. "Yesterday in class we had a scientist, Mrs Watson, in for the day. She taught us so much about forces! We carried out loads of practical activities and had so much fun. We measured upthrust of different objects in water, and we measured the friction of shoes on different surfaces. We did a quiz about whether different fruits float or sink and understood the science behind why! It was a great day!"

## Roberts Recycling

We have a **Roberts Recycling collection** coming up on **Monday, 20th Oct.** We ask that each family please try and fill at least one bin bag full of previously loved clothes and shoes, that you're happy to part with. This is another easy way for us to raise much needed funds for our school. The more bags that are collected, the more money we make! You have until **Friday, 17th Oct.** to fill your bags and bring them into school. If bringing bags to school during the week proves difficult, we will also keep school open between **10am - 11:30am on Sunday, 19th Oct, for drop-offs.** Thank you.

## Fairtrade Fortnight

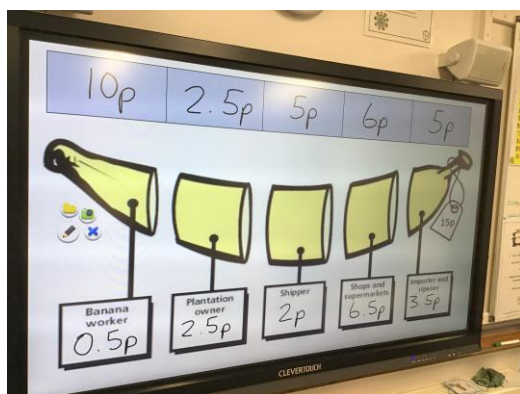
Fairtrade Fortnight is an annual event that shines a light on the importance of ethical trading and the challenges faced by producers in developing countries. This year's theme, "Do it Fair," encouraged us all—individuals and organisations alike—to make conscious, fair choices in what we buy and consume.

Our pupils embraced the spirit of Fairtrade Fortnight in creative and thoughtful ways:

**Year 1** took part in a beautiful Celebration of the Word, reflecting on fairness and justice through stories and prayers inspired by the Fairtrade message.

**Year 3** explored the real-life experiences of a tea grower by reading a letter from them and engaging in a discussion to deepen their understanding of global trade.

**Year 6** got hands-on with a banana game, designed to highlight the journey of bananas from farm to supermarket and the roles different stakeholders play.



The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
Y2 Forest School		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 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
Stay & Learn Phonics - Reception	9:00	10:00
Y4 Love Music Trust Wider Opportunities Music Lesson	PM	
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
<b>ARTIS</b> performing arts workshops	ALL	DAY
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 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
<b>Rock Steady Music</b>	ALL	DAY
Dance Taster – Y1 & Y2 – Sports Hall, Knutsford Academy	16:00	17:00
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
<b>Y3/Y4 Swimming</b> – sign up via ParentPay. Don't forget swimming kits!	PM	
Y4/Y5/Y6 Netball with Mrs Davies, Mrs O'Keefe and Mrs Clarke - email School office if your child wishes to join ( <b>Boys and Girls</b> )	15:30	16:15
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)

## 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.