

## Focus on... Holy Week reflections

What a spiritual week we have had in school. On Monday Year 3 reflected on Palm Sunday, on Tuesday Year 4 reflected on the Last Supper, on Wednesday Year 5 reflected on the Garden of Gethsemane and today Year 6 reflected on the Crucifixion. They have been shared with all classes in school in their bubbles and the videos are now placed in the Holy Week folder in Teams. Please take some time over the next few days to watch them again and discuss them with your child.



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

## Mrs. Holland's Gospel Contemplations...

I think we are all aware of the gospel this Sunday – Jesus is Risen! Alleluia! Rejoice and be glad!

However, take a step back and put yourself in the place of Mary Magdalen or Simon Peter. Imagine how they must have felt on arriving at the tomb to find it empty. Imagine the confusion, the despair and fear of not knowing or understanding what had happened to the body of their beloved friend. It was too early at this stage for them to realise what Jesus had meant when he told them what was to happen to him and so total bewilderment would be their overriding emotion. Eventually, everything became clear and they could truly rejoice. At the times in our lives when we do not understand what is happening to us and why, times when we are afraid and we feel despair, we must give ourselves time for the way forward to present itself. Eventually, God's plan for us will become clear and we will be able to rejoice once more.

## Behaviour Awards

This morning I gave out awards, well done everybody!

**Good Conduct Award** – Excellent attitude in all aspects of school life.

**Courtesy Award** – Good manners and polite behaviour.

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

Year Group	Good Conduct Award	Courtesy Award	Merit Award
Reception	Jenson	Henry	AraOluwa
Year 1	Daisy	Judy	Bobby
Year 2	Ayla	Malachy	Michael B
Year 3	Alfie	Leland	Jacoby
Year 4	Liam	Evan	Poppy
Year 5	Max	Livia	Rafa
Year 6	James	Lilliana	Evangeline

Dear Parents and Carers,

As this term comes to a close, I want to thank our children for the way they have engaged both in their learning during lockdown and in the return to school. It has been great to see them back over the last three weeks. We have been pleased with how well they are progressing academically and how well they continue to respect the restrictions that are in place to keep us all safe. Thank you also to all children, staff, parents and governors who have made this half term such a success.

We would recommend that all our children and staff now take a well-earned break. There is no doubt that this term has had its challenges for all of us and everyone needs time to relax and unwind. With that in mind, parents and carers should not contact their teachers during the Easter break, either on Teams or by email.

**All emails for staff should go through [admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk)**

Once again, thank you for your continued understanding and support in these unusual times. We understand that every parent/carer's situation and experiences are different.

Have a fantastic holiday, relax and recharge those batteries and we will see you on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

God Bless,

Miss Groarke and everyone at St. Vincent's

## Father David and Lenten Penitential Services

Thank you so much to Father David for coming into school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week to lead Lenten Penitential Services for Year 4, 5 and 6 classes in the hall.

## Year 5 Forest Schools



On Monday, Year 5 enjoyed a fabulous Forest Schools session with Miss Hughes. They learned how to use a bow saw which was very exciting for us all! They worked brilliantly in teams; listening to each other to solve problems and building connections with each other. We also maintained the theme of Holy Week by making crowns of thorns. The weather was kind to us and everybody had a fantastic time.

## Track and Trace over Easter

We will continue to track and trace contacts of anyone who tests positive for Covid-19 during the first few days of the Easter holidays. If a child develops symptoms, they should self-isolate and book a PCR test through the NHS. If your child tests positive on any test, and they have been in school in the 48 hours before the test or before the symptoms began, please email the school immediately at [admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk). Contacts of any known cases will be notified to self-isolate by NHS Track and Trace.

## New menu

The new dinner menu is attached to this newsletter. This will start from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April. The cost of a dinner for KS2 children is £2.30 per day, which should be paid in advance through ParentPay.

## Year 6 – Chemistry with Cabbage

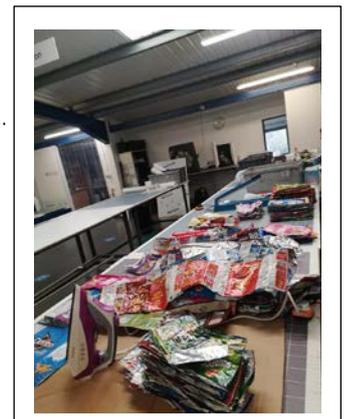
On Monday, we were visited by Professor Wilson who taught us about how to do chemistry with cabbage in a very fun way! We made an indicator using red cabbage juice and added lots of different household chemicals to determine if they were an alkali, a neutral or an acid. We did lots of fun experiments and learnt a LOT, including lots of skills. Thank you, Professor Wilson!

(Alice and Charlotte, Year 6)



## Save Your Crisp Bags!

Mrs Duffy is involved in a project with Macclesfield Crisp Blankets and would love it if you could help. If you have time to cut open an empty crisp bag (any size), wash and dry it, then it can be used to make a bivvi/sleeping bag for the homeless. The bags are sealed together and plastic coated before being sent to various shelters so that both people and belongings can be kept dry. It takes about 100 bags to make one bivvi bag. Unfortunately, neither black bags nor any McCoy bags are suitable for this project. A collection box will be in the playground each day for you to deposit any CLEANED, cut bags. Happy Eating/Easter. Thank you so much for your help.



## Letters from St. Nicholas Catholic High School

Children from Year 10 at St. Nicholas Catholic High school wrote letters to each child in Year 6 and each class teacher in school to wish them a happy Easter. Thank you Year 10.



## Birthday Wishes!

Happy Birthday" to the following children:-

Look who is <b>5</b> Huey	Look who is <b>6</b> Judy Annie Edward W Alice	Look who is <b>7</b> Ferreira Malachy Heidi Olivia	Look who is <b>8</b> Isla T Arthur	Look who is <b>9</b> Isaac	Look who is <b>10</b> Livia	Look who is <b>11</b> Alicia Adam
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## The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
<b>Year 3 Forest Schools</b> – come to school wearing clothes for outside learning.		PM
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>		
<b>Year 5 &amp; 6 Forest Schools</b> – come to school wearing clothes for outside learning		
<b>Year 4 - CLARINET</b> – Please remember instruments		PM
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>		
<b>Swimming for Y5 &amp; Y6</b> – Please remember swimming kits		PM
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>		
<b>Year 4 - CLARINET</b> – Please remember instruments	AM	
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>		
<b>Reception - Forest Schools</b> – come to school wearing clothes for outside learning.		PM

## Year 5/Year 6 Summer Term Swimming

All being well, swimming for Year 5 and Year 6 will start on the afternoon of Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021. The swimming fees for the spring term are £16.50 per pupil. This consists of 6 swimming sessions, coach hire, hire of the swimming pool and the swimming tutor. Please ensure you log into ParentPay to give your consent and payment as soon as possible.

## Sport by Coach Dave

**D.R Sports Easter Holiday Club** - The Holiday club will be open and running from Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> until Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April. The club is open from 8am till 4pm.

Booking options are:

You can book two days together or all four days - you cannot book single days so that the groups can be kept as consistent as possible.

WEEK 1: Tuesday & Wednesday (booked together) or Thursday & Friday (booked together) or all 4 days.

WEEK 2: Monday and Tuesday (Booked together) or Wednesday and Thursday (Booked together) or all 4 days.

**After School Clubs** - After school clubs are starting from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April until 4.30pm. Bookings can be made at [www.drsportsclubs.co.uk](http://www.drsportsclubs.co.uk). KS1 clubs are 'Fun, Fitness and Football' and KS2 clubs are football.

Clubs will be in year group bubbles. Monday – Reception. Wednesday – Year1 & Year 3. Thursday – Year 2 & Year 4. Friday – Year 5 & Year 6.

Have a great Easter break.  
Coach Dave