

## Spotlight on .... Lily and the Heron

On Wednesday the whole school enjoyed performances from Goofus theatre. Lily was a little girl who has stopped speaking. She found the world too noisy and too busy. She had special place called Castle Rock. One day Lily met an amazing heron who needed her help because he couldn't fly. Lily decided to help the heron and goes on an adventure into a dark cave to find his primary feathers. In the cave Lily meets a wolf witch called Wilda Grim. At first Lily is afraid of Wilda Grim but then she finds her courage. She manages to fight off the wolf witch and get back heron's primary feathers so that he can fly again. Through her adventure, Lily finds her voice. When she is back at school she stands up in front of the whole class to tell her amazing story.

"On Wednesday afternoon we were pleased to meet a group of puppeteers and enjoyed a show called 'Lily and the heron.' After the show we asked questions about the incredible puppets and how they were created. This was an enjoyable and fun show to watch and listen to." report by Bella - Year 5



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

## The Gospel

In the gospel this week, Jesus presents himself as the good shepherd who knows his sheep, cares for them and would lay down his life for them. Jesus did not die because he happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time; it was the result of him freely choosing to be the light of the world, an embodiment of God's unconditional love for us.

As parents, we have unconditional love for our children. Just as God loves and guides us, we too love and guide our children. This is not always easy – particularly when those children are teenagers with very strong minds of their own! However, just as a good shepherd tends to his sheep no matter the circumstance, we do the same with our children. We support them, encourage them, stand beside them in times of uncertainty and pick them up when they fall. We cannot chip away at them to make them who we believe they should be, we can only nurture them to be the unique individuals that God created. Often, we don't always know what we are doing or if we are doing the right thing, but, with God's love and guidance, we do our best. Unconditionally.

## Behaviour Awards

This morning I gave out our badges in whole school Team assembly, 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	Carys	Frank	Jaxon
Year 1	Daniel	Conor	Alissa
Year 2	Michael	Imogen	Emma
Year 3	Lexie-Mae	Rocco	Arthur
Year 4	Alannah	Angie	Poppy
Year 5	Jack Du	Daniel	Will
Year 6	Juliette	Giorgio	Penny

Dear Parents/Carers,

What lovely weather we have had this week. It has been great seeing the children enjoying themselves outside and taking advantage of our lovely grounds. All classes have settled into the new term extremely well and are working really hard. Whilst we hope to see some easing of the coronavirus restrictions over the course of this term, at present most of our precautions remain the same as the spring term. We have updated our risk assessments <http://www.stvincentsknutsford.co.uk/page/policies-statements/29366>. According to government guidance, this cautious approach will help limit the risk of transmission and enable continued monitoring of the effect of school returns. Please help us by abiding by the rules.

Our amazing PTA are starting a new fundraising event – Fun Ball Friday – please read the attached flier as it starts next week and you have to be in it to win!

Have a lovely weekend in the sunshine.

Miss Groarke and the staff of St. Vincent's

## Practical action science activities

This week we have been looking at the Sustainable Development Global Goals and talking about Earth day with the focus on Restore our Earth. Different classes have taken part in practical science activities based around Global Learning. Year 6 completed a squashed tomato challenge and Year 5 completed a 'Ditch the dirt' challenge.



## KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts)

The Summer 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.

## Start/Finish Times

Please ensure that children are at school for the **correct time** relevant to their class. Please do not come onto school site more than **five minutes** before your allotted time. All adults and children of secondary school age need to wear a face covering and keep to the one way system.

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Start time	8.50 (Reception gate)	8.55 (Reception gate)	8.50 (KS1 door)	8.55 (Y3/Y4 door)	8.50 (Y3/Y4 door)	8.55 (Y5/Y6 door)	8.50 (Y5/Y6 door)
Home time	3.10 (Reception gate)	3.15 (Reception gate)	3.10 (KS1 door)	3.15 (Y3/Y4 door)	3.10 (Y3/Y4 door)	3.15 (Y5/Y6 door)	3.10 (Main gate)

## Forest Schools



On Tuesday the Year 5 and 6's enjoyed a fun filled Forest School session with Miss Hughes. While out on the field the children learnt new knots to be able to make their own stickman. They continued to explore the outside areas around school. They finished the session off with a campfire and marshmallows and hot chocolate. The children thoroughly enjoyed their experience as did Miss Hughes and the teachers.



## Father David and St. Vincent's Church

Church is open and you can go to Mass. There is still restrictions on numbers so please book before attending Church. <https://www.picktime.com/stvincentdepaul>

## Remember - Save Your Crisp Bags!

Mrs Duffy is involved in a project with Macclesfield Crisp Blankets. 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 is on the playground.

## Birthday Wishes!

"Happy Birthday" to the following children:-

Look who  
is

7

Imogen

Look who  
is

8

Alfie  
Alice  
Finley

Look who  
is

10

Vincent  
Bella

## The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
Year 4 Forest Schools – come to school wearing clothes for outside learning.		PM
Parents evening – Year 1		
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
Year 4 Clarinet – Please remember instruments		PM
Parents evening – all classes (not Year 1)		
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
Swimming for Y5 & Y6 – Please remember swimming kits		PM
Parents evening – Year 1 & Year 2		
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
Parents evening – all classes (Not Year 1 or Year 2)		
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
Year 1 Forest Schools – come to school wearing clothes for outside learning.		PM

### IMPORTANT: Please remember

Children, parents and staff **must not** attend school if they are feeling unwell or are displaying any of the symptoms that could be caused by coronavirus. The main symptoms are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature);
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual);
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you have noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

**Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) must get a test.**

### School drop off and collection

When dropping off or collecting your child please remember to keep two metres apart from people not in your household, wear face coverings and wash/sanitise your hands before and afterwards – all these actions help to reduce the spread of the infection.

**Coach Dave's 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.

**St. Vincent's Pre School Admissions** Any parents who have children who are due to start pre-school between September 2021 and September 2022, please ensure that you have completed an application form and returned it to the pre-school to ensure that their name is on the waiting list. If you have any questions, please contact the Pre-school Manager Cath Davies on 01565 651948 or visit their website at [www.stvincentspreschool.co.uk](http://www.stvincentspreschool.co.uk) where you will find an application form.