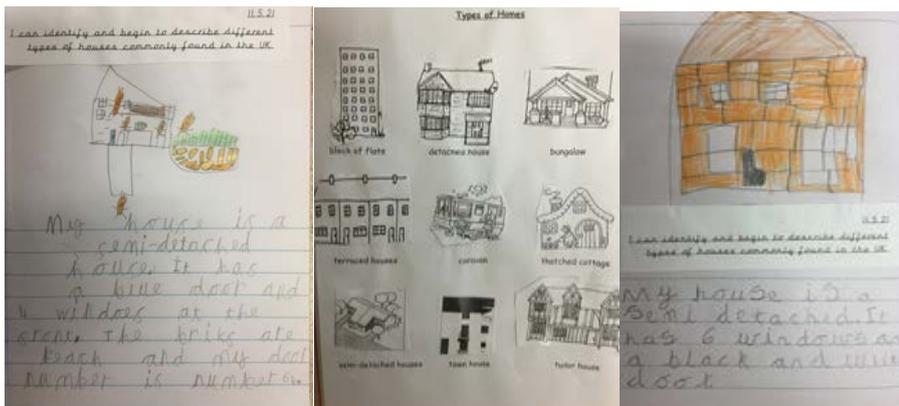


Focus on... Year 1

In our Music sessions we are having a specialist teacher from Love Music Trust who has been teaching us about the adventures of Barnaby Bear. We have been learning about songs from around the world. So far we have enjoyed learning about the geysers in Iceland, cowboys in America and important landmarks in Ireland such as the Blarney Stone and the Giant's Causeway.



In Geography we are learning about where we live. We are starting to know what our address is and can describe our house. We also looked at different types of houses that can be found in the UK.



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

Gospel Contemplations by Mrs Holland

This chapter of John's gospel presents Jesus as the giver of divine life. He possesses the fullness of Godly life. This is what he leaves to us in his flesh and blood, the Eucharist. Prayer unites us to the sacrifice of Jesus who, all through his life, gave himself to us as teacher, healer, protector and always as a loving friend. And we can see that Jesus is like a good friend here. He wants to keep us with him, just as none of us want to lose a friend. Friendship with Jesus is being with him, and being sent in his name. Our mission as his followers is in the midst of and in the depths of the world. He wants his love and message inserted in the centre of the world, the city, the community. In following him in mission and love, we are ourselves sanctified. Prayer helps and completes this daily sanctification, in our growing in closeness to him. He will never give up on us just as we should never lose faith in Him.

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 | Henry | Alfie | Noah |
| Year 1 | Noah | Thomas | Hattie |
| Year 2 | Harrison | Theo | Gianna |
| Year 3 | Connie | Jacoby | Eoin |
| Year 4 | Evan | Archie | Molly |
| Year 5 | Livia | Cahir | Hester |
| Year 6 | Rosie | Nancy | James |

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another very busy week in school with all the children and staff working really hard as usual. It has been lovely to give out Head teacher awards for amazing work from Reception to Year 6. The standard in every class is so high -Well done! This week has also been Mental Health Awareness week and the themes in our assemblies have been 'Connect with Nature.' Connecting with nature is about building a relationship with nature by noticing and becoming sensitive to the environment around us, which we are developing more with Forest Schools. This has benefits for our physical and mental health. As you know mental health is made up of our thoughts, feelings, mood and behaviour. We all have mental health, just like we all have physical health. Our mental health can change depending on our experiences and circumstances throughout our lives. Adults and children all need to look after their mental health and be kind to themselves and each other. <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week>

Have an enjoyable weekend with your family.

God bless,

Miss Groarke and everyone at St. Vincent's



PTA Fun Ball Friday Lottery

Today was the third PTA Fun Ball Friday draw.

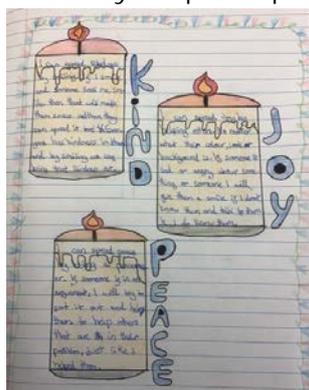
Today's lucky ball was number 8. Congratulations to Parents of Melissa (Y5) and Matthew (Y3). They won £101. Don't forget you have to be in it to win it! You have until 5pm Thursday to buy your ball - £2 each (via ParentPay) for next Friday's draw. GOOD LUCK!

Year 5

This week, in forest schools, Year 5 were the first class to use the knives! They learned how to whittle resulting in a sharp point perfect for shooting teddies out of trees! (No teddies were harmed during this session – they may be able to whittle but their aim leaves a lot to be desired!)



During RE this week, we discussed the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We remembered how Christ has no body on earth but ours and so it is up to us to share the gifts of the Holy Spirit to make our world a better place. Thank you Isabella for your perceptive thoughts during this lesson.



Parent/ Carer Questionnaire

Remember this is your school so make sure you have your say! Thank you to the **77** parents/carers out of the 149 families we have at St. Vincent's who have filled in the questionnaire. It closes at midnight tonight, Friday 14th May. The link has been sent out twice by the office.

House Points

In Assembly our House Captains and Vice Captains came into the hall to count up House points.

St Andrew – Georgie & Melissa

St. David – Nancy & Bella

St. George – Rosie & Jacob

St. Patrick – Juliette & Patrick

House points are awarded throughout the week for all kinds of achievement or for good behaviour in all classes. The House points totals were revealed as follows:-

| St. Andrew | St. David | St. George | St. Patrick |
|------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| 1st - 27 | 3rd - 17 | 4th - 13 | 2nd - 20 |

Well done to this week's winning House - St Andrew's!

National Walk to School Week

National Walk to School Week takes place next week 17th -21st May. The five-day walking challenge is an annual celebration of the walk to school (walk, scoot, cycle or park further away). The campaign is designed to help children experience first-hand the importance of walking to school. The focus across Cheshire East is to 'show the air we care' and encourage children to have a better understanding about air quality, the choices they make and the effects these can have on both the environment and health. This year's challenge will focus on the walking superpowers that benefit individuals, communities and the planet. [Walk to School Week | Living Streets](#)

Reminder - Holidays in Term Time

As restrictions begin to lift, we know some families may be looking to take holidays during term time. As usual, parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school on holiday as this will result in a fixed penalty notice for both parents issued by Cheshire East.

Birthday Wishes!

Happy birthday to the following children:



The Week Ahead

| Subject | Start Time | End Time |
|--|------------|----------|
| Monday 17th May | | |
| Year 6 Forest Schools - come to school wearing clothes for outside learning. Please wear long trousers. No football kits please. | | |
| Tuesday 18th May | | |
| No music lesson for Year 4 | | |
| Wednesday 19th May | | |
| Swimming for Y5 & Y6 – Please remember swimming kits | | PM |
| Thursday 20th May | | |
| Fr David visiting school | | PM |
| Friday 20th May | | |
| Year 1 Forest Schools come to school wearing clothes for outside learning. Please wear long trousers. No football kits please. | | 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.

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) |

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.

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>