

## Focus on... Year 5 trip

On Tuesday this week, Year 5 enjoyed a fun-packed day at the Catalyst Science Discover Centre and Museum in Widnes and a fantastic time was had by all. The children had the opportunity to take part in two interesting science workshops during the day. During our potions session, the children carried out experiments involving colour, temperature and light changes and had fun making slime and Harry Potter type potions. Later in the day, they had the opportunity to work with data-loggers, recording temperature changes and solving problems such as which boxes were best to keep your takeaway burger hot! We also spent time in the newly refurbished interactive gallery where you can discover and explore everyday Science using fun, hands-on activities which were great fun, such as build your own circuits, seeing solar panels in action and interacting with a heat screen. It was a busy day but we still managed to squeeze in lunch sitting in the sun on the banks of the Mersey. Catalyst was definitely a hit with our Year 5s and they all agreed it deserved 5 star reviews!



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

### Gospel Contemplations

The parable of The Mustard Seed is one which we use often in school as it is a message we would like all of our children to adopt. Our children enjoy listening to parables as they find it easier to relate to the story-like nature of them whilst exploring the true meaning Jesus was trying to convey. This particular parable is really teaching us about the kingdom of God. The mustard seed is the tiniest of seeds – barely a pin head size, and yet it can grow into a large, strong shrub if nurtured correctly. The kingdom of God is just like this and it is nurtured by us. It is our acts of kindness, our ability to forgive, our compassion for others which enables the kingdom of God to grow and strengthen within our community and it is something we can all be part of. We may feel that one, very small act of kindness is insignificant but the reality is in the impact it has on others. Never underestimate the strength of your actions as each action can affect a great many people. With that in mind, strive to make your actions ones of kindness and compassion with forgiveness at their core. Like the tiny mustard seed, one small act can grow and spread to become something strong and worthy.

## Behaviour Awards

**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	Courtesy	Merit	Comment
Reception	Huey	Ella	Audrey	For fantastic effort with her writing
Year 1	Zachary	Maya	Conor	Having a great attitude towards his work
Year 2	Michael	Allie	Santi	For following the class rules
Year 3	Olivia	Elise	Isla T	Great contribution to R.E. lessons and being kind to others
Year 4	Theo	Millie	Annie	Excellent effort in all she does
Year 5	Max	Steven	Cahir	Super progress in maths
Year 6	Charlotte	Tabitha	Georgie	For having a tenacious appetite for learning and setting a fantastic example.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year – where has the time gone? This week has certainly been very busy with the Year 5 trip, KS2 visiting Church for Mass, Year 3 and 4's first afternoon of swimming, Reception Balance Bikes as well as all the usual activities!

Please take very careful note of information regarding events and dates in the newsletter over the coming weeks as there will be a lot going on and it can change quickly.

Yesterday Year 6 had to start isolation for ten days due to a positive case. They have already started home learning on Teams.

This Saturday is our first of two sessions for Year 4 First Holy Communion. These will be lived streamed so please join us via the Church website. <https://stvincentsknutsford.org/watch-online>

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 seventh PTA Fun Ball Friday draw. Today's lucky ball was number 51. Congratulations to Parents of Erin (Year 3).

They won £84. Today we gave out the balls to the children whose parents won over the holidays. 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!

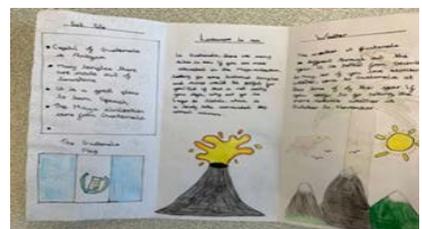
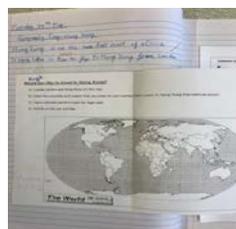
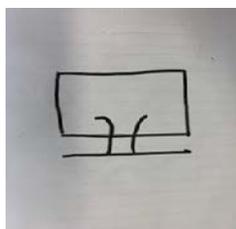


## Geography

Mrs Jones and Miss Liddy have been working hard on the reaccreditation for Primary Geography Quality Mark (PGQM). The PGQM is an externally validated quality mark which is presented to schools to acknowledge how hard they have worked in Geography and the standard in the teaching and learning of primary geography. It involves sharing and building on best practice to make geography meaningful by learning about the world around them. Here are a few activities the children did just before half term. Reception looked at the climate and environment of UAE. Year 1 looked at the culture and climate in South Africa. Year 2 made a habitat for animals in Antarctica.



Year 3 looked at the different climates in Australia. Year 4 found out how long it took to get to Hong Kong and had a go at some writing. Year 5 made a fact file all about Guatemala. They studied the weather, landscapes and neighbouring countries.





## Visit to St. Vincent's Church

On Wednesday Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 walked to St Vincent's Church for a private Mass with Fr. David. This was our first visit to Church since 2019. The children's behaviour walking to and from Church and in Church was excellent. The Mass, led by Year 6 children, focused on our Year 4 children who will be making their First Holy Communion this Saturday and next. Please keep all our Year 4 children in your prayers as they embark on this special journey. Thank you again to Fr. David for saying mass and to Mrs Slaymaker for cleaning Church after our visit.

## House Points

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

St. Andrew	St. David	St. George	St. Patrick
9	16	14	28

Well done to this week's winning house – **St. Patrick**

## Polite Reminder

The Fitness Zone equipment is for playtimes only and **SHOULD NOT BE USED BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL**. Also no scooter or bikes should be ridden on school premises as we have had a few near misses lately.

## Water bottles and suntan lotion

Please remember to send in your child with sun tan lotion already applied in the morning. They all need a named water bottle (except Reception class) and a sun hat in this sunny weather. Please also send your child in with a light weight coat, in case it rains.

## PTA News: Save the Date

Something for your diaries folks! We're looking at holding a Picnic in the Park at school before the end of term. The date we have in mind is Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July. We hope you can join us! We will send more details nearer the time. **Please sign up!** We're appealing to everyone to please sign up to Amazon Smile. Click on the link below and follow the cues. It's such an easy way for our PTA to make money and it'll take you 30 seconds to sign up. For every purchase made, our school PTA get a percentage. <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1098379-0>

## Y5/Y6 St Vincent's Got Talent Auditions – change of date

The date of the Y5/Y6 St Vincent's got Talent auditions has been changed to WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE from 3.15pm to 4.30pm.

## Birthday Wishes!

Happy Birthdays to the following children:



## The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
Y5 visit to Kingswood Outdoor Centre	7.45AM	5.30PM
Y4 visit to Catalyst Discovery Centre, Widnes	ALL DAY	
Reception Class Balance Bikes	AM	
Year 2 Forest Schools – come to school wearing clothes for outside learning. Please wear long trousers. No football kits please.		PM
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
Year 4 Music Lesson – remember clarinets		PM
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
Swimming for Y3 & Y4 – Please remember swimming kits		PM
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
September 2021 Reception Parents Information Evening (MS Teams)		6.30pm
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
Reception Forest Schools – come to school wearing clothes for outside learning. Please wear long trousers. No football kits please.		PM
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
Half of Year 4 - First Holy Communion, St Vincent's Church	11am	

### 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.

	<b>Reception</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
<b>Start time</b>	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)
<b>Home time</b>	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)