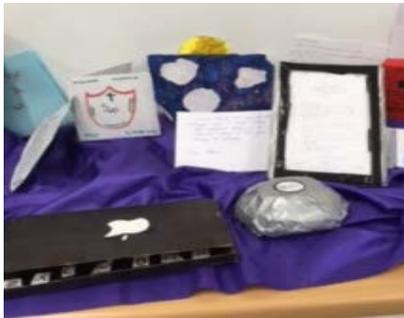


## Year 6 Prefect Applications

Year 6 have amazed me with their creative, well-written, imaginative prefect application letters and objects, which are now on display in the hall. Yesterday they were informed what their roles and responsibilities were for the year ahead. Today they had a practice of this role. On Monday in assembly they will receive their badges and take up their official positions. Well done everyone!



## Newsletter 3

17.09.2021



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

### Mrs Holland's Gospel Contemplations

This week, the Gospel reading comes from Mark and recounts when Jesus first hints to his disciples what is to happen to him. Naturally, the disciples don't understand as it is beyond their comprehension that something so awful could happen to their truly wonderful friend. They do not understand the deeper meaning of it. We don't always understand why certain things happen to us in our lives and we can find ourselves questioning 'why me?' Just as in the instance in the Gospel reading this week, there is often a deeper reason which we can't initially comprehend. We trust in God to help us through these times as we believe that there is a deeper meaning. This is not always easy but is testament to our faith.

## 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 award - comment
Reception	Pippa	James	Eva for a fantastic start to school life at St. Vincent's.
Year 1	Loughlin	Layla-Grace	Noah for being an amazing role model for how to behave in Year 1.
Year 2	Maya	Noah	William for wonderful effort with writing this week.
Year 3	Theo	Sofia	Alice for fantastic recipe writing in English.
Year 4	Daniel	Rocco	Elliott for excellent reasoning in Maths.
Year 5	Ava	Louie	Rosie for beautiful, reflective RE work.
Year 6	Livia	Cahir	Hester for fantastic poetry writing.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we've come to the end of our second full week– how quickly time flies, especially when you are enjoying yourself! We've had another very busy week in school and it's good to see how enthusiastic and hard-working the children are. This week I've had the pleasure to teach in Year 6 and Year 2 and have visited all classrooms and the quality of work produced has been to a very high standard.

Please remember as the weather seems to be returning to its usual Autumnal dampness, that all children need to have a coat with them. We need children to play outside as much as possible and so having a coat is imperative.

Have a lovely weekend with your families, God Bless,

Miss Groarke and everyone at St. Vincent's

## Classroom news – focus on Year 5

This week in Year 5, we have been continuing with our learning for our Science topic on Forces. We have already had lots of fun exploring different forces, trying out different activities on the playground such as throwing javelins, running with cards, creating a parachute and competing with each other in a tug of war. On Wednesday we learnt more about gravity and Sir Isaac Newton and his encounter with an apple! We discovered that we all have the ability to defy gravity every time we stop objects from falling, led by our very own class superhero Unicorn Queen (aka Jessica). The children were fascinated to measure the force of gravity using Newton meters, comparing mass and weight. We even listened to the famous song Defying Gravity from the hit, musical Wicked. I have been very impressed with the young scientists in Year 5 and their expert scientific skills. Next week we will explore the force of friction!



## House Captains and Vice Captains 2021/2022

On Monday we had our elections for House Captain and Vice-Captain - St. Andrew (blue) St. David (yellow) St. George (red) and St. Patrick (green). The children from Year 1 to Year 6 heard the speeches and voted for who they wanted in our democratic elections. Well done to all the children who stood in the elections. The House Captains were elected from Year 6 and Vice Captains from Year 5.



	House Captain	Vice-Captain
<i>St Andrew</i>	Alexa	Lucas
<i>St. David</i>	Bella	Joe C
<i>St. George</i>	Jacob	Louis
<i>St. Patrick</i>	Patrick	Rosie

## House Points

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

St. Andrew	St. David	St. George	St. Patrick
14	17	18	19

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

## Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing body, **starting ASAP**. The key consideration in the appointment and election of all new governors are the skills and experience the governing body needs to be effective. Therefore parents with **experience within the education sector** would be desirable. Should you wish to be considered, please email Mrs Watson at [admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk) and she will forward further information. Contained within the paperwork will be a nomination form, an eligibility form, information about our Governing body and the role of Parent Governor. The forms need to be returned to the school office by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September by 12 noon**. Should there be more than one nomination then a ballot will be carried out.



## PTA Fun Ball Friday Lottery

Today was the second PTA Fun Ball Friday draw of the autumn term. Today's lucky ball was number 37. Congratulations to the Parents of Grace C (Year 2). Staff, parents, governors and relatives aged 18 and over are all eligible to join. Each week in Friday Good Work assembly the child or grandchild of the lucky winner can choose a ball!!! Each lotto number costs £2 a week and is purchased via ParentPay before 5pm on the Thursday before the draw. Don't forget you have to be in it to win it! GOOD LUCK!

## Parking!

Please be mindful when parking. We have been made aware of vehicles parking on the pavement instead of the roads around school. Some of the parked cars hardly leave enough room to walk on the narrow grass verge and not nearly enough room for a pushchair to get through comfortably, completely taking over the pavement with their cars. Remember, pavements are for people not for cars. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Website

Curriculum overviews and Key Instant Recall Facts for Maths (KIRFS) were sent out last week. They have also been placed on our website on class pages. Please read over them with your child this weekend.

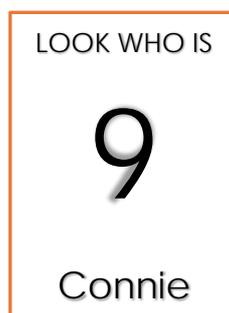


## Nantwich Young Singers

Love Music Trust are looking to recruit young singers with energy, enthusiasm and a passion for performing, so if this is your child, they may be interested in joining Nantwich Young Singers. The Music Hub already provides Instrumental Music Tuition for KS2 and organises Singing Festivals throughout the academic year, so I am sure the Choir will be a wonderful experience for anyone interested in applying. Let Mrs Cox know if you sign up!

## Birthday Wishes!

So "Happy Birthday" to the following children:-



## The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b>		
<b>Year 4</b> Forest Schools. (Bring forest schools clothes in a bag – no shorts please)		PM
Year 1 & 2 After School Sports – Football (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Year 3 & 4 After School Sports – Mixed sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021</b>		
<b>Reception</b> Forest School. (Bring forest schools clothes in a bag – no shorts please)		PM
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021</b>		
National Fitness Day – Jump Rope		
Year 3 & Year 4 swimming		PM
Year 3 & 4 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Year 5 & 6 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021</b>		
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b>		
Deadline for Parent Governor Applications		PM
Year 1 & 2 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Year 3 & 4/ 5 & 6 After School Sports – Football (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30

### **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);
- 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**

### **Reminder: Data Collection Sheets**

If you haven't done so already, please could you complete and return the data collection sheet ASAP, which was issued to you on email on Monday. It is important that we keep comprehensive and up to date records on our students. Thank you.

## Forest Schools

This week's Year 1 Forest Skills session was based on improving their communication and art skills. We started the session with a game of hide the Teddy allowing the children to explore the school grounds and find areas that were potentially hazardous. They then shared memories of the summer holidays with a friend and produced some fantastic pieces of land art.

The year 5's started the session with a quick team building activities involving teamwork and communication. Following that, we explored their Science topic of Forces and made a variety of parachutes testing them around the forest.

Both sessions finished with a surprise visit from Mrs Hales who read the book 'Have You Filled a Bucket Today?' by Carol McCloud. The children then threw away memories of times when they had been bucket dippers into the campfire.



## E.L.S.A.

Our first week of E.L.S.A. has been a great success. The children have enjoyed learning how to be 'bucket fillers' by being kind to each other. Miss Hughes and Alfie from Year 4 have made a beautiful pallet board planter for outside our E.L.S.A. room and Mrs Hales is very proud of her new pink Hi Viz jacket which she'll wear on a Tuesday over lunchtime.



## Father David and St. Vincent's Church

Mass times are normally: Monday to Friday – 9:30 am, Saturday (Vigil Mass of Sunday) – 5:30 pm, Sunday – 9:00 am and 11:00 am. Please check the church newsletter for any variations in Mass times. You no longer need to book to attend Mass. Please note that the only Mass on a Saturday will now be the Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm. The church will normally be open during the day for private prayer (except on Mondays). Please remember to sign in for Track and Trace purposes. Please continue to wear a face mask and to sanitise your hands on entry and exit.

## Pupil Premium Funding/Free School Meal entitlement

All children in Reception class, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a free school meal under current Government policy; this is known as Universal Free School Meals. However, you may be entitled to Income Related Free School Meals if you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit. If this is the case, please apply for this even if your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1. The school can then claim additional funding for resources, known as Pupil Premium, which can be used to help your child when they are in school. The financial benefit of Pupil Premium will remain with your child throughout their school years. Phone 0300123 5012 for further information and help or apply online: [https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/free\\_school\\_meals.aspx](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/free_school_meals.aspx) or contact Mrs Watson in the school office