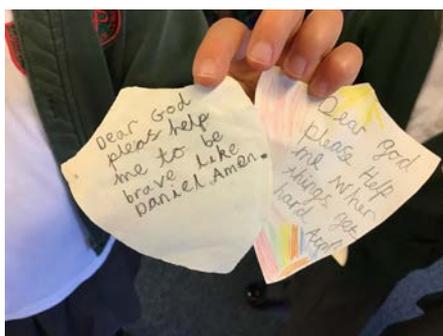


Classroom Focus – Year 2

Year 2 have been finding out about Daniel, one of God's 'chosen' people. They were given jigsaws to reconstruct, showing Daniel in the lions' den and then asked to reflect on their favourite image: Who is in the picture, and what is happening? What might the characters be thinking and feeling? Has the artist used any special colours or religious symbols in the picture?

We then planned a Class Worship where we thought about how Daniel had prayed to God and trusted and believed that He would help and hear his prayers. God is always there for us too!



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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 always find this particular scripture a little difficult to comprehend as Jesus tells his disciples that we should give up all material possessions in order to enter the kingdom of God. It seems difficult to comprehend that we should do this, but I think what is actually being pointed out is not the possessions we have, but our attachment to them. Are we ruled by possessions? Is what we have more important than what we do? Are we missing out on the real treasures of life because we are so fixated on material things and wealth? If we find ourselves too focussed on what we have or what we want, it becomes easy to be subtly controlled by this and we lose sight of what is truly important: our family, our friends and our relationship with God.

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	Mirabelle	Isla	Stanley – for trying hard with phonics.
Year 1	Roisin	William	Jenson – brilliant effort in all that he does.
Year 2	Daisy	Edward	Daniel – for trying really hard with writing.
Year 3	Harrison	Emma	Ferreira – for trying her best at swimming and encouraging others.
Year 4	Daisy	Jacoby	Douglas – excellent effort with handwriting.
Year 5	Angie	Nevaeh	Beatrix – excellent piece of creative writing.
Year 6	Melissa	Jack Da	Joe – fantastic diary entry.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our fifth full week of the first term, it's good to reflect on how things are progressing so far. To begin with, it's good to see how hard the children are working in class. Walking around classrooms this week, it has been wonderful to see the high quality work in children's books and on the displays.

The behaviour and manners of our children continues to be exemplary and their attitude towards each other certainly does make us proud.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Groarke and everyone at St. Vincent's



Father David and St. Vincent's Church

On Wednesday evening it was lovely to see so many of our Year 4 parents at our first meeting for Sacramental preparations in the Parish Centre. Thank you so much to Father David, Mrs Davies and also our catechists Mrs Heap and Mrs Culshaw, who led the spiritual evening. This Sunday will be a very special time for the Year 4 children who will be starting their sacramental programme with their Enrolment Mass at 11 o'clock. It would be lovely if as many families as possible attend this event. Please keep them in your prayers.

Mass times are normally: Saturday (Vigil Mass of Sunday) – 5:30 pm, Sunday – 9:00 am and 11:00 am, Monday to Friday – 9:30 am. Please check the church newsletter for any variations in Mass times. It would be lovely to see all our children in Church over the weekend.

Harvest Festival

The children will be taking part in an in-house Harvest Festival on Tuesday 12th October with Father David. Like last year, an important part of our celebration will still be the distribution of gifts but these will be donations of food to food banks within our community. Therefore, we are asking for donations of the following items: JAM, LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE, TINNED FRUIT DESSERTS - JELLY, RICE PUDDING, TEA BAGS (ESPECIALLY 80'S), CUSTARD, TINNED/MASHED POTATOES, SAVOURY SANDWICH SPREADS, TINNED VEGETABLES, TINS OF MEAT (STEW, CHICKEN CURRY, ETC.) INSTANT COFFEE, LONG LIFE MILK (UHT), DEODORANT, BARS OF SOAP, WASHING POWDER etc. If you are able to donate any of the above items, please do so by **Tuesday 12th October**. Children may bring their donations into class where their class teacher will direct them to a harvest box.

Sports News

"On Monday 4th October we played a netball match against Manor Park. We played well but unfortunately we didn't win. The score was 2-7. All the Players enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to playing again in the future", by Hattie and Rosie.



"On Thursday, we played our best match yet against Mobberley Primary School. We won by 3 points, with our brilliant goals by Melissa, Sienna, Rosie and Joe. We played really well as a team and we are looking forward to more matches in the future", by Sienna and Melissa.



Diocesan Building Fund

An email went out from our Chair of Governors requesting your voluntary contribution to the Diocesan building fund via ParentPay. So far we have collected **£980** which is a long way off our optimum amount of £2,940. The Diocese request a minimum voluntary contribution of £15 per child per year and each school is given a target income based on the number on roll. When the income from parents falls short of the target, the school has to make up the difference from its own budget thus reducing money that goes directly to the children. Please do make a contribution, no matter how small. You can do this online or via ParentPay.

Police Christmas Card Competition

Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, John Dwyer, has launched a competition asking local primary school children to design some festive images for this year's Christmas Cards. The Commissioner is inviting young people from across Cheshire to get creative and come up with some designs which will be used on his Christmas cards this year. All entries will be judged by the Commissioner and the winners will receive a prize. This year, the Commissioner is looking for four bespoke designs. One from each of the Local Authority areas in the county. Primary school children up to age 11 can submit an original design for the Commissioner to consider. Entries can be submitted as a drawing, painting or photograph; they must be Christmas-themed, of A5 size (portrait or landscape orientation) and can be in colour or black and white. The competition is free to enter. All entrants should include their name, age, contact number (of a parent/guardian or school) and include the name and address of their school on the reverse of their design. Please do not include this as part of the design itself. Designs need to be received by Friday 5 November 2021.

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
18	18	23	17

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

Safeguarding

Some of our older children have been playing the 'Squid Game' that comes from a 15 rated show on Netflix. Please can I ask all parents to check their parental controls on all devices at home and make sure children cannot access inappropriate videos or films. Attached to the newsletter is the Internet matters online safety guide for 6 -10 years olds and Netflix parental controls.

Birthday Wishes!

So "Happy Birthday" to the following children:-

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LOOK WHO
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Frank

LOOK WHO
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Sadie

LOOK WHO
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Oliver

LOOK WHO
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Jamie

The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 11th October 2021		
Gripping Yarns visit (Rec/KS1)	AM	
Year 5 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
Tuesday 12th October 2021		
Reception Forest Schools. (Wear forest schools clothes and bring uniform in a named bag please)	AM	
Harvest Festival (In House)		PM
Wednesday 13th October 2021		
Year 6 trip to Quarry Bank Mill		
PTA - Reception Parents Coffee Morning (School Hall)	09:00	
Year 3 & Year 4 Swimming Lessons		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
Thursday 14th October 2021		
Year 3 / 4 Hockey taster, Knutsford Academy		After school
Friday 15th October 2021		
Sean Perkins (Author) Assembly & book sale	AM	
Y5/Y6 Netball (Mrs Davies)	15:15	16:15
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 PCR test

Forest Schools

This week was a wash out with the horrible rain and thunder storms, however, we wrapped up warm and ventured to the forest! On Monday, the Year 6's explored our outdoor space to find and collect all the different colours and create a picture or a colour wheel. Following this, the wet and windy weather gave the children the perfect opportunity to think about their geography topic of rivers. Using the idea of water, rivers and flooding the children were given the task of creating a shelter which would stay standing if they were built near these types of spaces. If they preferred to stay dry, they had the option to produce some creative writing about a crime scene in the forest involving a teddy and a mystery!

On Tuesday the Year 1's went out and explored the colours of autumn by making leaf kebabs for the first part of their Forest Skills session. Then, the heavens opened and we retreated to the gazebo where the children played in the mud and created giants' feet and animal paw prints. The children really enjoyed playing in the rain and mud for the afternoon which we finished off with a story called 'The Invisible String'.



Author Visit to School

On Friday 15th October, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 are having a special visit from local children's author Sean Perkins who will be coming into school to read them his latest release, entitled 'Oscar and Ben.' We are excited to offer you the opportunity to purchase signed copies of this new release. We will be taking orders up until the **14th October**. If you would like your child to have a book, please order and pay via ParentPay. Books will be given out on the day.

E.L.S.A. - Gripping Yarns Visit

On Monday 11th October, Gripping Yarns will be performing 'Ooo-oo's Tales', to Reception and KS1 children on feelings. 'Ooo-oo's Tales' was written for Cheshire Education to address emotional literacy with Early Years and employs action songs, poetry, sign language and a baby chimpanzee puppet to hold its audience and deliver its message. Helping children to think positively about their feelings seems particularly important.

Reception coffee morning

On Wednesday 13th October there will be a coffee morning from 9 - 10am for all Reception parents in the school hall, with a talk by Miss Groarke and Miss Quinn on phonics and an introduction to the PTA.



PTA Fun Ball Friday Lottery



Today was the 5th PTA Fun Ball Friday draw of the autumn term. Today's lucky ball was number 34.

Congratulations to the Parent of Isla and Angus (Year 4 and 1). 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!