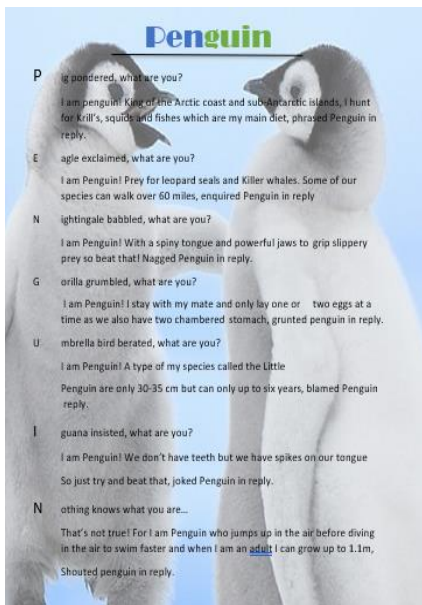


## Focus.....Year 6

What an incredible start our Year 6 children have made to the new school year! Last week, lots of them delivered excellent speeches in order to apply for the roles of House Captains for 23-24, and for the roles of School Councillors. We are very proud of every single one of them for their positive start and we are very excited to read their Prefect application letters so we can decide who gets to do which exciting Prefect jobs this year.

In our English lessons, the children have produced some fantastic poetry inspired by the beautiful book 'The Lost Words' by Robert MacFarlane. We spent a great deal of time on perfecting our final drafts of a call and response poem in the style of 'Raven' and then typed them up beautifully for display. Just look at Audrey's 'Penguin' and Connie's 'Toucan' poems!



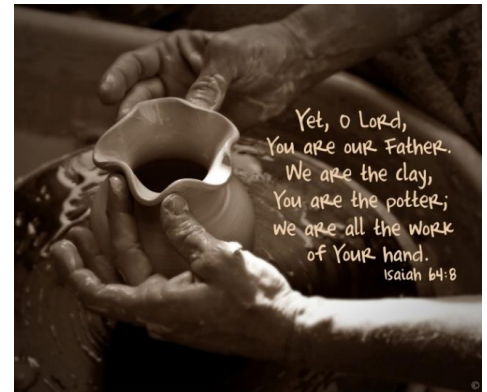
Mrs Bullen and Mrs Fitzpatrick are so very proud and think we have definitely earned a lovely weekend, before we go again on Monday with another busy week!

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

## Time to Reflect by Mrs Davies



This week, when we gathered as a whole school, we discussed the story Jeremiah and the work God had asked him to do.

This story told the children how God was like a potter moulding Jeremiah into the person he should be and reminding him if things went wrong, it was alright to start again.

Something for us all to reflect on...

## 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	Henry	Annabelle	Albert – for a fantastic first two weeks at school.
Year 1	Peyton	Milan	Oscar – brilliant writing about the 'Colour Monster'
Year 2	Eva F	Theo F	Ariah – taking part in lessons and putting her hand up.
Year 3	Roisin	Noah	Beatrice – amazing geography work.
Year 4	Edward C	Hattie	Sadie – always giving her very best!
Year 5	Caylem	Jeswin	Freddie – an excellent attitude in all lessons.
Year 6	Kyra	Elise	Isla – for a fantastic poem about a platypus.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we've come to the end of our second 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. Yesterday, I interviewed every Year 6 for the different prefect roles we have in school. I was very impressed with their letters of application and the confidence they had to come to my office for a mini interview. Well done all Year 6 - you were amazing! It is going to be a very hard job deciding who gets which job with Mrs Bullen and Mrs Fitzpatrick.

The weather has certainly been mixed this week. Our first week we had amazing sunshine and this week rain...and lots of it! Next week please ensure your child has a coat with them every day in school as we will try to get outside at lunchtime and playtimes, whatever the weather is like. **Please remember to name everything.** It is taking a lot of adult time to match unnamed clothing to children and we already have a lot of lost property that is not named.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

Miss Groarke and all the staff at St. Vincent's.

## School Councillors

During the first week of term, children from Year 2 to Year 6 have been standing for our School Council. In assembly today all children who put themselves forward and gave a speech for School Council were congratulated by all staff and peers, but as a democracy each class could only have two members.

The votes were counted and our School councillors for 2023-2024 are: -

Year Group	School Councillors
Year 2	Harry and Pippa
Year 3	Sebby and Thomas
Year 4	Edward W and Noah
Year 5	Santi and Imogen
Year 6	Connie and Elliott



I am sure our newly appointed School councillors will do a wonderful job in the year ahead.

## House Captains and Vice Captains

Last Friday all the children from Year 1 to Year 6 went into their house groups to vote for House Captains and Vice Captains.

House Captains are children from Year 6 and Vice-Captains are from Year 5. Well done to everyone who put themselves forward and gave speeches in front of their houses.

The votes were counted and our House Captains and Vice Captains for 2023-2024 are:



	House Captain	Vice-Captain
<b>St. Andrew</b>	Lexie	Ferreira
<b>St. George</b>	Harry	Mae
<b>St. David</b>	Georgie	Elliott M
<b>St. Patrick</b>	Alice	Harry

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## House Points

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

St. Andrew	St. David	St. George	St. Patrick
19	14	16	23

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

## Attendance

Reception	98.8%	Year 4	95.3%
Year 1	<b>99.3%</b>	Year 5	<b>99.3%</b>
Year 2	97.3%	Year 6	96.3%
Year 3	99.2%		

**WELL DONE YEAR 1 and YEAR 5 – AMAZING ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!**

## Artis

This week we welcomed back Artis into school. 'Crunchie' took lessons with every class on Wednesday. The Artis approach is that all children are physically engaged in the learning process: they act, sing and dance the curriculum. Please ask your child about the fun they had.



## Stay and Read

On Wednesday was our first stay and read for this school year. It was lovely to see so many mums, dads, grandmas and grandpas reading with the children.



## Birthday Wishes!

Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO  
IS  
**5**  
Reggie

LOOK WHO  
IS  
**7**  
Leo

LOOK WHO  
IS  
**11**  
Connie

## KS2 Love Music Trust Choir

On Wednesday night, we had our first Choir session with Mr Stannard from Love Music Trust. The children took part with lots of enthusiasm and we are looking forward to hearing them perform as the year progresses. Here is what a couple of children thought:

Maison (Y6): Choir was a really exciting experience. Personally, my favourite song was either 'Motorway Cones' or 'Pirate Ship is coming'. I even said a line by myself!

AraOluwa(Y3): I enjoyed Choir. My favourite song was 'Motorway Cones'.



## 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/school-meals/free\\_school\\_meals.aspx](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx) or contact Mrs Watson in the school office

## Earrings Reminder

As stated in our Uniform Policy, for reasons of health and safety and safe keeping, NO jewellery should be worn at school. I would like no earrings in school but if ears have been recently pierced only a pair of very small plain stud earrings are allowed but please ensure these are removed on PE and swimming days.

## Altar Servers

Would your child like to become an altar server. We already have some children who currently altar serve within school, and some who have left who are still altar servers. These children will help train the new altar servers. We now only have two Masses to altar serve at 9am and 11am. As an altar server, Father asks that your child commits to serving at Church at least once a month and need to be in Church at least 10 minutes before Mass. This is a wonderful way for children to take part in our Church community. If you are interested in supporting your child to become an altar server please see Miss Groarke and she will pass your details onto the Altar serving WhatsApp group.

## St Vincent De Paul RC Church, Knutsford

- Saturday (Vigil Mass of Sunday) – 5:45 pm at St. Winefride's, Lymm
- Sunday – 9:00 am (Knutsford)
- Sunday – 10:30 am (Lymm)
- Sunday – 11:00 am (Knutsford)

Masses at Lymm: There is a Vigil Mass at 5.45pm on Saturdays and Mass at 10.30am on Sunday mornings at St Winefride's Booths Hill Rd Lymm, WA13 0DL that you are welcome to attend if they are more convenient instead of attending St. Vincent's. Below is the link for the Wednesday Word. The Primary School Wednesday Word is an outreach which shares Sunday's Gospel with **all school families**, in a unique way.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/forgiveness?pid=MTA101634&v=102.6>

**Enquiry Group:** Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith? The Enquiry Group will start meeting again later this year. If you would like to know more, please speak to Fr David.

**Catenians:** This Sunday the Catenians will talk about their work and invite new members at both the Masses at St. Vincent's Church – 9am and 11am. Please do come along.

<b>The Week Ahead</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>End Time</b>
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>		
Y5 Forest Schools	PM	
Y4 Love Music Trust Wider Opportunities Music Lesson	PM	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) <a href="http://www.drsportsclubs.co.uk">www.drsportsclubs.co.uk</a>	15:30	16:30
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>		
Whole School Mass, School Hall – all welcome.	09:30	10:30
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>		
Y1/Y2 Stay and Read Session	9:05	9:20
KS2 Love Music Trust After School Choir - sign up via ParentPay	15:25	16:30
D.R. Sports – Netball/Basketball (Y1-Y6) <a href="http://www.drsportsclubs.co.uk">www.drsportsclubs.co.uk</a>	15:30	16:30
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>		
Rock Steady Music		
Y3/Y4 Eco Club with Miss Hyland – sign up via ParentPay	15:30	16:30
Y1 & Y2 board and card game club - sign up via ParentPay	15:30	16:30
Y4/Y5/Y6 Cross Country Club at Knutsford academy	15:45	17:00
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>		
Y3/Y4 Swimming – payment via ParentPay	PM	
Y4/Y5/Y6 Netball with Mrs Davies/Miss Liddy - email School office	15:30	16:30
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football <a href="http://www.drsportsclubs.co.uk">www.drsportsclubs.co.uk</a>	15:30	16:30

\* DR Sports After School Clubs are booked directly through their website at [www.drsportsclubs.co.uk](http://www.drsportsclubs.co.uk)



## Summer Reading Challenge



Congratulations to everyone who took part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge during the holidays. I have given many Headteacher awards this week to children who have brought in their certificates to show me. There is still time all next week to bring in your certificate and get your Headteacher award if you took part.

## Forest Schools



Year 6 had their first Forest School session of the year with Miss Hughes this week, where we did some (very mucky!!) practical work linked to our new Geography topic of 'Rivers'. Using all natural materials, we created models of our own river systems in groups and then poured water down them to test them out! Some of us definitely needed a bath on Monday evening!