

Focus on.....Reception



The final week of term has been a very busy one for Reception. We started with our amazing KS1 Nativity Performance. The children sang and performed brilliantly and we were so proud of them! In R.E. this week, we have been learning about when the angels came to see the shepherds to tell them the good news about baby Jesus being born. We created some beautiful artwork to represent this. In our Class Worship, we reflected on this event and discussed what it might have been like that night in the stable. We talked about what we might have been able to see, hear and even smell! We spent some quality time with our lovely Year 4 buddies this week. We played lots of different games with them and enjoyed their company before the Christmas break. We are already excited to see them again in the New Year. We have also enjoyed lots of Christmas activities this week. Meeting Father Christmas and enjoying our party was a real highlight. We have also had lots of fun making Christmas cards for our families and making decorations for our trees.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

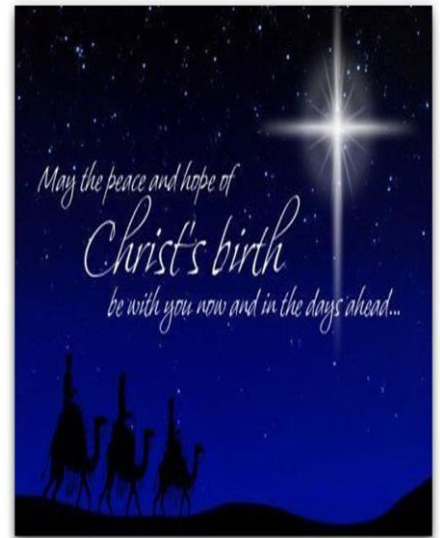
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Believe, Trust and Be Ready
 "That they may have life, and to the full" John 10:10

Time to Reflect by Mrs Davies



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	Amelia	Robyn	Anton – for settling so well into school life at St. Vincent's.
Year 1	Mia	Leonardo	Lillie Mae – amazing effort and singing in our Nativity.
Year 2	Milan	Evelyn	Eva – always works hard and listens to advice!
Year 3	Stanley	Harryett	Robyn – always having an amazing attitude!
Year 4	Sadie	Martha	Alissa – super effort and attitude to work.
Year 5	Olivia Co	Daniel	Jeswin – a fantastic attitude all term.
Year 6	Harvey	Jacob	Daisy – for always setting a great example and being a pleasure to teach!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe it – the end of the autumn term and Christmas is on Monday! As this is the last newsletter of the term and 2023, may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this term. Thank you also to all the staff who have gone that extra mile to make this term and Christmas so special for all your children - they are all truly amazing. It has been such a busy and festive final week filled with lots of plays, parties, and a carol service. It has been lovely seeing lots of happy, smiling children at all these events.

Many thanks indeed to everyone for your wonderful generosity this term – your help and support is greatly appreciated. Thank you also for your kind words, cards, gifts and good wishes.

Wishing you all a happy and holy Christmas with your families and loved ones. Stay safe and we'll see you back in the New Year on Monday 8th January 2024. Have a lovely holiday.

God Bless,

Miss Groarke and everyone at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School

'The Bethlehem Star' - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

The youngest children in our school blew us away with their beaming smiles, fantastic acting and enthusiastic singing on Tuesday. We could not have been any prouder of our children as they acted out 'The Bethlehem Star'. I am sure you will all agree, they all did an amazing job and it has truly warmed our hearts ready for Christmas! Thank you to all the staff who put so much into this production and thank you to the children who did us proud. From the Christmas performances and Carol service we collected £480.80 for CAFOD and Caritas. Thank you for your generosity.



Christmas parties

Thursday was Christmas party day! Reception, Year 1 and 2 played lots of different games such as musical statues and pass the parcel and had a surprise visit from Father Christmas.



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
14	21	24	18

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



Attendance

Reception	91.6%	Year 4	93.2%
Year 1	94.5%	Year 5	94.5%
Year 2	94.3%	Year 6	97.3%
Year 3	93.2%		

**WELL DONE YEAR 6 – AMAZING ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!
AND A SPECIAL WELL DONE TO YEAR 5 FOR THEIR ATTENDANCE THIS TERM – 98%**

Reading competition Reception and Year 1

Congratulations to all the children in Reception and Year 1 who took part in a very special Christmas reading challenge. Over 20 children sent in pictures of them reading their reading book in front of either a Christmas tree or a Christmas decoration and had them uploaded onto Tapestry. I loved seeing all the Christmas trees and even children reading to snowmen in the garden – well done parents for embracing this competition. All the children who took part received a certificate in assembly this week. They then had their names put into a lucky dip for a special prize which was won by Aiden and Nathan (YR) and Milan (Y1) – well done!



Travelling Cribs

We have celebrated the third week of Advent in school. The travelling cribs have been taken home and it has been lovely to see that the true meaning of Christmas is being discussed. We have had a lot of amazing pictures with our travelling cribs and the prayers written have been very thoughtful. Here are just few:



CE leisure facilities consultation

A reminder please to complete the survey. The use of Cheshire East (CE) leisure centres is part of the ongoing Strategic Leisure Review being conducted by CE which could have huge implications for our school and particularly the access to swimming lessons. The review is to try and identify where and how CE can make significant savings in terms of its leisure services and the consultation is therefore important to help shape the next steps. The current consultation runs until 7/1/24 – we ask if you can find a few minutes to complete and maybe consider adding this to your newsletters to encourage them to partake. [Leisure consultation \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/leisure-consultation)

The Catenians - New Year Disco Party theme for children

The Catenians would like to invite the children of St.Vincent's school and parish to this year's children's event in the New Year. This year the event is a New Year Disco Party theme and will be a fun packed afternoon of music, dance and games. The event will take place on Sunday 14th January, 2pm to 4pm, at Charlton Lodge (the new Scout HQ) on the Moor. The event as always is free for St.Vincent's children but we have limited places so booking is essential at events@knutsford.p17catenians.org



PTA Fun Ball Friday Lottery

Today was the last PTA Fun Ball Friday draw of the Autumn Term. Today's lucky ball was number 49. Congratulations to the parents of Charlie (Y5) and George (Y3) who won £50!

Our extremely successful **Fun Ball Friday** will continue after Christmas. We will run it from 12th January until 29th March inclusive – 12 weeks. Each lotto number costs £2 a week, purchased via ParentPay, or you could pay £20 upfront for the 12 weeks and get two draws free! (Only available until 5pm on 11th January 2024) There is no limit to the number of balls you can purchase. It's as simple as that! If your number gets drawn (on a Friday), your child gets to choose a ball and you get to collect a cheque for the winnings from the office the following Monday. Winners are announced in Friday's Newsletters. It's such an easy fun way to raise money for our school and each week someone wins a cash prize and a child wins a ball. What's not to love?! Please sign up and enter the draw today via ParentPay. Good Luck!

Christmas Hamper Raffle

A big thank you to all Year Group parents for their generosity, tremendous time and effort that went into organising their Christmas Hampers. They all looked amazing!

Winners were:

Reception – Aurora (Reception)

Year 1 – Mrs Watson

Year 2 – Benjamin (Y2)

Year 3 – Maya (Y4) and Patrick (Rec)

Year 4 – Isla (Y6) and Evie (Y4)

Year 5 – Thomas (Y5)

Year 6 – Leland (Y6)

The Christmas hampers made a whopping £1298. The class that had a treat from Miss Groarke was Year 4 who sold 177 tickets –making £354! A massive thank you to all our Year Group parents for their contributions and to everyone that bought tickets.

Revised figures from our Christmas Fair show that we made a brilliant £1,610!! Thank you to Kirstie Drake who managed to sell leftover gifts well after the event.

We raised £114.90 from the sale of our leftover Gingerbread men this past Wednesday! Amazing! Thank you to Fiona Simister who decorated them and to our lovely volunteer mums who helped sell them after school.

Well, what can we say, this first quarter has been a massively successful one for our school PTA. Thanks to everyone's help and generosity, we have managed to raise over £4k for our school. We appreciate the support of all our parents, especially to those who've really stepped up this year and taken on more responsibility. We are so grateful.

Birthday Wishes!

Many happy returns for this week and over the Christmas holidays:

LOOK WHO IS 5 Georgia	LOOK WHO IS 6 Charlie	LOOK WHO IS 7 Evelyn	LOOK WHO IS 8 Stanley Layla-Grace AraOluwa	LOOK WHO IS 9 Darcy Grace F Ethan	LOOK WHO IS 10 Elliot Mae	LOOK WHO IS 11 Leland Eoin Elise Matthew Mikolaj
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The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 8th January 2024		
Back to School	08:55	
Y6 Forest Schools	PM	
Y4 Wider Opportunities Music – please remember instruments	PM	
Multi sports (DR Sports)	15:25	16:30
Recorder Club	15:25	16:00
Tuesday 9th January		
PTA Uniform Sale		
Wednesday 10th January		
D.R. Sports After school Club	15:25	16:30
Thursday 11th January		
Rock Steady Music		
PTA Meeting – venue to be confirmed. All welcome	19:30	20:30
Friday 12th January		
Y3/Y4 Swimming	PM	
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football	15:25	16:30

* DR Sports After School Clubs are booked directly through their website at www.drsportsclubs.co.uk

Christmas Cards and Calendar made by:

Year 6

Year 4



Father David and St. Vincent's Church

[St Vincent De Paul RC Church, Knutsford \(stvincentsknutsford.org\)](http://stvincentsknutsford.org)

Masses at Knutsford: Sunday – 9:00 am and 11:00 am **CHRISTMAS MASSES AT ST VINCENT'S:** Vigil Mass 5pm and Midnight Mass at 9pm on Christmas Eve - there will be Carols before 9pm Mass; 11am on Christmas morning.

Masses at Lymm: Vigil Mass at St Winefride's, Booths Hill Rd, Lymm, WA13 0DL at 5.45pm on Saturdays. There will be a Vigil Mass preceded by Carols from 6.30pm in Lymm on Christmas Eve and 9am on Christmas morning.

MUMS AND TOTS AT ST. VINCENT'S PARISH CENTRE All preschool aged children and parents/carers are welcome every Friday (except the first Friday of the month) at the Parish Centre from 10am until 12.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS each Saturday from 11.30am-Noon

CLOTHES FOR REFUGEES: We would welcome donations of Autumn and Winter men's clothes particularly jumpers, socks and footwear. Leave at back of Church.