

Focus on.....Year 5

Year 5 have had a busy week, starting off with improving our map skills in Forest Schools. Despite the cold, everyone did a great job with their 6-grid reference activity and made a 6-point compass out of sticks!

In RE, we have started our new topic about Inspirational People. After looking at some scripture about how Jesus is the most inspirational person that the world has ever seen, the children did some beautiful art work which is up on display in our classroom.

We have really enjoyed our new book that we are reading in English, "Holes" by Louis Sachar and have produced some great non-chronological reports all about the venomous yellow spotted lizards!



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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



For the last two weeks the focus was on 'The Baptism of the Lord' and John the Baptist. When we are baptised we join God's family. We are all God's children and God loves us very much. In School, we teach our children to show that same love and kindness to each other.

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	Theo	Aiden	Thomas – for having such a fantastic attitude to his learning.
Year 1	Oliver	Sophia	Leonardo – wowing Miss Billington and Mrs Dowler. Always contributing to class discussions.
Year 2	Violet	Harry	Edward – for super answers in class this week.
Year 3	Oliver C	William	Layla – an amazing setting description.
Year 4	Evie	Thomas	Noah – super engagement in lessons.
Year 5	Harry	Joel	Jeswin – great work with Mrs Brown in english.
Year 6	Daniel	Eoin	Connie – fantastic and efficient reasoning in maths.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe that it's Friday already! The weather has certainly been changeable and wintery – where did all that snow come from on Tuesday? This week, as usual, has been very busy with the added addition of playing in the snow as well as all our usual lessons and Wider Opportunities Music lessons, Artis, Rock Steady and P.E. with Coach Dave. I have also been in every class this week and seen all the children trying their best at lots of different subjects, and also taken reading groups from Reception, who have amazed me with their phonics. Lots of children have visited me for Headteachers Awards for amazing writing, maths, science work, listening skills and singing. Well done everyone!

After the snow on Tuesday, it came to my attention that Manor Park South and Higher Downs are not on Cheshire East gritting plan. Please could I ask all parents and carers to either call Cheshire East Highways on 0300 123 5020 – option 1 or go online and ask for Manor Park South and Higher Downs to be gritted. This junction and the hill are very dangerous. The more people who request for it to be gritted the better chance we will have of getting it on the gritting plan. [Gritting and snow clearance \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](http://cheshireeast.gov.uk), select report a problem online and then add details.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

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

Snow

On Tuesday everyone enjoyed the snow.



Y5/Y6 Sports Hall Athletics

Lats night, some Y5 and Y6 children attended the biggest sports event of the school year – the sports hall athletics competition at Knutsford Academy. After several weeks of training in P.E., the St. Vincent's Sports Team earned 2nd place against 5 other local schools! The children were fantastic and a real credit to our school.



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. David	St. Andrew	St. George	St. Patrick
22	24	17	21

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

Attendance

Reception	99%	Year 4	99.7%
Year 1	96.6%	Year 5	98.7%
Year 2	95%	Year 6	98.1%
Year 3	98.4%		

WELL DONE YEAR 4 – AMAZING ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Paul Sturgess

Next Tuesday, Paul Sturgess will be visiting school. He is a former member of the world-famous Harlem Globetrotters and is 2.35m tall. He is recognised as being the 'Tallest Professional Basketball Player in the World'. Over the last year he has been in national media for also being recognised as 'Britain's Tallest Man'. He is not only passionate about basketball, but also towards inspiring the next generation, and through the basketball visits it is his main aim to expose children to the sport along with reinforcing very positive messages through workshops.

Cost of living Crisis, support information

The link below contains everything from Cheshire East linked to the cost of living. All grants and funding streams that there are. <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/costofliving>

Warm PlaCEs Centres

Cheshire East wants to do more for its residents this winter to ensure residents are warm and to ease some of the unprecedented pressures on people at this time of year due to rising costs. Warm PlaCEs are places where people can come together to stay warm, perhaps enjoy a cuppa or a bowl of soup.

Find your nearest Warm PlaCE by visiting: [Warm places - keeping Cheshire East warm](#) or contact socialfranchise@cheshireeast.gov.uk for more details.

Sacramental Programme First Meeting – Year 3

The first of our Parish meetings for parents and carers of children taking part in the Sacramental programme will take place on Wednesday 31st January at 7pm in St. Vincent's Church Hall.



PTA Fun Ball Friday Lottery

Today was the second PTA Fun Ball Friday draw of the Spring Term. Today's lucky ball was number 15. Congratulations to parents of Molly (Y4) and Mia (Y1).

Each lotto number costs £2 a week, purchased via ParentPay. 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!

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 22nd January		
Y4 Forest Schools	AM	
Reception Forest Schools	PM	
Y4 Wider Opportunities Music – please remember instruments	PM	
D.R. Sports After School Club	15:25	16:30
Recorder Club	15:25	16:00
Tuesday 23rd January		
Basketball WOW Day workshops – all classes		
Wednesday 24th January		
R/Y1/Y2 Stay and Read Session	9:05	9:20
D.R. Sports After school Club	15:25	16:30
KS2 Love Music Trust Choir – sign up via ParentPay	15:25	16:25
Thursday 25th January		
Rock Steady Music		
Rock Steady Music Concert , School Hall	14:30	15:15
Y5/Y6 Sports Hall Athletics , Knutsford Academy	14:45	17:00
Friday 26th January		
Y3/Y4 Swimming	PM	
D.R. Sports – After School KS2 Football	15:25	16:30

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

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week:

LOOK WHO IS 6 Lyra	LOOK WHO IS 8 Marissa	LOOK WHO IS 9 William	LOOK WHO IS 10 Vasylii Daniel	LOOK WHO IS 11 Max Georgie
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St. Vincent's out of school club – 8am – 6pm They provide a breakfast and after school club each weekday during school term time for children aged 2 and above. [St Vincent's Pre-school - Out of School Club \(stvincentspreschool.co.uk\)](http://stvincentspreschool.co.uk)



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

Masses at Lymm: Vigil Mass at St Winefride's, Booths Hill Rd, Lymm, WA13 0DL at 5.45pm on Saturdays.

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