

Focus on.....Year 1

What a busy half term we have had in Year 1! In English, we have been looking at the book 'The Lion inside'. We have really enjoyed this book and it has really helped to improve our writing. We have been doing lots of creative writing and character descriptions and have even had a go at using question marks and exclamation marks in our writing! We are looking forward to writing our final diary entry as the mouse after half term.

On Monday, we had Forest School and as part of our science topic we are learning about materials. So, this week we had to help Miss Hughes tidy the forest school area and sort the items we found based on what material they were made from. We then had a go at testing if the materials were waterproof or not. We had so much fun!

This half term we have been exploring colour mixing in Art. Our final masterpieces are our own plate created in the style of Clarence Cliff. They look amazing!



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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



Ash Wednesday (14th February) marked the start of Lent. Lent is the period of six weeks (40 days not including Sundays) leading up to Easter, the most important festival in the Christian calendar. The last week of Lent is called Holy Week. Lent allows Christians to remember Jesus's fasting in the desert. It is a time of giving things up or doing something extra for the benefit of others. On Ash Wednesday, many Christian churches hold services during which Christians are marked on the forehead with a cross of ashes. This is a sign of saying sorry to God for any wrongdoing. Our children have all made their own Lenten promises and these were offered up in our Ash Wednesday service celebrated by Father David in school.

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	Annabelle	Lily	Henry – brilliant number work!
Year 1	Amandine	Jack	Florence O – brilliant contributions to class discussions and always putting her hand up!
Year 2	Rhea	Stanley	Kian – for being a great member of Y2!
Year 3	Sebby	Loughlin	Robyn – making amazing progress at swimming!
Year 4	Daisy	Grace F	Thomas – for all round excellent effort.
Year 5	Ethan B	Caylem	Ayla – fantastic effort in Maths. Keep it up!
Year 6	Harry	Alice	Harvey – a much improved overall effort in lessons.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Half term already, and half the academic year gone! Thank you to all the children and staff for all their hard work this year so far; it has truly been a productive and busy time. Have a wonderful week off whatever you are planning to do and we look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 26th February.

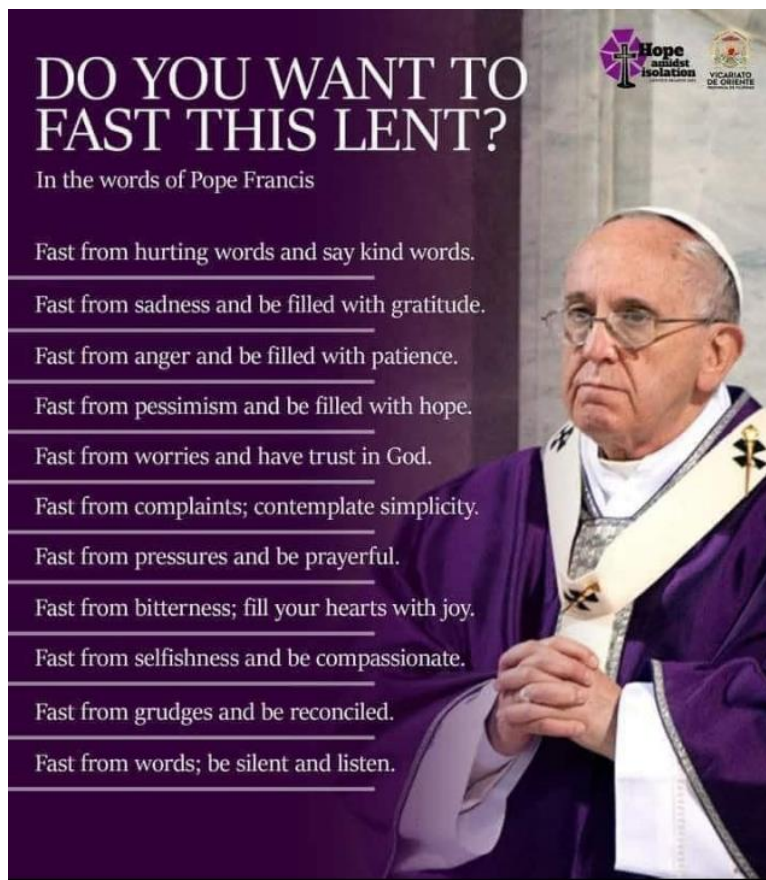
Have a lovely holiday.

God bless,

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

Lenten Reflections

Lent is the time in the Church's year when we prepare for the great feast of Easter. We will be starting up daily Lenten Prayer sessions each morning in the school hall before school begins, from 8.45am to 8.55am. These sessions will start on **Wednesday 28th February** – so please do join us if you can. The sessions are open to pupils, parents, grandparents, family and friends and they really are a lovely way to start each day. You should have received your Lenten Calendar which was sent home with the children on Wednesday this week. Please have a look at this and pin it up so you can share together every day throughout Lent as a family.



DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?
In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words; be silent and listen.

Hope amidst isolation
VICARIATO DEL CENTRO

The poster features a photograph of Pope Francis in purple vestments, looking thoughtful with his hands clasped. The background is a dark purple with white text. In the top right corner, there are two logos: one for 'Hope amidst isolation' and another for 'VICARIATO DEL CENTRO'.

Morning Routine

Staff will be on the playground from 8.50am each morning for any quick important chats/messages. Appointments should be made via Mrs Watson in the school office for any meeting you require that will take longer than this. Children need to be on the playground and ready to line up in their class groups when the whistle blows at 8.55am. Once the whistle has been blown, we ask that all parents/carers step back away from the children and their class lines so that the children can hear their teachers. If you arrive after the school bell, children will need to enter school via the front door and be signed in by a parent/carer. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March We would love the children to dress up as something/someone from a non-fiction book that they have read and enjoyed or been inspired by. This could be a famous figure from history, an inventor, an animal they enjoyed reading about, a construction worker from their favourite book about diggers, a famous civil rights campaigner, someone from a biography they have read – the list is endless! Children should come to school with the book they have used as their inspiration for World Book Day. We kindly ask that children do not wear football kits.

Residential payments - Robinwood (Year 5/6), Petty Pool (Year 4) and Fox Howl (Year 3)

Thank you for all payments made towards the residentials so far. Please note there is some financial help for those who need it – please contact Miss Groarke to discuss this.

Y5/Y6 ROBINWOOD: 11th – 13th March. Please ensure full payment is received via ParentPay **by 29th February 2024.**

Y4 PETTY POOL: 29th April – 1st May

Y3 FOX HOWL: 9th – 10th May

Please ensure that all payments and permissions are made via ParentPay, and all Form C Medical Forms are completed and returned to the class teacher after they are issued.

Year 4 class assembly



Today it was our class assembly. We worked hard to learn our words and our acting parts. Singing the song was great fun. Some of us want to sing to audiences when we are older. We used the microphone so everyone could hear us speak our parts. Mrs Davies and Mrs Beaver thought we were all brilliant!

Year 2 visit to Weaver Hall

'Year 2 went to Weaver Hall and the servant Peg showed us how to empty the Jordan, which is like a toilet', by Joe.

'Year 2 went to Weaver Hall Museum and we met a servant called Peg. She told us about Samuel Pepys and how the houses in the olden days were made. She also told us how they burned down', by Rhea.



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
17	20	22	18

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

Attendance

Reception	89.5%	Year 4	92.9%
Year 1	93.5%	Year 5	87.4%
Year 2	96.7%	Year 6	98.5%
Year 3	90.8%		

WELL DONE YEAR 6 – BRILLIANT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!



PTA Fun Ball Friday Lottery Today was the sixth PTA Fun Ball Friday draw of the Spring Term. Today's lucky ball was number 10. Congratulations to parents of Marissa (Y3).

Dates for the diary... Tuesday 27th Feb: second-hand school uniform sale in the hall from 8:30am - 9:30am.

Thursday 7th March: PTA meeting, 7:30pm at The Angel on King Street. All are very welcome.

Friday 15th March: Save the Date for Bonkers Bingo! This will be a Year 6 parent-led event for KS2 children. Kids will not want to miss this one! More info to follow.

Monday, 18th March - Friday, 22nd March: Book Fair. We are on the lookout to recruit some volunteers to help us out after school at our Book Fair. An hour of your time after school one day that week would be enormously helpful. Please let Kirstie Drake or the ladies in the office know if you're interested. Many thanks.

Y3/Y4 Sports Hall Athletics



Congratulations to the children who attended, and won, the competition for the second year running. The children had practised for 3 weeks in PE before attending the event and have been very focused and determined in preparation for the event. I think anyone who watched the event would agree that their attitude and application was outstanding.

I was very proud of the children and I am sure all the parents were too. Coach Dave

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week and over half term:

LOOK WHO IS
5
Amelia

LOOK WHO IS
7
Rose
Archie

LOOK WHO IS
8
Jaxon
Thomas

LOOK WHO IS
9
Conor
Maya

LOOK WHO IS
10
Ethan B
Harrison

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 26th February		
Back to School	08:55	
'Scoot Fit' scooter workshops	ALL	DAY
Y6 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 27th February		
PTA Uniform Sale, School Hall	08:30	09:30
Wednesday 28th February		
Lenten Prayer, School Hall	08:45	08:55
R/Y1/Y2 Stay and Read Session	9:05	9:20
Y6 'What's my Job?'	AM	
D.R. Sports After school Club	15:25	16:30
KS2 Love Music Trust Choir	15:25	16:25
Thursday 29th February		
Lenten Prayer, School Hall	08:45	08:55
Year 4 parents information meeting for Petty Pool residential, school hall	09:00	
Rock Steady Music	ALL	DAY
Friday 1st March		
Lenten Prayer, School Hall	08:45	08:55
Y5/Y6 Swimming – sign up and payment via ParentPay	PM	
Extra Rock Steady Music Day – missed session at Christmas		
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



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