

Focus on.....Reception



What a fantastic first week back after Spring Half Term it has been! We have started our new topic "In the Garden" by reading a fantastic book called the Tiny Seed by Eric Carle. In this book we have learned lots about the changes in seasons and the life cycle of plants and flowers. We have been learning about the parts of a plant and the special job that each of them has. The children then made some beautiful artwork. We started with some very messy splatter painting and then used tissue paper to create the flowers, we think they look absolutely beautiful and can't wait to put them on display in our classroom.

In Maths this week we have been learning all about measure. We have been using language to make comparisons of length. We compared different lengths of ribbons and then we drew around our feet and cut them out. We then explored the classroom to find things that were longer than and shorter than our feet. We also searched for things that were the same length.

In R.E. this week we have been focusing on kindness. We heard a story from the Bible that Jesus talked about someone who forgot to be kind. We reflected on this story and created posters to remind us of how we have been kind to others. We are going to try really hard to make sure that we are kind and helpful to our friends and family during Lent.



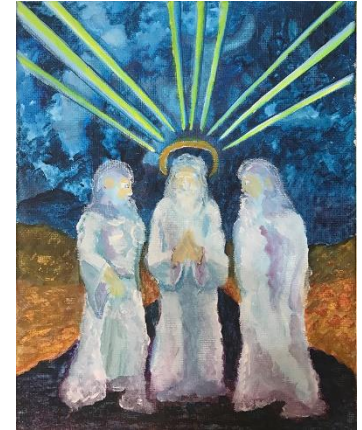
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Believe, Trust and Be Ready
 "That they may have life, and to the full" John 10:10

Time to Reflect by Mrs Davies



This week, Mark 9:2-10 tells us about the transfiguration and how the disciples' lives are changed by what happened on the mountain. They now know just how special Jesus really is – that he is God's Son. We are also reminded our lives are changed by Jesus too. Jesus lives in all of us. He asks us to always try to do what is right, to stand up for what we believe in and to help other people. Jesus calls us to show God's love to others.

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	Christian	Amelia	Georgia – for fantastic work with phonics and writing.
Year 1	Narla	Tyler	Lyra – amazing confidence when retelling 'The Lion Inside' with actions.
Year 2	Evie	Charlie	Leo – trying hard in English. Some great ideas.
Year 3	Stanley	Carys	Oliver T-P – absolutely amazing history work.
Year 4	Mark	Maya	Alice – excellent attitude towards all work.
Year 5	Lottie	Michael	Heidi – fantastic newspaper report in English.
Year 6	Elise	Leland	Jacob – for working incredibly hard on the quality of his writing.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. I hope you all had a lovely half term. I had an amazing time in Rome and will be telling the children all about it over the next few weeks. All our children have come back with renewed energy levels and have shown great enthusiasm in class. The school grounds are also changing with lots of signs of Spring. It is lovely seeing the start of the daffodils and other plants around school and frogspawn in the pond area. All areas around school are changing as Spring is appearing in God's wonderful world. Please take time this weekend as a family to notice how your gardens are changing.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

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

Lenten Prayer

This week we have begun our daily acts of Lenten Prayer before school starts. It has been a beautiful way to begin each day and has provided us with the time to pray, pause and reflect in what can be very busy lives that we all lead. A special thank you to all the children who have prepared and led the reflections this week. Please join us if you can at 8.45 am in the school hall each day, all children, siblings, parents and carers are welcome. Please come in via the main office.

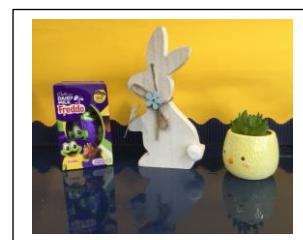
Year 6 'What's my Job?'

On Wednesday, the Year 6 classroom was full of visitors as we hosted a 'What's my job?' workshop. We were visited by ten different adults who work in lots of different careers at locations in the local area. Using the work we had done on asking open and closed questions, our task was to try to work out what their jobs were. It was a brilliant morning: we got to chat to lots of interesting people and it really opened our eyes to the world of work and how some locations provide a wide variety of career options. For example, one of the visitors worked at Manchester Airport but as a lawyer and one lady worked for Tatton Estate but as an events planner. We were very interested in the ladies who worked in cyber security and software design for Barclays Bank too! Thank you to the Community Engagement team at Manchester Airport for organising such an interesting workshop.



Mini Vinnies Lent Fundraiser

Our Mini Vinnies will be selling raffle tickets on the playground from Monday 4th March. Each ticket will cost 50p and funds raised will go towards Caritas Good Shepherd Appeal and CAFOD. Thank you for supporting our Mini Vinnies.



Reminder: 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.

Important – Please remember:

Please only email teachers directly with either responses to emails that they have sent to you or queries regarding the child's work. Any other requests, questions or notification of absence/leaving early etc. should be emailed directly to Mrs Watson at admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk



Blue Peter Badge Winner

I achieved my Blue Peter badge by answering lots of questions like who inspired me to play hockey, was my mum. She used to play hockey when she was in high school. I love hockey because I feel so happy when I play Hockey I feel free and Happy. That's how I got my Blue Peter badge.

St Vincent's Pre School Admissions

Any parents who have children who are due to start pre-school before September 2025, please ensure that you have completed an application form and returned this to the pre-school to ensure that their name is on the waiting list. Places are filling quickly. If you have any questions, please contact the Pre-school Manager Cath Davies on 01565 651948 or visit their website at www.stvincentspreschool.co.uk where you will find an application form.

Author Visit



Local author Kirstie Duncan visited KS1 children last week to read her fantastic new book 'The Bear and the Bat'. She spent time with each class and the children had the opportunity to ask her about life as an author. Parents were given the opportunity to buy a signed copy of the book, which is still available to buy via ParentPay.

Scout fit

On Monday, Scout Fit visited school again and all classes took part in scooter workshops. 'We played football scoot. We had to tackle each other and dribble the ball', by Milan (Y2). 'It was good fun. James was funny and we had music', by Lola.



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
19	20	16	22

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

Attendance

Reception	99%	Year 4	90%
Year 1	98.3%	Year 5	97.4%
Year 2	94.1%	Year 6	93.1%
Year 3	98%		

WELL DONE RECEPTION – BRILLIANT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Rec/Y1 Artis Performance

On Wednesday next week, children in Reception and Year 1 will be doing a short 'Artis' performance for parents in the school hall at 3pm.

Internet safety talk for parents

Please save the date – Thursday 14th March as PCSO Carlos Paulo from Knutsford Police will be coming to do an Internet Safety talk for all parents at 3.30pm in the school hall. At least one parent/ carer from each family needs to attend as this is so important. We will be putting on a film evening in the classrooms for the children.

Netball Practice

Netball training will begin on Friday 8th March for boys and girls of children in Year 4, 5 and 6, straight after school and finishing at 4.15pm. Please let the office know if you would like a place for your child.



PTA Fun Ball Friday Lottery Today's PTA Fun Ball Friday lucky ball was number 24.

Congratulations to parents of Joe (Y2).

We are very excited to announce the return of our two favourite resident DJs Hughes & Hales, who will be hosting our **KS1 DISCO** on Friday 15th March from 5:30pm - 6:45pm in the school hall. £5 a ticket which includes a snack and drink can be purchased via ParentPay.

Straight after the disco they will be introducing something new: **KS2 BONKERS BINGO** from 7pm - 8:15pm, also in the school hall. £6 a ticket for sale via ParentPay, which includes a fun prize for all at the end.

Our next **PTA meeting** will be Thursday 7th March, 7:30pm at The Angel on King Street. Looking forward to having parents from each of our year groups there. All are very welcome.

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

LOOK
WHO IS

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James

LOOK
WHO IS

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Jacob

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 4th March		
Lenten Prayer, School Hall	08:45	08:55
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 5th March		
Lenten Prayer, School Hall	08:45	08:55
Year 1 'Stay and Learn' for parents/carers - Phonics Screening, School Hall	09:00	10:00
Wednesday 6th March		
Lenten Prayer, School Hall	08:45	08:55
Reception 'Stay and Learn' session for parents/carers, Reception classroom	09:00	10:00
Y3 Retreat to St Nicholas Catholic High School	ALL	DAY
Y1/Y2 Stay and Read Session	9:05	9:20
R/Y1 'Artis' Show, School Hall	15:00	15:15
D.R. Sports After School Club	15:25	16:30
KS2 Love Music Trust Choir	15:25	16:25
Thursday 7th March		
World Book Day		
Lenten Prayer, School Hall	08:45	08:55
Rock Steady Music	ALL	DAY
PTA Meeting , The Angel – all parents/carers welcome	19:30	20:30
Friday 8th March		
Lenten Prayer, School Hall	08:45	08:55
Y5/Y6 Swimming – sign up and payment via ParentPay	PM	
Y4/Y5/Y6 Netball practice – let the office know if your child wants to sign up.	15:25	16:15
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