

Focus on.....Year 3

This term has been very busy for Year 3. From doing science experiments with plants to help understand what a plant needs to grow, to learning more about the Stone Age in History. We have been composing our own pieces of music on glockenspiels and making sculptures in DT. We've also been very active this term, being Ninja Warriors and scooting on the playground.

Year 3 have been working hard during Holy Week and thinking about the story of Easter. We have spent a lot of time thinking about how Jesus would have felt each day leading up to Easter and used this knowledge when we did the stations of the cross.

We have been spending a lot of time this term preparing for our Sacrament of Reconciliation, which included a trip to St Nicholas High School. On Tuesday night, Year 3 had their Sacrament of Reconciliation which they all did splendidly. Well done Year 3!

5.3.24
I can join 2D
shapes to make
3D sculptures.



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

Time to Reflect



I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

John 11:25-26

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	Hugo	Reggie	Robyn – for trying hard in her reading.
Year 1	Oliver D	Oscar	Florence H – for wowing us with her phonics.
Year 2	Harry	Juliet	Pippa – amazing attitude to all her work.
Year 3	Henry	Marissa	William – working hard during Holy Week and in all subjects this term.
Year 4	Darcy	Molly	Hattie – working hard in everything she does.
Year 5	Albin	Daniel	Mae – great attitude to her work.
Year 6	Mikolaj	Douglas	Isla – a beautiful Holy Week blackout poem.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last night it was great to see our Year 3 children and others making their Sacrament of Reconciliation in Church with their families. It was a lovely, prayerful and reflective service. Thank you to everyone who attended and to Father David, Father Tony, Mrs Whitworth, Mrs Makin, Miss Hyland and Mr Galligan (on the guitar) who made it so special for them.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and holy Easter. Enjoy the holidays and take time to reflect on the true meaning of Easter.

Enjoy time with your families and friends and make happy memories!

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

Holy Week Lenten Reflections

Thank you very much indeed for your support of our Holy Week reflections each morning this week. The purpose of such reflections is to allow us to think about the events of Holy Week, culminating in the retelling this morning of the Crucifixion, led so sombrely and respectfully by our Year 6 pupils. The tone is set by the darkness and silence on entry and exit and I am so proud of the way our children lived up to the high expectations that we had of them. I hope you felt moved by the stories retold. I'm sure you will agree, the children provided us with much to reflect upon and re-told the Easter story most maturely and appropriately. We are very proud of each and every one of them. This is the reason for us being in school during Holy Week. It is a time when we can help to give our children a greater understanding and appreciation of our Catholic traditions.



Stations of the cross

Mrs Davies made a prayer trail of the Stations of the Cross in the school grounds. This week all classes took part in it. It was lovely to see all children in different weathers looking at the Stations of the Cross and reflecting on Jesus's journey to Calvary.



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
16	18	24	21

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

And our Spring Term Winners: **St Andrew**



Attendance

Reception	87.7%	Year 4	96.2%
Year 1	93.3%	Year 5	88.2%
Year 2	97.7%	Year 6	84.6%
Year 3	92%		

WELL DONE 2 – BRILLIANT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Attendance since September

Rewards were given to the class that had the for best attendance since September.

Well done Year 1.

Reception	93.5%	Year 4	96.2%
Year 1	96.9%	Year 5	96.8%
Year 2	96.2%	Year 6	95.9%
Year 3	96.7%		

Easter activities

Here are a few blackout poems linked to Holy Week from Year 6.



Reception

Reception have been role playing the different events of Holy week.



Easter Holidays DT and Art Competitions

I have attached information to this week's newsletter about the Easter Holidays DT and Art Competitions. We look forward to seeing your amazing artwork and DT creations after the holidays. Remember you need to enter the competitions for a chance of winning the prizes.

St Vincent's Pre- School Open Morning

They are now allocating places for September 2024 and will be holding an Open Morning on **Saturday 20th April** from 10am until 12pm. If you would like to attend to have a look around our wonderful setting, please contact cath@stvincentspreschool.co.uk Application forms can be found on there

<https://www.stvincentspreschool.co.uk/> along with further information.

St Vincent's Catenians Event

Join the St Vincent's Catenians for a fun St. George's "Champagne and Table Games" Fundraising Event for SVP Society on Friday April 26th from 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM at St. Vincent's Parish Hall. Enjoy champagne, table games, soft drinks, and nibbles for just £10. The event is open to all brothers as well as St. Vincent's parishioners and friends. Feel free to bring other drinks and try your luck at the raffle with proceeds benefiting SVP.

Contact events@knutsford.p17catenians.org



PTA Fun Ball Friday Lottery Today was the last PTA Fun Ball draw of the Spring Term. Today's lucky ball was number 20. Congratulations to the parents of Theo (Y2).

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Tuesday 16th April from 8:30-9:15am, we will be holding another **preloved school uniform sale** in the hall. We will send out a reminder but please come along if there are any extra uniform items you might be wanting. Likewise, if you have any uniform that your children have grown out of and you'd like to donate to our 2nd-hand shop, please drop these off with the ladies in the office. Thank you.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair. As a school we benefit from the sales by being able to choose a selection of free books for all classes. A big thank you to the PTA who gave up so much time to 'man' the stall.

The Big Listen

Ofsted are keen to hear from children, learners, parents and carers views through the Big Listen. If you have a few spares minutes please fill in this consultation as your views matter - Ofsted Big Listen - GOV.UK

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/ofsted-big-listen>

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week and over the Easter holidays:

LOOK
WHO IS

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Mia
Henry

LOOK
WHO IS

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Alfie

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WHO IS

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Judy

LOOK WHO IS

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Lottie Alice
Ferreira Malachy
Heidi Olivia Co

LOOK
WHO IS

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Harry Isla

The Week Ahead		Start Time	End Time
Monday 15th April			
Back to School		08:55	
Cricket – Y1-Y6			
Y1 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 16th April			
PTA preloved school uniform sale, School Hall		08:30	09:15
Wednesday 17th April			
R/Y1/Y2 – Stay and Read		09:05	09:15
LMT After School Choir Club – sign up via ParentPay		15:25	16:25
D.R. Sports – After School Club		15:25	16:30
Thursday 18th April			
Friday 19th April			
D.R. Sports – After School Club		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)

As we begin the 'Easter or Paschal Tridum' we recall the three days that Christ spent in the tomb and we look forward to the celebration of the great feast of Easter. During these three days there are three special opportunities to mark the importance of prayer and preparation for Easter at our Parish Church and they are as follows:

Holy Thursday:

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm

Traditionally we remember the Lord washing his disciples' feet during this Mass.

Good Friday: a day of fasting and abstinence.

Stations of the Cross Noon

Passion of the Lord 3.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: The collection at the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday goes to support the Christian Community in the Holy Land. We have seen the terrible suffering being endured there due to the war.

Holy Saturday: Saturday 30th March

Vigil & First Mass of Easter 7.30pm

Easter Sunday: Sunday 31st March

Masses at 9.00am and 11.00am