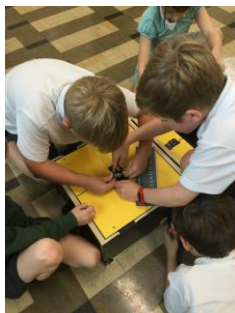


Focus on.....Year 3

This week in Year 3 we have enjoyed working hard together to complete lots of different things. On Monday, we all managed to complete the escape room maths challenge which involved lots of tricky maths problems and lots of small padlocks. We also played cricket this week which we have been enjoying over the last six weeks and our ability to hit the ball across the field has improved massively!

In RE, we have focused on the story of Moses and the Exodus. We have spent time retelling the story of Moses and also writing a diary entry to think deeper about how Moses would have felt when God spoke to him to send him on an important mission.

We have spent a lot of time this week practising for our First Holy Communion which is on Saturday, and we are all very excited too.



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

Gospel Values

Our gospel value this week is **Humility.**

To have humility is to recognise that everyone has different strengths, and that these are gifts from God. Humility is the first step towards learning, you can't learn until you are humble enough to realise there is something for you to learn. We should remember to apologise to others, accept advice and receive compliments graciously in life. True humility is not looking down on yourself but looking up to God.

Humility

is not thinking less of yourself
 but thinking of yourself less
 - CS Lewis

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	Gospel value: Humility	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Henry	Lily	Amelia – For being a lovely friend to others in the class.
Year 1	Isabella	Tyler	Freddie – For excellent handwriting.
Year 2	Derik	Elsie	Pippa – A fabulous diary entry for Sunny.
Year 3	Marissa	George	Oliver C – Amazing diary entry in R.E.
Year 4	Hattie	Annie	Max & Mark – Working fantastically in their scratch game together.
Year 5	Gianna	Mia	Ethan M – Fantastic instructions on how to escape.
Year 6	Audrey	Lexie-Mae	Jacoby – For always working hard and making positive contributions.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had an enjoyable half term with your children. I can't believe we are now in the final part of our school year; it certainly looks like the next few weeks ahead are going to be very busy! Tomorrow is a really special day for our Year 3 children as they make their First Holy Communion. Please keep all the children and their families in your prayers as they embark on this special journey. They will be presented to the Parish at 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday. Both events will be live streamed so if you can't join us in Church, you can join us online. <https://stvincentsknutsford.org/watch-online>
God bless,

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

Our Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

On Thursday afternoon our Year 6 received their long-awaited leavers hoodies. In Assembly today they all stood up and showed them to the rest of the school, they looked so proud and grown up with them on. We have reminded them that if it gets hot they need to take them off in school and that they are washable!



Maths Escape Rooms

On Monday we were joined by The Problem Solving Company to have a focus on team work and problem solving. All our KS2 classes used their problem-solving skills to break through the different stages of the Maths Escape Rooms. All children worked brilliantly in teams and the pleasure, concentration and determination on their faces as they worked through the puzzles was a delight to watch. The company were very impressed with the behaviour of our pupils and the knowledge and Maths skills they used. Well done everyone!

"It was really good fun, a bit challenging at times but we worked it out in the end." Conor and William

Thank you to our PTA for supporting this enrichment day.



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
13	19	20	13

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

Attendance

Reception	94.7%	Year 4	96%
Year 1	99.2%	Year 5	99.2%
Year 2	94.2%	Year 6	99%
Year 3	94.2%		

WELL DONE YEARS 1 & 5 – AMAZING ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Year 3 First Holy Communion Photographs

Photographs will be taken at school on Monday morning, please remember to send in your child's First Holy Communion clothes with them. Following the photographs, the Year 3 children will parade around school and talk about how special Saturday and Sunday were for them in each class.

Unauthorised Absence

Please remember, should you wish to take your child out of school for any reason you are required to request permission to do so, and to give as much notice as possible. When such requests are made, we refer to our school policy and consider each request on an individual basis before a decision is made. Our 'Holidays during term time' policy makes it clear that Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless exceptional circumstances are clearly demonstrated and that penalty fines will be issued by Cheshire East. Please see this policy on our website for further details.



St. Vincent's Got Talent

The much loved 'St. Vincent's Got Talent' show will take place on **Tuesday 16th July, 2:00pm**. Some acts will also performing at Party on the Field on **Saturday 6th July**. Auditions will take place in the school hall on the following dates: **Friday 14th June** and **Monday 17th June** If any children from Reception would like to audition, please speak to Miss Quinn as these auditions will be arranged during school time. Children can work together on an Act with children from a different class but must co-ordinate with each other, as they will need to sign up as an Act on the **SAME** night to audition.

All auditions will take place between 3:25pm and 4:30pm in the school hall. If your child wishes to audition, please ensure that they come equipped! Audio/backing tracks must be emailed before the day of the audition so that they can be downloaded in time, as I will not be able to check for links on emails on the day itself. All props for the Act also need to be brought into school on the day of your child's audition. Costumes are not necessary unless essential for the Act, e.g. gymnastics. Sign-up sheets are in school.

The talents of our children and standard of their performances never cease to amaze, and I have no doubt that this year will not be any different! So, get practising and perfecting those Acts. Mrs Cox

Beatboxing/ Breakdancing Workshops

We have Beatboxing and Breakdancing workshops taking place on Tuesday 11th June for the whole school. These workshops are ran and hosted by Creative Urban Activities, for more information visit their website – <https://www.creativeurbanactivities.com>. Their wristbands are for sale via ParentPay in a choice of 3 colours – white, black and red and have positive slogans such as 'Nothing is Impossible' and 'I can do it' for a price of £1.00 – please place order before Tuesday.

Whole School Science Investigation

This week our young scientists from Reception to Year 6, have had fun taking part in a whole school enquiry using the investigation method of Pattern Seeking. We were looking at the question, "Does the size of your handspan affect how many cubes you can grab?" The children worked together to compare the differences in their handspans and then make predictions about what we would find out. It was lovely to see the progression through the year groups in the way the children experimented and recorded the results from their investigation. From the younger children comparing their hands and producing pictograms, all the way up to Year 5 and 6, who repeated their tests for accuracy and created scatter graphs, everyone worked like real scientists. Year 4 loved working collaboratively with their buddies in Reception! Even the staff joined in with Mrs Hales being able to grab a record number of 24 cubes! Our school results showed that although some people with larger hands could generally pick up more cubes, that this wasn't always the case and that some people with smaller hands could still pick up a high number of cubes. The children concluded that the differences may be down to finger strength, dexterity, practice and having a competitive nature!



History Explorers Afterschool Club

Mrs Jones will be running a History explorers club looking at local people and places for Year 1 and Year 2 on a Wednesday after school from 3.25-4.15. It will take place on 12th, 19th, 26th June & 3rd & 10th July. It is limited to 15 places, on a first come, first served basis. Please sign up via ParentPay.

Year 3/4 and 5/6 Football Tournament

Last night the St Vincent's Football teams played in the KSSP annual football tournament. The year 5/6 team won the tournament after beating Bexton 4-0 in the final. The year 3/4 team finished runners up in their first tournament for the school. All of the children were fantastic and had amazing attitudes.

Have a lovely weekend, Coach Dave



PTA NEWS

2 x Non-uniform Days! We have 2 x non-uniform days coming up. Please can you all diarise **Friday, 28th June**. Children are invited to come to school in plain clothes (this includes football kits if desired) in exchange for every child bringing in some sweets or chocolates. **Thursday, 4th July** will be another non-uniform day where we ask every child to please bring in a bottle of something. Bottles can be anything from alcohol, condiments, bubble-bath, creams, etc. So long as the bottle is unopened and in date, it's fine. Both the sweets/chocolates and the bottle collection will be contributions to the Tombola stall at our Party on the Field on **Saturday, 6th July**.

Break The Rules Day

We are running a 'Break the Rules Day' this Friday 14th June 2024, this is to raise funds for our school. The money for PTA will go towards Artis for next year, replacing playground equipment and books for class libraries. Your child can participate in as many as you are happy for them to do, each rule break is £1.00. Please tick the ones which you would like your child to participate in (the sheet has been sent home) and pay via ParentPay.

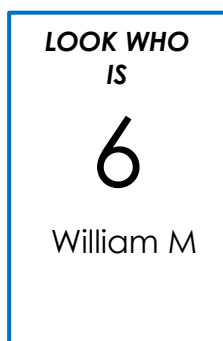
Thank you! A big thank you to all who attended our PTA meeting last night at The Angel. It was extremely productive and we managed to cover a lot. We are grateful for all the support and input. **Please watch out for any new Year Group 'summer fair' WhatsApp messages.** We are hopeful that each class this year will be able to organize and run their own stall at our summer fair on the 6th July. As always, it will be a wonderful event but we do need help to make it a success. Thank you in advance for all your support.



Fun Ball Friday Lottery

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Fun Ball has not been drawn since for a number of weeks. All missing weeks and the winners will be listed in next week's newsletter. Apologies for the delay. You have until 5pm on a Thursday to buy (via ParentPay) your PTA Fun Ball for Fridays draw, at a cost of £2 per ball. Staff, parents, governors and relatives aged 18 and over are all eligible to join. There is no limit to the number of balls which can be purchased. Each ball is given a unique ball number, which is entered into the weekly draw, once payment is confirmed. Weekly prize announced in Friday's newsletter and the cheque to be collected by the winner on the following Monday from the office. The prize money will be 50% of the total weekly subscriptions. The remaining amount will go directly to St Vincent's PTA for school funding. Each week, the family of the winning ball will also receive a ball – the child can choose from a variety of balls which includes netballs, table tennis balls, tennis balls and spikey balls to name a few!!

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week, we had two children born on the same day this week, congratulations to:



The Week Ahead		Start Time	End Time
Monday 10th June			
First Holy Communion Photographs (remember to bring your FHC Clothes)		09:30	
Y4 Wider Opportunities Music		PM	
Year 1 Forest Schools (remember your Forest School Clothes/ Shoes)		PM	
D.R. Sports After School Club		15:25	16:30
Tuesday 11th June			
Beat Boxing/ Breakdancing		ALL	DAY
Reception – Bike Workshop (Bikes will be provided)		ALL	DAY
Afterschool Fencing Club		15:30	16:30
Wednesday 12th June			
Whole School Mass – All welcome		09:30	10:00
NO R/KS1 Stay and Read (as there is Whole School Mass)			
Eco Committee		15:30	16:30
D.R. Sports – After School Club		15:25	16:30
Y1 & Y2 History Explorers Club – Sign up via ParentPay (Limited Places)		15:25	16:15
New Reception 2024 Intake Evening		18:00	19:00
Thursday 13th June			
Year 4 – Come Play with the Halle		AM	
Rock Steady Music Lessons		ALL	DAY
Y4 tennis coaching		PM	
Y5/Y6 Booster Swimming Lessons		14:00	14:30
Friday 14th June			
Break The Rules Day!		ALL	DAY
St Vincent's Got Talent Auditions		15:30	16:30
D.R Sports – KS2 Football 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)

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.

First Holy Communion Sacrament – Some of our Children are receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time tomorrow at 11am in St. Vincent's Church and there will be a Presentation Mass at 11am on Sunday. All are welcome to attend.