

Welcome – Reception class

We welcomed 25 children into our Reception this week. Today was the first time they came together as a full class and had school dinners.

We are so pleased that they have settled in so well and are enjoying the beginning of their school journey.

They have had an amazing day and every time I have been into Reception, Miss Quinn and Miss Fairhurst have had big smiles on their faces. They all got changed for PE this afternoon with Coach Dave – Well done!



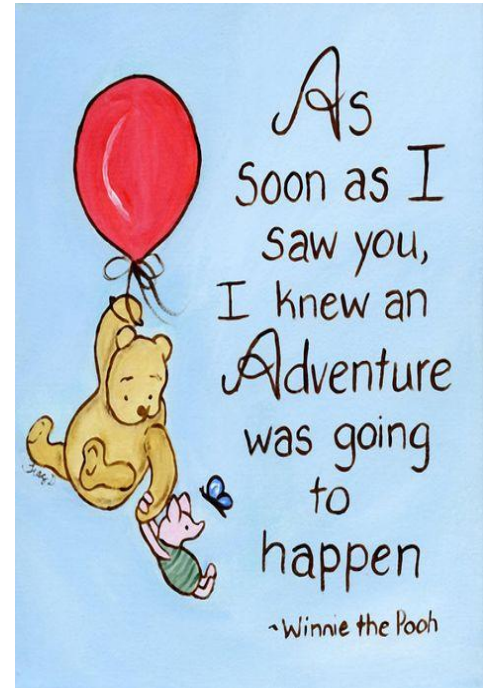
Don't they look smart in their uniforms!

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



Happy new school year everyone!

Gospel Values

Our gospel value this week and next is:
Faithfulness

Behaviour Awards

Conduct and Courtesy Award – Great attitude with good manners and behaviour.

Merit Award – Super work and effort in a particular area of the Curriculum.

Year Group	Gospel value: Faithfulness	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	All of Reception Class – well done on starting school.		
Year 1	Theo	Albert	Nathan – fantastic transition to Year 1.
Year 2	Milan	Amandine	Charlie – wowing me with his maths.
Year 3	Edward	Ian	Pippa – for an amazing attitude to Year 3.
Year 4	Marissa	Zara	Oliver T-P – excellent start and attitude to Year 4.
Year 5	Evie	Bobby	Freddie – for his positive attitude towards all tasks in class.
Year 6	Alice	Imogen	Elliot – for a superb best words poem.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you had a relaxing summer and enjoyed making happy memories with your family and friends. It was such a delight seeing the children on Tuesday; they were full of enthusiasm for the year ahead and all looked very smart in their uniform. What a great start to the year! The children have settled in very well to their new classes, giving good first impressions and trying their very best. I'm sure we have another fantastic year ahead of us! On Wednesday I had the pleasure of teaching every class and I feel so privileged being the Head of such a fantastic school with amazing children, staff and parents and carers.

God bless,

Miss Groarke and all the staff at St. Vincent's.

Thank you

Thank you from myself and all the staff for your kind words, cards and gifts of thanks at the end of last year, it was much appreciated.

Parish Masses

On Sunday 20th October, Mass at St. Vincent's Church at 11am will be led by the children of St. Vincent's school. The children will be welcoming parishioners, reading in the Mass, taking the offertory and singing. Please put the date in your diary so we can all come together as a School and Parish community.

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	22	18	16

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

On Monday in assembly, I will announce the House Captains and Vice-Captains results. Well done to all the children who stood for these posts today.

Attendance

Year 1	100%	Year 4	98.6%
Year 2	99.6%	Year 5	100%
Year 3	97.4%	Year 6	99.2%

WELL DONE YEARS 1 AND 5 – PERFECT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Playground Routines

- The playground is supervised with a member of staff from 8.45am onwards – children should not be on the playground before this time.
- The whistle will blow at 8.55am – children line up and go into class promptly.
- Children will be dismissed at 3.25pm each day.

Please note, children are not allowed to play in the outdoor classroom, fitness zone or MUGA at the beginning or end of the day. Should you have pre-school aged children on the playground please ensure you supervise them appropriately.

Allergies

We have children in school who have a severe allergy to nuts. For that reason, we kindly ask that you do not send in any food in lunch boxes or for morning snacks which contain nuts. The Healthy Eating Policy is attached.

Should your child have a medically diagnosed allergy to any foods, please send in a copy of such advice so that the catering company can provide appropriately.

Curriculum Overviews

Tonight, all children will bring home a Curriculum Overview, providing you with lots of information and insight into what your child will be learning about in school, the homework routines and could even inspire some day trips!

KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts)

The Autumn KIRFs will be sent home tonight. Please pin them up somewhere visible at home so that your child can look at them each day. The expectation is that children will learn these facts and use them in other aspects of their Maths work in school.

Looking Further Ahead

Our Autumn Term (1) 'Looking Further Ahead' document which lists all the key dates for this half term is attached to this newsletter. Please contact Mrs Watson with any questions.

SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home which began on 1st September and finishes on the feast of St Francis, 4th October. The theme for the Season of Creation 2024 is 'To hope and act with Creation' inspired by Romans 8:19-25 and Pope Francis' message, which can be accessed here. [Pope's Message for World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/Prayer-for-the-Care-of-Creation-Catholic-Bishops-Conference)

During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Further details can be accessed via the link below.

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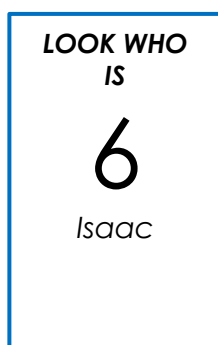
Data Collection

New data collection sheets were sent out by email to all Year 1 to Year 6 parents yesterday. Please ensure all completed forms are returned to school by **FRIDAY 13th September**. It is important that we keep comprehensive and up to date records on our students and their contact, medical and consent information. This is particularly essential in times of an emergency or where a school wide message requires your attention. Please ensure that you have updated us with any new phone numbers, email addresses and change of home address as soon as possible. The GDPR was designed to keep data collection to the bare minimum. Therefore, all personal data collected must be 'adequate, relevant, and limited to what is necessary concerning the purposes for which they are processed'. Under GDPR guidelines, all schools must be able to justify the amount of data they collect.

Swimming

As part of their PE curriculum, Years 3 and 4 will be swimming every Friday from 20th September. Please remember kits. Payment is via ParentPay.

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:



Parent Readers

Parents and carers of children in Year 1 and 2 are welcome to join us on Wednesday mornings starting from the 18th September from 9.00 am to 9.15 am to spend time in class reading with their child. Please come into school via the main entrance once you have dropped your child off in the playground. The reception class reading time will start once the children are all settled. We will inform you of the start date in future newsletters.

Netball

Netball Practice starts on Friday 15th September (3.30pm-4.15pm) for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 - **boys and girls**. This term, Mrs Davies, Coach Dave and Mrs O'Keefe will be leading the sessions. Numbers will be limited to 30. Please email the office if you wish your child to attend.

Year 5/6 Walking Home: Please email the school office if your child has permission to walk home.

Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers to help in school. If you are able to give up some time every week, please let Mrs Watson know.

Open Afternoons

We will be holding two open afternoons on Thursday 3rd October and Thursday 7th November from 1.30pm until 3pm for new and prospective parents of children who are due to start in Reception in 2025 and 2026. We will send a flyer out with more information soon.

Holidays during term time

Our 'Holidays during term time' policy makes clear that head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless exceptional circumstances are clearly demonstrated. Please see this policy on our website for further details

https://www.stvincentsknutsford.co.uk/serve_file/19729088 **Please note** Cheshire East Local Authority may issue Fixed Penalty Notices to parents who take their children out of school without authorisation. We also ask that an absence request form must be completed and sent into school for each absence request at least 4 weeks prior to the expected absence. Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

Earrings

Our school policy is for children to wear no jewellery this includes earrings. I have noticed some children wearing earrings. School takes **no** responsibility to damage from wearing earrings or if they get lost. If earrings cannot be taken out, they must be very small and discreet – clear transparent studs. **No** earrings can be worn on PE or swimming days – they need to be taken out, if they can't be removed, as ears have just been pierced, they have to have tape on them, provided by parents.

REMINDER: Dinner Money Increase

The cost of a school dinner for KS2 children is now £3.20 per day. School dinners **MUST** be paid for in advance via ParentPay and the maximum in arrears amount you can now be in is one week (£16). If you should have any queries please contact Mrs Lees –

finance@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk. Thank you for your co-operation.

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 9th September		
Y6 Forest Schools	PM	
Y4 Love Music Trust Wider Opportunities Music Lesson	PM	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	15:30	16:30
Tuesday 10th September		
Wednesday 11th September		
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	15:30	16:30
Thursday 12th September		
Rock Steady Music		
Y1/Y2 and Y5/Y6 Rugby Taster at Knutsford Academy	16:00	17:00
Friday 13th September		
Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 Netball with Mrs Davies, Coach Dave and Mrs O'Keefe - email School office if your child wishes to join (Boys and Girls)	15:30	16:30
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	15:30	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.

SVP APPEAL: Can you donate any old foreign coins or notes to support the SVP Children's Holiday Camps for those families living in poverty that cannot afford a holiday. Please place them in the containers provided in the porch at Church.

FRIENDSHIP IN MARRIAGE: Join us for an inspiring talk on "Growing in Friendship in Marriage" by Ciro Candia on Saturday, September 14th at 2pm in the Parish Hall. The afternoon starts with Mass at 12 noon, followed by a complimentary lunch sponsored by the Knutsford Catenians, during which there will be an opportunity to raise funds for SVP. Ciro, a familiar voice in Catholic media, will share practical tips on building a stronger and happier marriage. Learn how to replace bad habits with simple, positive changes that can make all the difference. This event is free, but reservations are required. Please email events@stvincentsknutsford.org to secure your spot. Don't miss this opportunity to invest in your relationship and feel free to invite friends!

40th ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY: Message from Father David "I can hardly believe it but on 29 September I will celebrate 40 years as a priest! After the 11am Mass that day I hope you will join me in the hall for a drink to celebrate. On Monday, 30 September I will celebrate Mass at 7pm when I hope you will join me and my family and friends and afterwards for a buffet in the hall."