

Focus on.....Year 6

What a busy week we've had in Year 6! On Monday we had a great Forest School session with Miss Hughes. As our current topic in Geography is Rivers, we worked in groups to try and create our own models of river systems using lots of natural resources available within our Forest School area. Some of us definitely got stuck in and resembled mud monsters by the end of the session! Our rivers all looked great once we were done. Another exciting activity this week has been getting interviewed by Miss Groarke as part of the Prefect application process. We had already impressed her with our formal application letters but the interview was definitely a bit more nerve-wracking for some of us! In English, we have been looking at some of the poems in the beautiful book *The Lost Words* by Robert MacFarlane. After researching an animal of our choice, we are currently working hard to create our own extended call and response poems in the style of *Raven*. Next week we're going to type them up so we can't wait for our parents to see them at parents' evening in a few weeks. We have also impressed Mrs Bullen with our thoughtful contributions as we began our new RE topic on the Kingdom of God. Our favourite saying was: "If the Kingdom of God is within you, you'll leave a little piece of Heaven wherever you go". All this, together with beginning our work on place value in Maths and light in science, as well as everything else that comes at the start of the new school year, means that we're definitely ready for a restful weekend before we go again next week - phew!



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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
Faithfulness



This week, when we gathered as a whole school, we discussed the story of Jesus healing a deaf man – Mark 7:31-37.

The message of the story is that Jesus can help us all to hear and understand God's message – and help us all to speak out clearly for God too! Maybe this week we can listen out for those people in need and do something to help.

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	Arthur	Ralph	Felix – for settling so well into school life.
Year 1	Robyn	Reggie	Anton – fantastic effort in all he does.
Year 2	Isabella	Florence H	Amy – a fabulous first piece of writing!
Year 3	Juliet	Violet	Evie – amazing attitude towards maths this week!
Year 4	Ella	Carys	Jaxon – excellent effort and attitude in all areas.
Year 5	Noah	Grace C	Judy – for the interesting questions she asked and considered about creation.
Year 6	Mae	Vasylii	Thomas – a super Last Words poem about a python.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we've come to the end of our second week– how quickly time flies, especially when you are enjoying yourself! We've had another very busy week in school and it's good to see how enthusiastic and hard-working the children are. On Wednesday and Thursday this week, I interviewed every Year 6 for the different prefect roles we have in school. I was very impressed with their letters of application and the confidence they had to come to my office for a mini-interview. Prefect roles will be given out next Tuesday.

The weather has certainly been mixed this week. Next week please ensure your child has a coat with them every day in school as we will try to get outside at lunchtime and playtimes, whatever the weather is like. **Please remember to name everything.** It is taking a lot of adult time to match unnamed clothing to children and we already have a lot of lost property that is not named. Have a lovely weekend.

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

House Captains and Vice Captains

Last Friday all the children from Year 1 to Year 6 went into their house groups to vote for House Captains and Vice Captains.

House Captains are children from Year 6 and Vice-Captains are from Year 5. Well done to everyone who put themselves forward and gave speeches in front of their houses.

The votes were counted and our House Captains and Vice Captains for 2024-2025 are:

	House Captain	Vice-Captain
St. Andrew	Ethan	Alice
St. George	Harrison	Max
St. David	Elliot	Sadie
St. Patrick	Harry	Molly



I am sure our newly appointed House Captains and Vice Captains will do a wonderful job in the year ahead.

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
21	17	24	16

Well done to this week's winning house –

Attendance

Reception	98.4%	Year 4	97.7%
Year 1	97.9%	Year 5	98.3%
Year 2	98%	Year 6	98.4%
Year 3	98.3%		

WELL DONE YEAR RECEPTION AND YEAR 6 – GREAT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Parent Governor Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen for a parent governor on our governing body. The governing body is asking for nominations of someone with parental responsibility for a child at the school. If more than one nomination is received, then a ballot will be held. Please contact Mrs Watson for more information.

Swimming

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



Eco-committee applications

As a school, we are looking to form an eco-committee made up of 16 children from Year 2 to 6 who are passionate about helping the environment and willing to give up an hour every other Thursday after school. Maybe you already have your green Blue Peter badge or have been part of the eco-committee last year and want to find out more ways to help, or maybe it's something new you want to start.

If you think you would make a good member of the committee, please write a short letter sharing why you would be a good fit! Your letters need to be handed in to Miss Hyland by Friday 20th of September. The committee's first meeting will be after school on Thursday 3rd October.

Pupil Premium Funding/Free School Meal entitlement

All children in Reception class, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a free school meal under current Government policy; this is known as Universal Free School Meals. However, you may be entitled to Income Related Free School Meals if you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit. If this is the case, please apply for this even if your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1. The school can then claim additional funding for resources, known as Pupil Premium, which can be used to help your child when they are in school. The financial benefit of Pupil Premium will remain with your child throughout their school years. Phone 0300123 5012 for further information and help or apply online: https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx or contact Mrs Watson in the school office.

Parent/ Carers Questionnaire feedback

Attached to this newsletter is the results of the Parent/ Carer Questionnaire that was sent out in July. Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who completed it as this helps to inform us of all your views. Thank you also to the 94% of parents who returned their child's class report at the end of the year with comments on, this gives school great feedback on how you feel your child is doing.

Altar Servers

Would your child like to become an altar server. We already have some children who currently altar serve within school, and some who have left who are still altar servers. These children will help train the new altar servers. There are only two Masses to altar serve on a Sunday at 9am and 11am. As an altar server, Father asks that your child commits to serving at Church at least once a month and needs to be in Church at least 10 minutes before Mass on that Sunday. This is a wonderful way for children to take part in our Church community. If you are interested in supporting your child to become an altar server please see Miss Groarke. Some preparation will take place in school for any child interested to join.

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:

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Summer Reading Challenge



Congratulations to everyone who took part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge during the holidays. I have given many Headteacher awards this week to children who have brought in their certificates or sent photographs in. There is still time all next week to bring in your certificate and get your Headteacher award if you took part.

'Growing in Friendship in Marriage' – Creche

There is a creche will be available at tomorrow's talk at St Vincent's Parish Centre from 2pm until 3pm.

Healthy Eating Policy

We have made some changes to our Healthy Eating Policy. Please ensure you take a look at the attached policy and take into account what is acceptable and when, for our morning snacks and lunch boxes.

'Timid to Tiger'

The taster session for the parent and child workshop called 'Timid to Tiger Together' is on Wednesday 18th September from 5pm until 6.30pm in school. The 8-week program to support parents and children to learn about anxiety will begin in school on 25th September. Please see the attached flyer for further details or visit 'Just Drop In' Home Page. To book on, you will need to call them on 01625 665079. If you have any questions, please email Mrs Dowler on senco@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk

Knutsford Football Club

Knutsford FC have home games on 14th and 21st September and will be letting kids in for free!

Parking Outside School – Keeping Children Safe



This week, our Reception children watched in fascination as Cheshire East Council re-painted the zig-zag lines outside school.

If you're driving your child to school please make sure you park safely, legally and considerately. Please don't park across household driveways near schools and always park safely. We don't want to see anyone hurt. It is illegal to park on 'School Keep Clear' markings, or zig zag markings – they are there for the safety of children and other pedestrians and to keep the area completely clear of vehicles at all times, and especially at school start and finish times.

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 16th September		
Mad Science Assembly	AM	
Y5 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 17th September		
Whole School Mass – Parents/Carers welcome, School Hall	09:30	
Wednesday 18th September		
ARTIS performing arts workshops	ALL	DAY
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	15:30	16:30
'Timid to Tiger' Taster Session, School Hall	17:00	18:30
Thursday 19th September		
Rock Steady Music		
Friday 20th September		
Y3/Y4 Swimming – sign up via ParentPay. Don't forget swimming kits!	PM	
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.

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."