

## Focus on ... Year 3

Year 3 have had a busy start to the year. We have been getting into a new routine for a new key stage in a different part of the school. We have been learning about the story of creation in RE and have written lots of lovely poems and shared ideas about how we can help make the planet a better place for everyone.

In English, we have been reading the book 'Fantastic Mr Fox' and have been focusing on using similes and conjunctions in our sentences to describe him. We also enjoyed writing about our dream classrooms! In Science, we have been learning all about animals including humans. We had our special guest last week when Ruby the tortoise came to visit us as we were learning about exoskeletons and endoskeletons. We have also been learning about healthy diets, linking to our D&T topic of seasonal fruits.

This half term has been busy with sports, and we have started to have swimming lessons at the leisure centre. A great start has been had by all in Year 3!



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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:

### Gentleness

This week, our focus was on using our body to do good just like Jesus. One of the prayers we say in school reminds us of this:

**"Christ has no body but yours,"  
 by St. Teresa of Avila**

Christ has no body now on earth but yours;  
 Yours are the only hands with which  
 He can do His work.

Yours are the only feet with which  
 He can go about the world  
 Yours are the only eyes through which  
 His compassion can shine forth upon a  
 troubled world.



Christ has no body on earth but yours.

## 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: Gentleness	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Albie	Emily	Charlotte – for fantastic R.E. work thinking about how we can care for God's world.
Year 1	Thomas	Jessica	Isaac – for working hard on his writing.
Year 2	William	Gracie	Jack – for great enthusiasm for writing!
Year 3	Isla	Charlie	Elsie – having an amazing attitude towards learning.
Year 4	Ayden	Noah	Beatrice – working hard and trying her best.
Year 5	Mark	Thomas C	Annie – amazing contributions during the Forces workshop.
Year 6	Mia	Santi	Emma – fantastic, enthusiastic reasoning work in maths.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we have just finished our fifth week back at school! We've had another very busy week in school and it's good to see how enthusiastic and hard-working the children are across all areas – both curricular and extra-curricular. Year 6 have had Chemistry with Cabbage and Year 5 a Forces Day as well as the whole school skipping on Monday.

It was also lovely to see so many Reception parents at our 'Stay and Learn' session on Tuesday. My thanks go to Miss Quinn for giving a very detailed presentation on how Phonics is taught at school and giving lots of ideas on how you can support your child at home. After the presentation, there was time for the adults to work with their child in the classroom area. It was lovely to see the children's smiles as they played phonic games and showed you around their classroom and outside area.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

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

## Fr. Davids 40<sup>th</sup> Ordination Celebration



Father David was thrilled to receive all the cards that the children had made to celebrate his 40 years of being a priest. He was impressed with all the writing, drawings and handprints that went into each of the cards from Pre-School to Year 6.

## Y5 Forces Workshop

On Thursday Year 5 were treated to an all-day 'Forces' workshop led by scientist Mrs Watson. She came into school armed with lots of scientific equipment to teach us all about forces. The children got to carry out many experiments of their own, including weighing different materials and comparing their weights when they were dry and when they were submerged in water. They then used these values to calculate the amount of upthrust on each object. This led to a great discussion about gravity and why items float or sink. After this, children had to predict whether certain fruits would float or sink before finding out the real answers and why. We were amazed to learn that a bowling ball can float! The children also measured friction using a shoe and different surfaces, separated iron fillings from sand using magnets and watched how the coloured ink from felt pens spread across filter paper when dipped in water.



## 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	17	19	23

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

## Attendance

Reception	100%	Year 4	99.6%
Year 1	87.9%	Year 5	95.7%
Year 2	98.3%	Year 6	99.7%
Year 3	98%		

**WELL DONE AGAIN RECEPTION – PERFECT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!**

## Mini Vinnies Assembly

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September at our Mini Vinnies commissioning assembly, we were joined by Mrs Bayley, a member of the SVP from our parish. During assembly, our new Mini Vinnies were presented with their badges and certificates and stood up in front of all the children to make a promise to make a difference to the world by saying the Mini Vinnie pledge.

One part of the pledge is all about caring for others in our local community by being a friend to those who are alone, in need or in trouble. We wish our 14 Mini Vinnies all the very best for the year ahead and look forward to hearing their news and supporting their many events in the year ahead.



## Reception 'Stay and Learn'



A huge thank you to everyone who was able to make Stay and Learn with us this week. We hope you found it useful and enjoyed spending time with the children in the classroom.

## Birthday Wishes!

Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO IS  
**6**  
Hugo

LOOK WHO IS  
**7**  
Amandine

LOOK WHO IS  
**8**  
Theo M  
Theo F

LOOK WHO IS  
**10**  
Sadie

LOOK WHO IS  
**11**  
Ethan M

## CAFOD Paper Biscuits

The Year 6 children made and sold paper biscuits at break time today. Thank you to everyone that brought money in for the paper biscuits. We have raised £36.28 for CAFOD. Well done Year 6!



## Safeguarding

We have a dedicated Safeguarding and E- Safety page on our website in the Virtual Office. <http://stvincentsknutsford.co.uk/page/safeguarding-and-e-safety/29365> This provides you with information to support keeping safe, including keeping safe online, together with key contacts. Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Miss Groarke, the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Davies and Mrs Dowler.

## New Parent Governor

I am pleased to inform you that Angela Nield has been elected as your parent governor and her term of office commenced on 30th September. We look forward to welcoming Angela and to working with her in support of our school.

## Skipping Workshops



'On Monday, we had a skipping workshop. We started off with learning the basics and then we were challenged with more advanced skipping skill and a shark mouth game. Mrs Bulen and the instructor held a big shipping rope and challenged us to try and get past. We managed to get 27 people across! We really enjoyed it and the instructor was really good', by Gianna and Mae (Y5).

## Y6 Chemistry with Cabbage

'On Tuesday, Year 6 had a Chemistry with Cabbage workshop in school.

We made an indicator using red cabbage with acid, alkalis and neutrals, and used it to test chemicals, lemon juice cleaner and washing soda. We also learned that molecules are very small and you can't see them even through the most powerful microscopes', by Caylem.



## Open Afternoons

We will be holding our second open afternoon at school on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November from 1.30pm until 3.00pm** for parents of children who are looking to change school or are due to start in Reception in 2025 and 2026. Please pass on this information to neighbours and friends in Knutsford and surrounding areas. To book a slot please email [admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk)

## Reading for Pleasure



Thomas has thoroughly enjoyed reading the book, "Marli's Tangled Tale." By Ellie Jackson & Laura Callwood. We borrowed this book from the library. We often visit Anglesey and see Puffin Island and Thomas realises how harmful plastic washed up on the beach is and how wildlife can be affected.

Caden is really enjoying reading practice and has particularly enjoyed showing off his new skills to his little brother, Ewan.



Felix loved reading Giant Dinosaurs with Daddy and talking about the book. Felix was amazed that a T-Rex has teeth as long as an arm!

Please email in suggestions for books you have enjoyed reading together and a photograph of you reading as a family to [admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk) Every recommendation with a photograph will get a Head Teacher Award and pictures will appear in the newsletter.

## School Councillors



'On Monday we had our first school council meeting with Miss Groarke. All the school councillors from Year 2 to Year 6 came and talked about the year ahead. We talked about a net on the MUGA, the butterfly reading chair on the field and playground equipment. Each class got a notebook to write down notes so they could feedback to their class for their ideas. On Thursday at the 'Open Afternoon' for new prospective parents, our Year 6 school councillors told parents about what it is like being a prefect and what we have liked doing at school. We then answered questions the parents asked us about, such as reading buddies and the school in general.' Olivia and Theo Y6.



**Fun Ball Friday** - Congratulations to the winner of the second draw of this year: Number 20 – Parents of James (Y3). 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.

**Roberts Recycling** Don't forget our Roberts Recycling collection on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October**. We ask that each family please try and fill at least one bin bag full of previously loved clothes and shoes that you're happy to part with. This is another easy way for us to raise much needed funds for our school. The more bags that are collected, the more money we make! **We will be opening the school gates for bag drop off between 10am - 11:30am on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October.**

## The Week Ahead

Start Time	End Time
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### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October

<b>Year 2 Forest School</b>		PM
<b>Y4 Love Music Trust Wider Opportunities Music Lesson</b> – Don't forget instruments!	PM	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) <a href="http://www.drsportsclubs.co.uk">www.drsportsclubs.co.uk</a>	15:30	16:30

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October

<b>Y1/Y2 Poetry Sessions with Paul Delaney</b>	AM	
Music Ninjas – Piano lessons		PM
Coding Club - after school club	15:30	16:30

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October

<b>ARTIS</b> performing arts workshops	ALL	DAY
<b>Stay and Read</b> – Year 1 & 2	15:05	15:20
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6) <a href="http://www.drsportsclubs.co.uk">www.drsportsclubs.co.uk</a>	15:30	16:30
'Timid to Tiger' Session, School Hall	17:00	18:30

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October

<b>Rock Steady Music</b>	ALL	DAY
<b>Y3/Y4 Hockey Taster, Knutsford Academy</b>	16:00	17:00

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October

<b>Y3/Y4 Swimming</b> - 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 ( <b>Boys and Girls</b> )	15:30	16:15
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football <a href="http://www.drsportsclubs.co.uk">www.drsportsclubs.co.uk</a>	15:30	16:30

\* DR Sports After School Clubs are booked directly through their website at [www.drsportsclubs.co.uk](http://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.

**FAMILY FAST DAY** is today when we are encouraged to cut back on what we eat and give the money we save to CAFOD to support their work with the poor throughout the world. There will be a retiring collection this Sunday and envelopes are available in Church for those who wish to use them.

**A SPECIAL VISITOR:** You have often heard me (Father David) talk about my links with a parish in Siem Reap in Cambodia. I am delighted to say that, due to the generosity of one of our parishioners, Fr Totet, the Parish Priest, will be staying with us over the weekend of 19/20 October and then will return in November. He will talk about his work in Cambodia and will invite us to link with the communities he serves and so support his work.