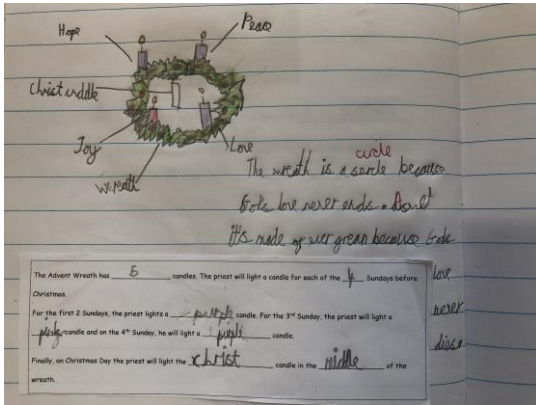


Focus on ... Year 2 As this week has been Assessment week, Year 2 are definitely ready for the weekend, and a long rest! They have worked so hard completing their Maths, Reading and Grammar/Spelling Tests, and we are very proud of the effort they have all made. Despite all of this hard work, the children have still managed to find enough energy to enjoy Forest School and, as well as creating Bug Hotels, some of the children initiated bringing their classroom RE learning into the outside environment by using natural and man-made materials to make their own Advent Wreaths...complete with the Christ Candle in the middle! The children have also been carefully thinking about their Advent Promises and have also been learning about the meaning behind each of the coloured candles on the Advent Wreath, and the wreath itself.



In Geography we have been learning all about the United Kingdom. This week our focus was looking at human and physical features of countries in the UK. We sorted pictures of features and discussed which places we have been to and how we know if they are a human or physical feature. In our DT lessons we have been designing and making a moving monster. We made linkages by connecting levers and pivots. We had to follow a design criteria to make sure our monsters are fun, colourful and interactive. We are proud of the results!

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

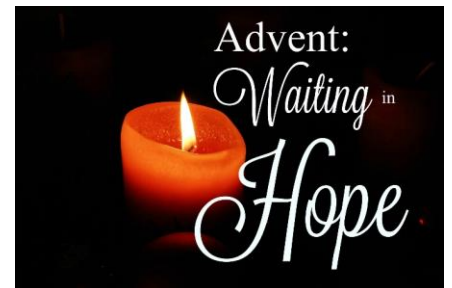
Gospel Values

Our gospel value this week is justice.

We are now in the first week of Advent and our children have already started to think of others with their 'reverse Advent calendar' in each class.

Generous God, you prepare a banquet for us all. Help us to play our part so that all people may share in this bounty you have provided. Amen.

Over the coming weeks, let us all take time to think of those who may need a little of our time and prayers.



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: Justice	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Flynn	Eliza	Emily – for amazing independent writing.
Year 1	Patrick	Annabelle	Aiden – developing great confidence and fluency with his reading.
Year 2	Isabella P	Isabela M	Amandine – always trying her best in everything!
Year 3	Archie	Pippa	Juliet – fabulous attitude towards assessments!
Year 4	Noah	Thomas	Henry – excellent effort and presentation.
Year 5	Hattie	Darcy	Alissa – positive attitude towards her assessments this week – superstar!
Year 6	Jeswin	Mae	Sofia – for giving 100% effort throughout assessment week.

Dear Parents and Carers,

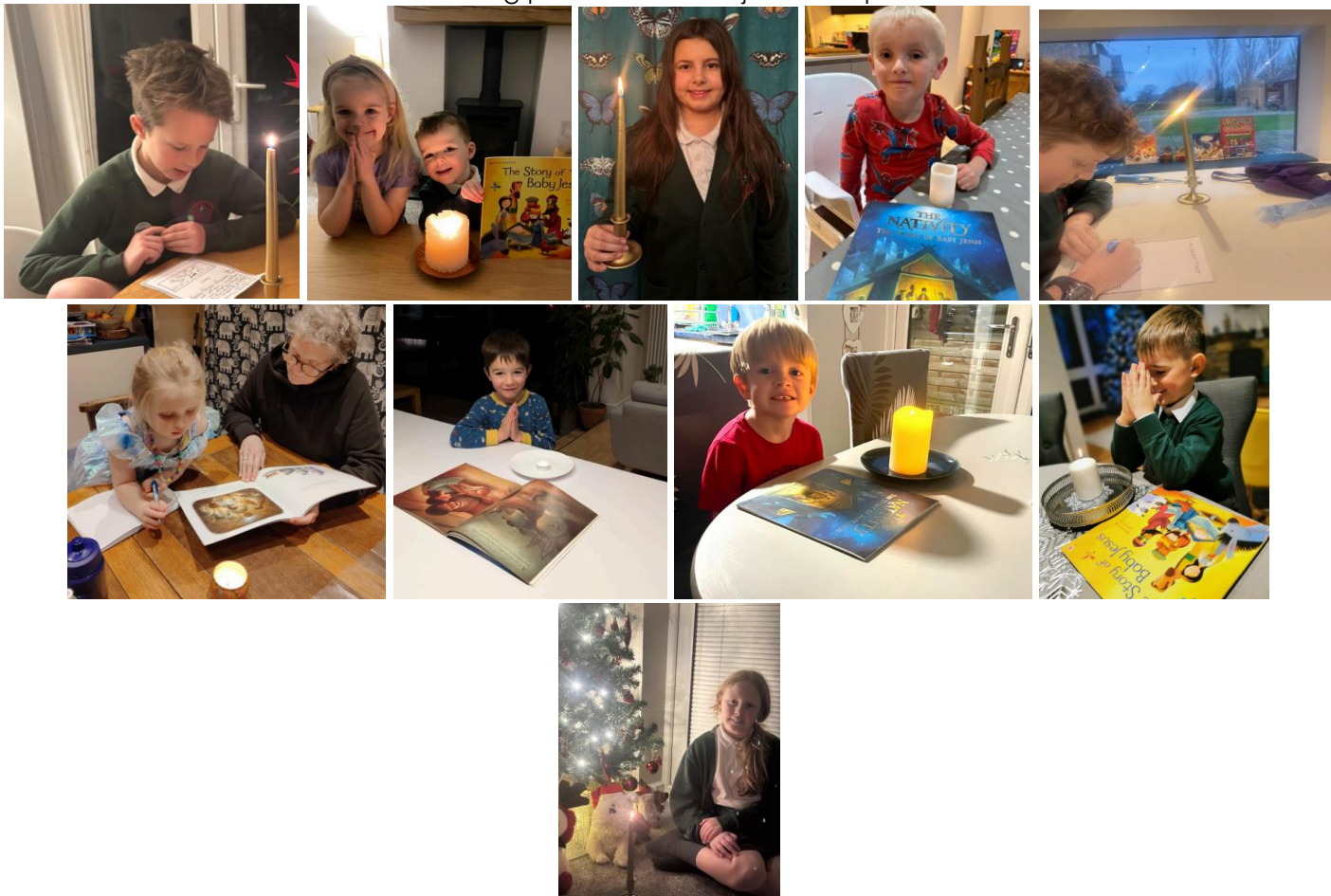
The excitement is certainly building here in school with all the decorations up and all the singing. Our children and staff continue to amaze me at how hard they work, not only in the work they do in class but also in their efforts for the extra events that happen at this time of year, after school and at weekends. It is such a busy time of year but we need to remember to stop and think of others less fortunate than we are at this festive time and remember the true meaning of Christmas.

Have a lovely weekend. God bless,

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

Travelling Cribs

It has been lovely to see that the true meaning of Christmas has been discussed at home. Reception have been reading the Nativity story at home and our KS2 children have written an 'Advent Prayer' focusing on love and kindness for us all. The prayers have been read out in class and placed on our prayer table in the classrooms. We have had a lot of amazing pictures here are just a few pictures:



Knutsford Christmas Light Switch On

We were so proud and amazed by our Reception and Key Stage 1 children's performance on Saturday afternoon. The Year 2 children spoke so confidently telling the Christmas story and everyone sang beautifully. Thank you to all staff and families who attended the Christmas Light Switch on.



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	21	20	20

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

Attendance

Reception	94.8%	Year 4	97.6%
Year 1	99%	Year 5	98.7%
Year 2	96.7%	Year 6	98.1%
Year 3	92.3%		

WELL DONE YEAR 1 – EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you for all the kind donations we have received so far. The Foodbank will be collecting all our gifts on Monday 16th December.

Advent Mass

Thank you to Father David and everybody who was able to join us on Tuesday for our Advent Mass.

Tickets for the Christmas Performances

If you haven't done so already, don't forget to reserve your audience ticket/s for the children's Christmas performances via ParentPay ASAP. Any unallocated tickets will be offered out to everyone via ParentPay, the day before the performance dates. Audience tickets for the performances will be via ticket only.

REMINDER: Dinner Money

School dinners for KS2 children should be paid for in advance via ParentPay and the maximum in arrears amount you can be in is one week (£16).

Year 4 Clarinet Musical Instrument Performance

On Monday 16th December at 2.45pm in the school hall there will be a short musical performance led by Year 4. Parents and Carers are welcome to join us to celebrate the wonderful work they are doing in their Wider Opportunities Music lessons.

Christmas Tree Yesterday, there was great excitement in school as the school councillors decorated this year's Christmas tree.





Fun Ball Friday - Congratulations to the winner this week: Number 2 – parents of Christian (Y1). 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.

Wreath making: Many thanks to everyone who attended last night's wreath making workshop. It was a lovely, festive evening with some fabulous wreaths made, which will look beautiful on your front doors.



Deck the Halls 2024: just a reminder that our Christmas Fair is tonight between 4.30pm & 6.30pm. Please come along and support this festive event - we have stalls of all kinds - bottle and chocolate tombola's, hair & nails, Christmas crafts and biscuit decorating to name a few! If we can ask everyone to bring cash (change ideally) that would be very helpful.

Christmas Hampers & 2 BIG raffle prizes: Just a reminder that the tickets for both the hampers and the 2 BIG raffle prizes (a family photo shoot and a family ticket to Beauty & The Beast in February) are all on ParentPay. Buy as many Tickets as you like to increase your chances of winning some fantastic prizes.

St Vincent's Pre-school

If any parents have younger children who are due to start Pre-school before September 2025, please ensure that their child's name is on the waiting list.

We are starting a Holiday Club from the February 2025 half term. This is for children up to the age of 5 who are attending either St Vincent's Pre-school or the school reception class. The club will run for 48 weeks per year - closing for 2 weeks at Christmas and the last 2 weeks of the summer holidays.

Cost of Living support

Please remember if you need any financial or food support at this time please come and see Miss Groarke. She can make referrals or signpost you for different support that is available.

The Household Support Fund – a range of support available to help financially vulnerable adults, children and their families living in Cheshire East:

- Food and energy support
- Support for household essentials covering white goods, bedding and basic refurbished furniture items (if available)
- Exceptional cost support

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/council_information/financial-support/household-support-fund.aspx

Other types of support is available online:

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/education-employment-and-money/money-matters/cost-of-living.aspx>

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week go to:



The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 9th December		
Year 1 Forest School (Bring Forest schools clothes in a bag – no shorts)	PM	
Y4 Love Music Trust Wider Opportunities Music Lesson – Don't forget instruments!	PM	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6)	15:30	16:30
Tuesday 10th December		
Christmas Jumpers and Christmas Dinner Day		
Music Ninjas – Piano lessons		PM
Wednesday 11th December		
ARTIS performing arts workshops	ALL	DAY
KS2 Christmas Performance (tickets via ParentPay)	14:00	15:00
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6)	15:30	16:30
KS2 Christmas Performance – Children need to be in school for 5.30pm. (tickets via ParentPay)	18:00	19:00
Thursday 12th December		
Rock Steady Music	ALL	DAY
Christmas Panto in School – ‘Cinderella’	AM	
Miss Hyland's Eco Committee	15:25	16:15
Y3/Y4 Sports Hall Athletics, Knutsford Academy	14:45	17:00
Friday 13th November		
Y5/Y6 Swimming - Don't forget swimming kits! (last one)	PM	
Mrs Cox's Choir	15:25	16:15
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football	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.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: Here at St Vincent's, there will be a Vigil Mass at 5pm and Midnight Mass at 9pm on Christmas Eve and Mass on Christmas morning at 11am. There will be a Vigil Mass at 7pm on Christmas Eve and 9am on Christmas morning at Lymm.

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.

THE SAFEGUARDING of vulnerable adults and children in our Church is an absolute priority. The Safeguarding Officer in Church is Sharon Lloyd who can be contacted on 07840 918263 or see the poster in the Church porch for more details.

SERVICE OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION with the opportunity for individual confession in preparation for Christmas on Wednesday 18 December at 7pm in Church.

ADVENT TALKS ON THE WORD OF GOD at Holy Angels Hales Barns each Wednesday in December at 7pm. Our own Fr David Irwin will give the talk on 18 December.