

Focus on ... Year 1

The end of Autumn Term in Year 1 has been very, very busy! Between, nativity practices, Carol concerts and pantos, there has still been a lot of learning in Year 1.

In English, we have been looking at the book 'Lost and Found'. This week we came into our classroom and found lots of lost animals, so we decided to make them all a found tag! We are really enjoying this book and next week we are going to have a go at writing our own recount of the story.



In History, we have been learning about Toys through the last 100 years. We were lucky to have a visit from Granny Ann and Grandad Tom who talked to us about what they used to play with when they were little (60 years ago). They showed us how to play some of the games including Jacks, in and out the dusty blue bells, card games and (best of all) how to make paper aeroplanes!



In DT we have started to design and make Christmas puppets. We cannot wait to show you what they look like next week!



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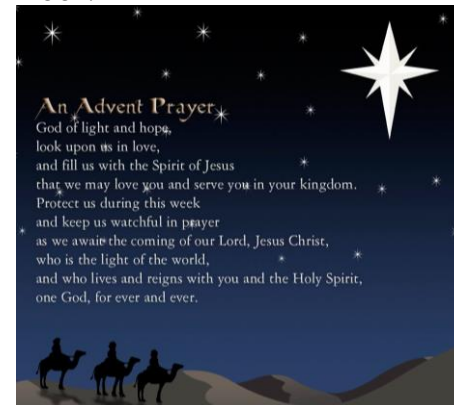


Believe, Trust and Be Ready
"That they may have life, and to the full" John 10:10

Gospel Values

Our gospel value this week is:
Justice

As we approach the end of the year and prepare for Christmas, our lives are filled with hustle and bustle as we get ready for Christmas Day. In school, we tell our children that Advent is a time for preparing on the inside, in our hearts, as well as on the outside. Amongst all our decorations, do we find a place for a nativity scene and do we think of what we can do for others just as much as we think about ourselves? This Advent, there have been so many occasions of children engaging in tasks that put others first. Here is a little prayer to guide us through the next, and final week.



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	Lara	Seb	Bess – for a fantastic attitude to her learning.
Year 1	Isaac	Georgia	Albert – for joining in and sharing his fab ideas.
Year 2	Florence H	Lyra	Gracie – for being an amazing Y2 and always trying her best.
Year 3	Alfie	Ian	Charlie – for working scientifically with the light experiment.
Year 4	Carys	Jenson	Zara – excellent participation in sports hall athletics.
Year 5	Sadie	Mark	Thomas – for always producing beautifully presented work.
Year 6	Ethan B	Gianna	Vasylii – for always trying his best in everything.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, it's been another very busy week here in school with Christmas jumper and dinner day, the KS2 performances 'The Egyptian Nativity' and the panto in school. We only have one week left in school in 2024 which is very packed with Year 4 musical recital on Monday, the Reception and KS1 performance on Tuesday, party day on Wednesday, Rock Steady concert on Thursday and the Carol service on Friday! The children will need some early nights over the weekend to recharge those batteries in preparation this!

Have a lovely weekend. God bless, Miss Groarke and all the staff at St. Vincent's.

Travelling Cribs

We have celebrated the second week of Advent in school. The travelling cribs have been taken home and it has been lovely to see that the true meaning of Christmas is being discussed at home. We have had a lot of amazing pictures, here are just a few:



KS2 Christmas Performance – Egyptian Nativity

What a performance! We were all so impressed by the talents of our children in their performance 'Egyptian Nativity', they were confident and put on a fantastic show for us all. We are very lucky to have such wonderful children and this doesn't happen without the support of you, our parents. Thank you for all your help with costumes and with the learning of lines and songs. A huge thank you must also go to our talented and hard-working staff who do so much for our children in all classes.



Christmas Dinners and Christmas Jumpers Day

On Tuesday we had a delicious dinner cooked by Mrs Freeman and her team. All the children and staff eat so well it was amazing.



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
22	19	17	17

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

Attendance

Reception	98.8%	Year 4	97.6%
Year 1	99%	Year 5	91.3%
Year 2	98.3%	Year 6	94.7%
Year 3	97.7%		

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.

Wall of Fame



Congratulations to the children who were chosen to be on the December wall of Fame:

Reception – Beth - writing on the Gingerbread man.

Year 1 – Christian - writing describing a penguin.

Year 2 – Amandine and Narla-Rae – Artwork based on texture and colour.

Year 3 – Eva – Study on Snowdon.

Year 4 – Thomas – A kenning poem about the Iron Man.

Year 5 – Edward – an Advent prayer.

Year 6 – Elliot – descriptive writing.

Reception and Year 1 Christmas Reading competition

Reception and Year 1 are running a very special Christmas reading challenge again. They want all Reception and Year 1 children to have a picture of them reading in front of either a Christmas tree or a Christmas decoration and have it uploaded onto Tapestry. Here are a few that have already been taken:



Y3/Y4 Sports Hall Athletics

The children in Y3 and Y4 took part in different events including sprint, relays, obstacle courses, speed bounce, chest press, javelin and 5 strides.

The children were amazing and really loved the event.

Panto in School



On Thursday 12th December, the whole school went in the hall and watched Cinderella PANTOMINE. There were three actors (and they were girls) and they were very funny. In the PANTO the evil stepsister started chasing the prince and the prince was chasing Cinderella. It was really funny. Buttons- Cinderella's friend- was very funny too, we had to shout 'Hiya Buttons' when he came on the stage. Olivia in Reception was helping Cinderella to bake a cake. At the end Cinderella lost her shoe and it was a croc! The Prince had to find the girl that fitted the croc. – Report written by Amelia and Maya – Y5.

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.

Attendance Expectations

We would normally expect attendance to be **95% or above**. Falling below this level will in the long term significantly affect your child's academic progress.

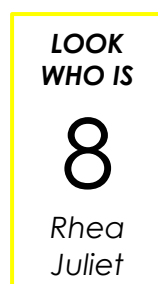
What YOU must do:

- Try to telephone the school before 8.45am each day of your child's absence.
- Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

- Check your child's attendance every day.
- Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.
- Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.
- If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

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





Fun Ball Friday - Congratulations to the winner this week: Number 28 – Mrs Davies! 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.

Christmas Hampers & 2 BIG raffle prizes: Please don't forget to buy your tickets (via ParentPay) to win one of these amazing prizes next week: 🎉

🎄 Class Hampers - £2 per ticket

🎭 Beauty and the Beast tickets at the Grange theatre kindly donated by Mid Cheshire Musical Theatre Company - £3 per ticket

📷 Family photoshoot kindly donated by Sarah Jane King photography - £3 per ticket

Results will be drawn at the Rock Steady Concert on Thursday

We are SO pleased to announce that last week's Christmas Fair raised a HUGE *£1,900* - what a truly astounding result! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who came along and generously supported this event. This money will go a long way to helping us reach our £15.5k target for the year.

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>

The Week Ahead

Start Time	End Time
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Monday 16th December

Y4 Love Music Trust Wider Opportunities Music Concert – Don't forget instruments!	14:45	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6)	15:30	16:30

Tuesday 17th December

Rec/KS1 Christmas Performance – School Hall	14:00	
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Music Ninjas – Piano lessons		PM

Wednesday 18th December

Christmas Party Day – Children can wear party clothes for school		
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6)	15:30	16:30

Thursday 19th December

Rock Steady Music Concert – School Hall	14:30	
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Friday 20th December

Carol Service – School Hall. Parents/Carers welcome	14:15	15:00
Break up for Christmas Holidays	15:25	
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. Fr David Irwin will give the talk on 18 December.