

## Focus on ... Year 4

As we step forward into Spring, Year 4 have had another busy few weeks.

Our English topic is a non-fiction information report and we have enjoyed developing our knowledge all about polar bears. Did you know that a polar bear has a blue tongue? Once we have finished writing our reports, we are going to share them with our Reading Buddies.

This week marked the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday and in preparation we all made our own Lenten Promises, focusing on how we can do good works for others or challenge ourselves to give something up as we journey towards Easter.

In Science, we have just started our topic on teeth and digestion, and we have been thinking about the journey our food takes through the body! We really enjoyed learning the names of all the different organs involved in digestion and used a model to explain the different stages. It certainly got messy!

In Computing, we had great fun making vocal recordings using the iPads in preparation for making podcasts later in the term – watch this space!

Wow! We have certainly had a productive start to this half-term.



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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:  
**Purity**



We are now in the season of Lent which began on Ash Wednesday and lasts for 40 days, a significant time in the Church's year. Jesus spent 40 days and nights in the wilderness, was tempted, and put to the test in many different ways. Jesus listened to God and the angels looked after him, helping him to make the right choice. We too are reminded to listen to God and make the right choices.

## 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: Purity	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Leon	Marcus	Beth – fantastic attitude towards her learning.
Year 1	Lily	Anton	Henry – for some AMAZING work this week.
Year 2	Lillie	Jude	Tyler – for amazing maths work this week.
Year 3	Ariah	Joe	Charlie – for his fantastic TT score for his team during the Y3 battle.
Year 4	Huey	Harryett	Thomas – excellent contributions in class.
Year 5	Chloe	Jane	Darcy – for always being an excellent role model in everything he does.
Year 6	Ayla	Olivia Ch	Caylem – for being incredibly kind and helpful in the classroom.

Dear Parents and Carers,

The sun has been shining and Spring is here, with another busy week at school - where does the time go? We have had many visitors and events this week in school. Thank you to all the people who have organised them and for all the parents who attended Year 1 Stay and Learn, Ashes service, and Year 5 assembly.

Lenten Prayer starts on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March. This is a beautiful way to begin each day and will provide us with time to pray, pause and reflect in what can be very busy lives that we all lead. Lenten Prayer is open to everyone. Please join us from 8.45am every morning in the school hall. Entry to the hall will be via the front door.

Have a lovely weekend with family and friends.

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

## Y5 Class Assembly



This morning, Year 5 performed their class assembly, focusing on inspirational people. They spoke their lines with great confidence and sang beautifully. It was an inspiring and uplifting performance that showcased their hard work and dedication. Well done Year 5, we have all been inspired by you today!

## Y5/Y6 'What's My Job?'

On Monday, the Year 5 and 6 classrooms were full of visitors as we hosted a 'What's my job?' workshop. We were visited by fourteen different adults who work in lots of different careers at locations in the local area. The children in Year 5 and 6 used the work done on asking open and closed questions, and their task was to try to work out what their jobs were. It was a brilliant morning: we got to chat to lots of interesting people and it really opened our eyes to the world of work and how some locations provide a wide variety of career options. For example, one of the visitors worked at Manchester Airport but as a lawyer and one lady worked for Tatton Estate but as an events planner. We were very interested in the ladies who worked in cyber security and software design for Barclays Bank too! Thank you to the Community Engagement team at Manchester Airport for organising such an interesting workshop.



## Y1 Phonics 'Stay and Learn'

Thank you to Mrs Webster for leading a very successful Year 1 Phonics Screening stay and learn session on Tuesday morning. It was lovely to see all the parents who were able to attend. The children really enjoyed showing you some of the activities they do in class.





## 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	21	14	21

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

## Attendance

Reception	97.7%	Year 4	98.5%
Year 1	98.1%	Year 5	98.1%
Year 2	99.3%	Year 6	<b>99.4%</b>
Year 3	98.3%		

**WELL DONE 6 – AMAZING ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!**

## World Book Day



## Lenten Reflections

Lent is a very special time in the Church's year when we prepare for the great feast of Easter. To mark this season, we will be holding daily Lenten Prayer sessions each morning in the school hall before school starts, from 8:45am to 8:55am. These sessions will begin on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March**, and we warmly invite you to join us if you can. They will run for three weeks. They are open to pupils, parents, grandparents, family, and friends and provide a wonderful way to start the day.



### Lent Walk for CAFOD

During Lent we are going to take part in The Big Lent Walk. We will be raising money to help people as they overcome poverty. Money raised will go straight to CAFOD. Our Lent Walk will be completed on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

## Girls Football v Mobberley



'WOW! St Vincent's girls won 5-2 against Mobberley girls. Our goal scorers were Grace, Maya, Chloe, Molly and, as well as being our goalkeeper, Emma scored a goal too, which was fantastic!', by Maya and Evie (Y5).



## PTA Fun Ball Friday Lottery



This week's lucky Fun Ball Friday number was 2 —congratulations to the parents of Christian (Y1). Every Friday, a number is drawn, and if it's yours, your child gets to pick a ball and you get to collect a cheque from the office on Monday. Winners are revealed in the Friday newsletter, so keep your eyes peeled! There's no limit to how many balls you can buy, so why not boost your chances? It's a super fun way to support our school, raise funds, and make a child's day with a brand-new ball. So, what's not to love? Get involved now via ParentPay. Numbers can be bought up to 5pm every Thursday for the following Friday's draw—good luck! 🍀

## Preschool Open Afternoon

**OPEN AFTERNOON**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025, 1.00pm until 3.00pm

Why not pop along to our Open Afternoon full of Easter crafts with your little one. There will be biscuit decorating, Easter arts and crafts. Get the chance to meet other parents, meet the staff and have a tour of our lovely Setting.

We have a fabulous Early Years Provision with

- Dedicated, long serving staff
- Spaces from 2 years old
- Wrap around care
- Holiday club

Let us know you are coming and come along any time between 1.00pm and 3.00pm.

Every day is an open day if you can't make this date, please call us if you would like to come and see us on a different day.

Contact Cath Davies 01565 65194  
[cath@stvincentspreschool.co.uk](mailto:cath@stvincentspreschool.co.uk)

## WINE TASTING EVENING

Knutsford Catentains invite you to a wine tasting event, supporting the SVP, at St Vincent's Church Hall on Friday March 21st 2025, from 7:30PM to 9:30PM. Enjoy an informative lecture on global winemaking, followed by an extensive wine tasting session accompanied by a delicious charcuterie board. It should be a fun and educational evening. Tickets are £20 per person with excess proceeds and additional fundraising on the night benefiting our local SVP. To book your place, please email [events@knutsford.p17catenians.org](mailto:events@knutsford.p17catenians.org)



## 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** - all preschool aged children and parents/carers are welcome every Friday (except the first Friday of the month) at the Parish Centre from 10:00 until 12:00.

**CAMBODIA LINK: Message from Fr David** - Thank you so much for the many donations I have received to help build the classrooms at the Jesus Farm; already we have raised £2000. It was wonderful to visit FR Totet recently and celebrate the Vigil Mass with him and the parish. I also visited the Jesus Farm and saw the site where the classrooms will be built and met some of the children who will benefit from them. I have posted photos on the Parish Facebook Page if you would like to see them. We now have a special bank account for our link with Fr Totet and his work in Cambodia. When he visited last year, we promised to help him raise \$40,000 to build a classroom to support his work with children. If you would like to donate, please make cheques payable to "Knutsford and Lymm Cambodia Link." You can also **make payments direct via BACS to Knutsford and Lymm Cambodia Link, Lloyds Bank, Account No. 68321468; Sort Code 30-15-52.**

## The Week Ahead

Start Time	End Time
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### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March

<b>Lenten Prayer</b> – School Hall. All children, parents, carers welcome	08:45	08:55
<b>Year 5 Forest Schools</b>	PM	
<b>Year 4 Wider Opportunities Music Lessons</b> – please remember instrument	PM	
<b>Rec/Y1/Y2 Board Games Club</b> – sign up via ParentPay	15:30	16:15
<b>Y3/Y4 after school dance club</b> – sign up via ParentPay	15:30	16:30
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (all years)	15:30	16:30

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March

<b>Lenten Prayer</b> – School Hall. All children, parents, carers welcome	08:45	08:55
<b>Y3 St Nicholas Catholic High School Retreat Day</b>	09:00	14:30
<b>Music Ninjas</b> – Piano lessons		PM

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

<b>Lenten Prayer</b> – School Hall. All children, parents, carers welcome	08:45	08:55
<b>ARTIS</b> Performing arts workshops – all classes		
<b>Y1/Y2 Easter Crafts Club</b>	15:30	16:15
<b>Y5/Y6 After School Sports Club</b> – sign up via ParentPay	15:30	16:30
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (all years)	15:30	16:30

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March

<b>Lenten Prayer</b> – School Hall. All children, parents, carers welcome	08:45	08:55
<b>Y3 parents/carers information meeting for Fox Howl residential</b> – School Hall	09:05	09:30
<b>Rock Steady Music</b>		
<b>Mini Vinnies at Sharston House – Spring Crafts Activities</b>	13:40	15:15
<b>Miss Hylands Eco Committee Meeting</b>	15:25	16:15
<b>Rec/Y1/Y2 'Introduction to Gymnastics' after school club</b>	15:30	16:30
<b>Y3/Y4 Multi Skills Sports Event</b> – Knutsford Academy	16:00	17:00
<b>Y3 FHC Parents Meeting, Parish Room</b>	19:00	20:00

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March

<b>Lenten Prayer</b> – School Hall. All children, parents, carers welcome	08:45	08:55
<b>Y5/Y6 Swimming</b> – Please remember costumes/towels/caps/goggles	PM	
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football	15:30	16:30
Y1-Y6 Jam Coding After School Club	15:25	16:25
<b>Y4-Y6 After School Netball Club</b> – sign up via ParentPay	15:30	16:30
<b>PTA Dads Darts</b> – Lord Eldon. Tickets via ParentPay	18:30	

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