

Focus on ... Year 4

Year 4 have had another busy few weeks as we head swiftly towards Easter. This week, as part of our Lenten journey and preparation for Easter, the children took part in a Penitential service led by Father David, during which we listened to the story of the Prodigal Son and reflected on asking God for forgiveness. After this, the children had the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation – it was a really special prayerful afternoon.

On Monday, during Forest School, the children constructed soil volcanoes and mini villages - they decorated these with leaves, moss and pinecones. In the centre of each a bottle of vinegar was placed so, once bicarbonate was added, our volcanoes erupted! It was lots of fun and the children worked so well in their teams!



Our Science topic this half term is 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. We have all been fascinated by the journey of our food! In Art, we have loved making collages out of old food wrappers and coloured paper, thinking carefully about the textures and colours we used. The results were fantastic and the project was lots of fun.



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

Time to reflect

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: Mercy	Conduct & Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Frances	Maggie	Theo – for trying really hard with his writing and letter formation
Year 1	Florence	Rafe	Ralph – for a fantastic effort in his Reading assessment
Year 2	Jess	Anton	Theo – for totally wowing us in his Reading assessment this week
Year 3	Chase	Milan	Mia – for always taking pride in her work
Year 4	Pippa	Theo F	George – excellent artwork using layering of colour
Year 5	Zara	Jenson	George – for always being a happy and helpful member of our class
Year 6	Grace C	Molly	Edward C – excellent effort with his persuasive speech in History

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely week we had in school. With flowers beginning to appear around the grounds and the days growing lighter, there has been a real sense of spring and new beginnings. On Thursday, I had the pleasure of teaching every class from Year 1 to Year 6, and it reminded me once again how proud I am to be Head teacher of such a wonderful school community. The children were incredible, showing our gospel values by helping one another, demonstrating faith, love, respect, perseverance and thankfulness, and showing real empathy for others while also appreciating everything within school and the wider world. Have a lovely weekend with family and friends!

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

Year 5 assembly

This morning, Year 5 delivered an amazing class assembly that truly showed how much the children have grown. They all spoke confidently and clearly as they shared highlights from their busy year, including their exciting trip to Jodrell Bank and their unforgettable residential at Robinwood. The children also talked about what they had been learning in Science, English, Religion, History, and many other subjects, impressing everyone with their knowledge. To finish, they performed a wonderful song that filled the hall with pride and joy. It was a fantastic celebration of their hard work and achievements. Well done, Year 5, Mrs O'Keefe and Mrs Hales!



British Science Week

As part of our two-week celebration of Science for British Science Week, the whole school enjoyed a visit from the Wonderdome company who brought their inflatable planetarium into school. Every class from Reception to Year 6 were taken on a journey through the solar system discovering facts about the moon, stars and planets as they were projected onto the ceiling. Claire, our presenter, was extremely knowledgeable and everyone learned so much. She was very impressed by the intelligent and probing questions the children asked. This was perfect to put the British Science Week theme of Curiosity into action! It really was a magical experience being inside the dome and the feedback from children and adults alike was wonderful. Thank you to the PTA for funding this fantastic experience. Further events to celebrate British Science Week will continue next week and will include Science Busking conducted by our Science Ambassadors as well as each class carrying out investigations based on the children's curious questions.



DT Competition

Message from Mrs Webster - As part of our preparations for Easter, we are inviting all children to take part in a special Easter Garden Competition. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to reflect on the meaning of Jesus' Resurrection while being creative together at home. Just as we display a Nativity scene at Christmas, an Easter Garden helps us remember the events of the first Easter morning. It represents the empty tomb of Jesus and the hope and new life that come from the Resurrection. Children are encouraged to design and create their own Easter Garden using any materials they choose. This could include natural materials such as soil, stones, moss and plants, or recycled craft materials from home. We look forward to seeing the children's creative designs and the thoughtful ways they represent the story of Easter. Please see the attached poster for further details.

High 5 Netball Tournament



Last night some Year 6 girls competed in an inter-school netball tournament. Together we competed against 4 schools: Bexton, Manor Park, Egerton and Mobberley. We played four matches and won all of them - one of them by 13-2! Yet again we came home with not just a victory, but a gold medal and a trophy. At the end of the tournament we were very proud of our achievement and couldn't wait to spread the news to our friends, our school and our families! We couldn't have done it without our coaches Mrs Davies and Mrs O'Keefe, and the staff who supported us on the night, the one and only Miss Hughes and Mrs Dowler! – Hattie and Sadie (Y6)

Eco Committee Elections

This week, our KS2 classes voted for two representatives each to form our new Eco Committee. The standard of entries was incredibly high, making the final decisions tough. On Thursday, our newly elected members proudly received their badges and have already begun their first mission: taking part in the **BIG SCHOOL TIDY UP** running from 13th–29th March. We can't wait to see the positive impact they make.



Mini Vinnie – Raffle



Mini Vinnies will be selling **raffle tickets for 50p** each at break time during Lent. Below are pictures of some of the prizes that could be won. All money raised will go to charity as part of our focus on the Catholic Social Teaching principle of, 'The Common Good'. This means that each person and creation should have enough of what they need to grow and flourish. Our chosen charity is CAFOD.

There will also be little **Lent activity books on sale for £1.00**. If you would like your child to buy any of these please send them in with the money. **This will end on Friday 27th March.**

Year 5 and 6 Swimming - Reminder

Swimming lessons for Year 5 and Year 6 have commenced and run up until 27th March. The swimming fees for the Spring term are £11.95 per pupil. This consists of 4 swimming sessions, coach hire, hire of the swimming pool and the swimming tutor. Please log into **Arbor** to give your consent and payment as soon as possible. **Please note: swimming fees can be found under Trips in Arbor.**

Lenten Prayer

Thank you to all of our families, especially grandparents, who have joined us this week for Lenten Prayer. We have been so impressed with the number of children who have come from Reception to Year 6 - it has been a wonderful way to start the day, Please do join us, it's only 10 minutes and all are welcome, **8.45-8.55am** in the School Hall.



Netball

Netball Practice is on Fridays for Year 4, 5 and 6 - **boys and girls**. This term, Mrs Davies and Mrs O'Keefe will be leading the sessions. Numbers will be limited to 30. Please email the office if you wish your child to attend.

Big Lent Walk

Next week, the whole school will be doing CAFOD's 'The Big Lent Walk'. This will be three laps of the school grounds as a whole class or with their buddies. Once you have collected your sponsorship, please donate via the following link: <https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-vincent-knutford>

CAFOD A better world needs all of us

What could the money your school raises this Lent be used for ?

£12 can pay to train one farmer to care for young seedlings

£36 can pay to train a floating garden farmer

£231 can pay for enough floating gardens for a farmer to feed their family for a year

£77 can pay to set up and care for one floating garden

THE BIG LENT WALK

Payments for 2026 Residential visits

Y4 PETTY POOL: 27th to 29th April 2026 - Payment should be received via Arbor by **Monday 13th April**.

Y3 FOX HOWL: 7th to 8th May 2025 - Payment should be received via Arbor by **Friday 24h April**.

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS
6	7	8	10	11
Rafe Lara	Charmaine	Tyler Sophia	Amelia	Amelia

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	21	20	20

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

Attendance

Reception	97.4%	Year 4	97.3%
Year 1	98.7%	Year 5	98.5%
Year 2	94.8%	Year 6	98.7%
Year 3	97.9%		

WELL DONE YEARS 1 and 6 – GREAT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Whole School Attendance for this week – 97.7%

Starting Pre-school

Due to an increase in numbers, if any parents have a child who is due to start Pre-school before September 2027, please contact the Setting for an Expression of Interest form to let us know you require a place.

Pre-school Holiday Club

Pre-school are running their holiday club during the Easter holidays :

Week 1 - Tuesday 7th April to Thursday 9th April 9.00am - 3.15pm

Week 2 - Monday 13th April to Thursday 16th April 9.00am - 3.00pm - **PLEASE NOTE FINISHING TIME**

Please let Cath know if you want your child to attend if you haven't already done so. They will only open if there is sufficient demand.



The PTA has a few exciting events coming up to add to your diary:

Dates for Your Diary

- School Colour Run – 12th June
- Annual Summer Fair – 4th July



Father David and St. Vincent's Church - Information Confirmation

Bishop Mark will celebrate Confirmation at St Vincent's Church on 17th June. The programme of preparation will begin with a meeting for parents and candidates at 7pm on Thursday 30 April and then an all-day session for candidates on Saturday, 9 May beginning at 10am in St Vincent's Parish Hall. Anyone in Year 8 or upwards (who is a baptised Catholic) is welcome to join the group. Registration forms can be downloaded from St Vincent's website or obtained from Father David.

Celebrating 60 year of St Nicholas Catholic high School – JUBILEE AFTERNOON TEA ON

THURSDAY, 26 MARCH AT 4.30PM: Past pupils, former staff, governors and friends of the school are all warmly invited and are encouraged to write or email their memories of St Nicholas' over the years. Please book a place in advance and/or send your memories to alumni@st-nicholas.cheshire.sch.uk

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 16th March		
Lenten Prayer, School Hall	8:45am	8:55am
Y3 Forest School	PM	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Tuesday 17th March		
Lenten Prayer, School Hall	8:45am	8:55am
YR Stay and Learn – Early Learning Goals, School Hall	9am	10am
Y4 Clarinet Lesson - Love Music Trust	PM	
Wednesday 18th March		
Lenten Prayer, School Hall	8:45am	8:55am
ARTIS performing arts workshops	ALL	DAY
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Y3 - Sacramental Programme Meeting, St Vincent's Church Parish Room	7pm	
Thursday 19th March		
Lenten Prayer, School Hall	8:45am	8:55am
Y6 Penitential Service	PM	
Rock Steady Music	ALL	DAY
Friday 20th March		
Lenten Prayer, School Hall	8:45am	8:55am
Year 5 and 6 Swimming (Remember swimming kit)	PM	
Y4/Y5/Y6 Netball with Mrs Davies, Mrs O'Keefe - email School office if your child wishes to join (Boys and Girls)	3:30pm	4:15pm
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm

* DR Sports After School Clubs are booked directly through their website at www.drsportsclubs.co.uk

Father David and St. Vincent's Church - Information

[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 5.4 Saturdays.



Mums and Tots at St Vincent's Parish Centre: all preschool aged children and parents/careers are welcome every Friday (except the first Friday of the month) at the Parish Centre from 10am until 12.

Children's Liturgy: On Sunday at the 11 am Mass all children are warmly invited to take part and learn about the Gospel in a way that's fun and engaging. Mums and Dads are very welcome to come along and assist with their children as we share faith together as a parish family.

Stations of the Cross: will follow 9.30am Mass each Wednesday during Lent.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Saturdays from 11.30am to 12 Noon.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is available after weekday Mass and during Adoration on Saturdays