

Focus on ... Year 3

In Design and Technology, we've been exploring the world of castles and the features that make them strong, such as towers, turrets, battlements and moats. The children have begun designing their own castles and creating nets of 3D shapes, which will soon form parts of their final models. We're excited to see their creations come to life over the next couple of weeks.

In French, we have been learning to count to 20 and practising simple conversational phrases. The children have enjoyed asking and answering questions about their age, name and favourite animals, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence grow.

In English, we have been exploring transformation narratives inspired by Egg and Pip. The children have been discovering how characters and events change in stories and have planned their own narratives using imaginative transformations, descriptive language and clear structure. We're looking forward to seeing their ideas develop in their writing.



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

Time to reflect

Last Sunday was the 4th Sunday of Lent and in the gospel reading, John 9:1-41, the focus is on the fact we are all loved by God.

We are reminded that Jesus loves everybody no matter what and that we should all do the same.

Let us all take time to look at other people with love.



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	Freddie	Lilly	Wynter – fantastic phonics – what a star!
Year 1	Leon	Flynn	Felix – for always trying his best and contributing to class discussion
Year 2	Thomas	Emmie	Reggie – trying hard to improve his handwriting
Year 3	Max	Leo	Freddie – for super effort with his writing – well done!
Year 4	George	Rhea	Isla – working hard on all she does
Year 5	Harryett	Carys	Abrielle – for always trying her best and for producing beautiful, thoughtful work
Year 6	Alissa	Martha	Sadie – for being an exemplary prefect at all times

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week it has been in school. Even though Monday greeted us with very wet weather, by Wednesday the sun was shining and it was fantastic to see all our classes making full use of the school grounds. The daffodils, daisies and other spring flowers are now in full bloom, bringing such a cheerful atmosphere to our outdoor spaces.

With only two weeks to go before we break up for Easter, we are heading into an especially busy period. Next week begins with Maths Day on Monday, followed by the Year 4 clarinet recital on Tuesday. We are also hoping our chicks will hatch—just in time for parents' evening, which takes place on both Tuesday and Wednesday. Year 4 will be heading off for their activity day at St. Nicks, and Year 1 are preparing for their Barnaby Bear concert, all alongside an already full and vibrant curriculum. Please continue to check the newsletter regularly for updates on the many events taking place.

Have a lovely weekend,

God bless,

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

CAFOD's 'The Big Lent Walk' – Well Done Everyone!

A huge well done to all the children who completed the Big Lent Walk this week. They were very lucky to enjoy such lovely weather, and it was fantastic to see their enthusiasm and determination throughout the walk. **So far we have raised an amazing £635** to help bring clean, safe water to communities around the world. Once you have collected your sponsorship money, please make your donation via the following link: <https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-vincent-knutford>



Dobroyd Castle – Robinwood pictures

Year 5 and 6 received their Dobroyd Castle – Robinwood picture and certificate this week to take home.

St Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School

at Dobroyd Castle, 25th to 27th Feb 2026



Lava Group with their Group Leader Sam

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Desert Group with their Group Leader Kirsten and Emma

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Hill Group with their Group Leader Sarah

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Volcano Group with their Group Leader Nat

Headlice

We've had a few reported cases of headlice in school recently. This is very common in all primary settings, and there's no need for alarm, but we do ask parents and carers to check their child's hair regularly. If you do spot any signs of headlice, please begin treatment promptly and continue to check the whole family. Regular combing with a fine-toothed nit comb can help prevent them from spreading.

Fitness Zone

Please could we remind parents and carers **not to allow children to play on the Fitness Zone** before or after school. For safety reasons, the Fitness Zone should only be used during the school day when it is supervised.

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.

Get dressed up for Maths Fun Day - Monday 23rd March

Reception & Year 1 – Number Day: Reception and Year 1 will be taking part in a special Number Day. **Children are invited to come to school dressed as a number or numbers.** They can be as imaginative as they wish—favourite numbers, repeated digits, number-themed clothing, or even outfits decorated with calculations. For ideas and inspiration, please take a look on Tapestry. In the afternoon, both year groups will join together for a fun Maths Activity session, filled with practical challenges, games, and hands-on problem-solving to build confidence and number fluency.

Years 2–6 – Times Tables Rock Stars Fun Day: Children in Years 2 to 6 will be celebrating Times Tables Rock Stars Fun Day. **Pupils (and staff!) are invited to come dressed as Rock Stars**—think bright colours, leather jackets, sunglasses, bandanas, wigs, or anything that helps them feel like a Times Tables superstar. Throughout the day, pupils will take part in a range of TTRS-themed Maths activities to celebrate their progress with multiplication and division.

Book Fair



Next week, we will be having a book fair after school to raise money for the purchase of books for school. A big thank you to the PTA who are giving up their time to 'man' the stall. The fair will be open :

Tuesday – 3:25 to 6:30pm

Wednesday - 3:25 to 6:30pm

Thursday - 3:25 to 4pm

Friday – 3:25 to 4pm

Payment by cash or card. World Book Day vouchers can also be spent at the book fair. Please come along and support us!

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.**

Lenten Prayer

Thank you to all of our families, especially grandparents, who have joined us this week for Lenten Prayer. Next week is the last week so please do join us, it's only 10 minutes and all are welcome, **8.45-8.55am** in the School Hall. From Monday 30th March, Holy Week, Year 3 to Year 6 will be leading daily reflections on Holy week for the whole school and parents and carers are also very welcome.

Year 6 - What's my job?

On Wednesday morning, Year 6 were visited by 7 wonderful volunteers from local businesses and organisations. Using our investigative skills and by asking lots of open questions, our task was to try and work out what their jobs were. Some were very tricky but we managed to correctly guess many of them! Among our visitors was an event planner, a park ranger, a charity worker and a cybersecurity analyst. It definitely gave us food for thought about where our future careers might lie - we hadn't even considered you could work for a bank but never ever deal with money or a customer!



Y4 Clarinet performance

Year 4 will be putting on a Clarinet Concert on Tuesday 24th March at 1:45pm, where they will showcase what they have learnt so far. We hope as many Year 4 parents/carers as possible will be able to join us. The performance will last around 15 minutes.

Arbor

The first class to have all parents and carers logged on to Arbor is ... Year 5! The children in Year 5 all received a treat from Mrs Lees. Well done, Parents and Carers of Year 5!

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 24th April**.

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS
6	7	8	10
Caden	Anton	Freddie	Lola

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	24	17	17

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

Attendance

Reception	93.2%	Year 4	95.3%
Year 1	97%	Year 5	98.5%
Year 2	97.4%	Year 6	94.7%
Year 3	97.2%		

WELL DONE YEAR 5 – GREAT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Whole School Attendance for this week – 96.3%

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

[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 5.45p 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.

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 23rd March		
Lenten Prayer, School Hall – all week	8:45am	8:55am
YR/Y1 – Numbers Day - come dressed as a number	ALL	DAY
Y2/3/4/5/6 - TT Rockstar Day - come dressed as a Rockstar	ALL	DAY
Y2 Forest School	PM	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Tuesday 24th March		
Y6 Crucial Crew School Trip	AM	
Y4 Clarinet Performance for parents - Love Music Trust	1:45pm	2pm
Scholastic Book Fair – school foyer	3:25pm	6:30pm
Parents' Evening – see email for details	AFTER	SCHOOL
Wednesday 25th March		
ARTIS performing arts workshops	ALL	DAY
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Scholastic Book Fair – school foyer	3:25pm	6:30pm
Parents' Evening – see email for details	AFTER	SCHOOL
Thursday 26th March		
Y1 Barnaby Bear School Trip	AM	
Y4 St Nick's Activity Day	ALL	DAY
Rock Steady Music	ALL	DAY
Friday 27th March		
YR - Stay and Read	9am	
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

WALKING WITH JESUS: The Knutsford churches are planning a walk of witness through the town on Good Friday, 3 April beginning here at 11.45am and finishing at St Cross. Along the way we will commemorate the events of Jesus's final journey to Calvary with the dramatization of his Crucifixion on the Moor.

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.

LENTEN RECOLLECTION Thursday 26th March at 7:30 pm in the church. The recollection will be run by Fr. Michael Lowenthal and provides an opportunity for you to spend some time to reflect on the meaning of Lent and Easter. Everyone who has attended previous recollections with Fr. Michael found them both enjoyable and spiritually uplifting. There will be refreshments available once the recollection has finished (cheese, ham, bread, coffee/tea/wine) – a donation is requested to help us cover costs. If you wish to attend, please send an email to: events@knutsford.p17catenians.org (or tell Stuart Jones) this will help us to cater for the right number of people. Organised by Knutsford Catenians.