

Focus on ... Year 6

Year 6 have had a great week to begin our very final term of primary school! We began with an afternoon of Forest School on Monday which was great fun: we went on a bug hunt and created our own classification keys using a branching system to try and identify them by their physical characteristics. We then made some multi-micro-habitats to encourage wildlife in our forest school and field areas. In English this week, we have completed incredible final drafts of our diary entries based on the book *Rose Blanche* and have just begun some narrative work on a very creepy animated film! Our RE work based on resurrection scripture and the Eucharist has really impressed Mrs Bullen (and our inspectors!), as has the compassion and maturity we have shown in our History lessons based on the Holocaust this week. We watched a documentary about Anne Frank which highlighted the heartbreaking injustices faced. Our mouldy bread is also developing well as part of our microorganisms investigation over time in Science - some of them look very 'interesting'! AND we had our first cricket session with our new coach! What a busy week - we definitely deserve to relax a little this weekend as we will be continuing our preparations for SATs and going on our amazing WWII trip to Stockport Air Raid Shelters next week!



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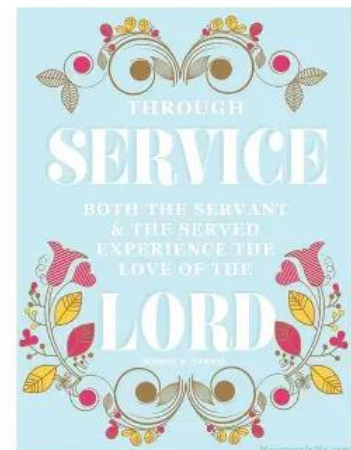


Believe, Trust and Be Ready
"That they may have life, and to the full" John 10:10

Gospel Values

Our gospel value this week is
Service.

Jesus modelled this value of service through acts like washing His disciples' feet (John 13:1-17) and ultimately sacrificing His life for humanity. He taught that true greatness in God's kingdom comes through serving others: "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant" (Mark 10:43).



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: Service	Conduct & Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Frances	Henry	Albie – amazing independent writing
Year 1	Rafe	Charlotte	Olivia – for blowing Mrs Webster's socks off with her responses and contributions in RE this week
Year 2	Charmaine	Aurora	for amazing independent writing
Year 3	Peyton	Charlie	Chase – for trying really hard with his work and behaviour
Year 4	Elsie	Rose	Milan – working hard and reading beautifully
Year 5	Roisin	Jaxon	Henry – for always producing beautiful, thoughtful work in all lessons
Year 6	Darcy	Daisy	Yasmin – fantastic diary writing in English

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and exciting first week back we've had. On Monday, we received notice that our RE inspection, carried out by the Catholic Schools Inspectorate, would take place on Wednesday and Thursday. As you know, this inspection is both a diocesan and statutory responsibility, and it plays an important role in supporting the bishop in his mission as the first teacher of the diocese. Throughout the two days of inspection, the team visited lessons and observed acts of worship across the school. I would like to extend a sincere thank you to Mrs Davies for her amazing leadership of RE within our school, and to all staff for their dedication and hard work. A huge thank you also goes to all our children from Reception to Year 6 — their behaviour was outstanding as usual and inspectors spoke with many different groups, and the children represented our school beautifully. I am grateful to all parents who completed questionnaires and supported the process, and to our governors for their ongoing commitment. Our Catholic school truly is a family. It was awe-inspiring to take a step back, observe, and see so clearly all the strength of what we do together. Their findings will be shared with you in a written report in due course.

We ended the week on a high with Scooter Day. The whole-school demonstration this morning was incredible; I was amazed (and a little shocked!) by what can be achieved on a scooter. I reminded the children about the importance of wearing a helmet and pointed out that our instructor was over 18 and had been practising for years — skills like that come only with dedication and hard work. Do ask your children about it; they were buzzing with excitement.

Have a lovely weekend with your family and friends. God Bless.

Miss Groarke and everyone at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Academy Trust

I am delighted to share the long-awaited news that we have received formal confirmation that our school will be joining the Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Academy Trust OLHOC next Friday, 1st May. This move has been in the pipeline for some time, and throughout 2025 – 2026 we have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure everything was in place. We are very pleased that the transition will finally take place on 1st May, marking an important and positive step forward for our school community.

Scootering Day



Today, we welcomed Regan and Jack from GB Extreme to our school. The day started with a 'Wow! Assembly' on the playground, and it really was a 'Wow!' moment! Regan introduced the school to scootering by performing (very safely!) a variety of stunts including a 'buttercup', 'handlebar spin' and finished with a 'back flip'! After an inspiring start to the day, each class then had fun experiencing riding a scooter; focusing on correct riding technique, awareness of others, protective gear and safe progression through stunts. What a fantastic and memorable end to a very long week!



Year 5 – Maya Archaeologist

Year 5 had an exciting visit from Dr Diane, the UK's only Maya archaeologist, who amazed us with stories of her excavations in the Guatemalan jungle. We explored a range of fascinating artefacts to learn more about how the Maya civilisation lived. It truly felt like having a real-life Indiana Jones with us for the day!



Knutsford School Sports Partnership Football Tournament

Our Year 3/4 team were outstanding, finishing the tournament as unbeaten winners — a fantastic achievement. In the Year 5/6 competition, our pupils showed brilliant determination and secured 3rd place in a strong group of five schools. Well done to everyone involved. We are very proud of you all.



Earth Day



To mark Earth Day on 22nd April, pupils across the school took part in a BBC live lesson, exploring how we can care for our planet. In some classes, Celebration of the Word was linked to Earth Day and the Creation story, reflecting on our responsibility to look after God's world. We also shared WE ARE HERE by Oliver Jeffers to support our understanding of the world we live in and how we can all make a difference.

Holidays during term time and absence requests

Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless exceptional circumstances are clearly demonstrated. Please see this policy on our website for further details. Please can you ensure that any absence requests (when possible) are put in writing to Miss Groarke at least 4 weeks before the intended dates of absence. **Please note** Cheshire East Local Authority have informed all schools that Fixed Penalty Notices will be issued to parents who take their children out of school without authorisation. Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

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	20	23	18

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

St George's Party

Last term, St George topped the leaderboard in our house-points competition, and this week they enjoyed a well-deserved celebration. Pupils spent the afternoon having fun with their buddies, taking part in a range of games and activities. The children enjoyed biscuits and treats as they celebrated their fantastic achievement together. Well done, St George — a brilliant effort from everyone involved.



Attendance

Reception	97.9%	Year 4	98.7%
Year 1	97.7%	Year 5	96.3%
Year 2	100%	Year 6	100%
Year 3	96.6%		

WELL DONE YEAR 2 and Year 6 – PERFECT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Whole School Attendance for this week – 98%



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

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS
5	6	8	10	11
Leo Joshua Albie	Heath Emily	Oscar	Abrielle Huey	Ed Judy Annie

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 27th April		
Y4 Pettypool Residential	ALL	DAY
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Tuesday 28th April		
Y4 Pettypool Residential	ALL	DAY
Y6 Stockport Air Raid Shelter Visit	ALL	DAY
Wednesday 29th April		
Y4 Pettypool Residential	ALL	DAY
ARTIS Performing Arts Workshops	ALL	DAY
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Y3 FHC Parents Meeting, Church Hall	7pm	
Thursday 30th April		
Rock Steady	ALL	DAY
Friday 1st May		
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

[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.