

Focus on ...Year 3

Year 3 have had a busy and exciting week!

At Forest School, we created human skeletons from sticks and named different bones. We also had great fun trampolining and dancing with Mrs Carter.

In Science, we explored how muscles help us move by making our own arm muscle models and learning how the biceps and triceps work together.

In Computing, we learned about computer networks and discovered how a switch helps information travel efficiently. We also enjoyed learning about Fairtrade and how our choices can help support farmers and workers around the world. Well done, Year 3, for another fantastic week of learning and teamwork!



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

Time to Reflect

This week we think about the gospel value of **Gentleness**. The quality of doing things in a quiet and careful way. Jesus is our gentle king and he works in us through his Holy Spirit to bring about gentleness in our lives! Gentleness means that we work towards the welfare of those around us, rather than being rude and inconsiderate.

The opposite of gentleness might be rudeness, being mean, or not considering other people's feelings.



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: Gentleness	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Lillie	Indigo	Rory – for being a lovely kind friend to others in the class
Year 1	Freddie	Almar	Lilly – For fantastic independent work in both Maths and English
Year 2	Emily	Olivia	Sebby - For writing a wonderful Friendship narrative and using some amazing vocabulary
Year 3	Anton	Theo	Isaac - for having a great attitude towards his learning and showing stamina when writing a narrative
Year 4	Max	Oscar	James – excellent contributions during Maths lessons
Year 5	Isla	Violet	Milan – for his excellent contributions to European Day of Languages and for teaching us all some Polish
Year 6	Carys	Robyn	Harryett - for working incredibly hard on her writing and producing a great description of a sandstorm

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing week we have had in school! We are incredibly fortunate to have such wonderful support from our parents and carers, and we are grateful for the positive partnership we share in supporting our children. On Monday, we made the most of the beautiful weather with some outdoor fun as the children enjoyed bouncing on the trampolines led by Mrs Carter. On Tuesday, I had the pleasure of joining our Reception 'Stay and Learn' session, led by Miss Quinn. It was fantastic to see so many parents attending and taking such an active interest in their child's learning.

We have also been celebrating European Day of Languages throughout the week. At St Vincent's, we are proud of the rich cultural diversity within our school community. Many of our children are fortunate to grow up hearing and speaking more than one language, and we believe this is a wonderful skill that should be recognised and celebrated. Being able to communicate in different languages is a real gift and an important part of a child's identity and heritage. If you are fluent in a language other than English, we would love to help celebrate this within our school community. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you would be willing to share your language, culture or experiences with our pupils.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for the many ways you contribute to the life of our school.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless

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

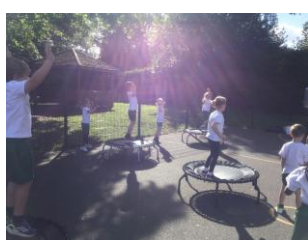
Trampoline Day

What an energetic start to the week! A big thank you to Louise Carter for working with every class from Reception through to Year 6. All children were able to participate in this inclusive sport, and had a lot of fun bouncing, following movements and singing!

Ethan: 'I felt happy!'



Tabby: 'It made my body feel bouncy!'



Celebrating Our School and Parish Community

Last Sunday's Mass was a wonderful occasion as we celebrated the Feast of St Vincent, the patron saint of our school and parish. The celebration was made even more special by the fantastic involvement of our children and their families. From welcoming parishioners by distributing hymn books, introducing the Mass, reading the scriptures, leading the bidding prayers and presenting the Offertory gifts, our pupils carried out their roles with confidence, reverence and great maturity. We were also delighted to have four altar servers assisting at the Mass. Every child who took part was a real credit to our school and their families, and we are incredibly proud of them.

It was heartening to see so many families gathered together in worship, reflecting the strong partnership between our school, parish and wider community. The joyful atmosphere continued after Mass at the Church Children's Fair. With face painting, sand art, games and plenty of laughter. It was a wonderful afternoon that brought people together in faith, friendship and fun. Thank you to Christel for organising such a successful event and to everyone who helped make the day so memorable. It was a beautiful celebration of our St Vincent community at its very best.

KS1 Reading for Pleasure Workshop

We are delighted to invite parents and grandparents to our Reading for Pleasure Workshop on Tuesday 6th October, led by Miss Quinn, Mrs Webster and Mrs Cox. Following the workshop, families will have the opportunity to visit classrooms and enjoy reading alongside their children. We are very much looking forward to welcoming everyone and sharing the joy of reading together. Reading is one of the most important gifts we can give our children. It opens doors to new worlds, sparks imagination, builds knowledge and develops a lifelong love of learning. Quite simply, reading is a passport to an amazing life. Through books, children can explore different places, discover new ideas and learn about the world around them. We strongly encourage all families to join us for this special event and celebrate the pleasure of reading together. We look forward to seeing as many parents and grandparents as possible.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

A huge well done to Year 6, who sold their handmade paper biscuits today to raise money for CAFOD Family Fast Day. Thank you to everyone who supported their fundraising—your generosity makes a real difference. They raised £53.21!



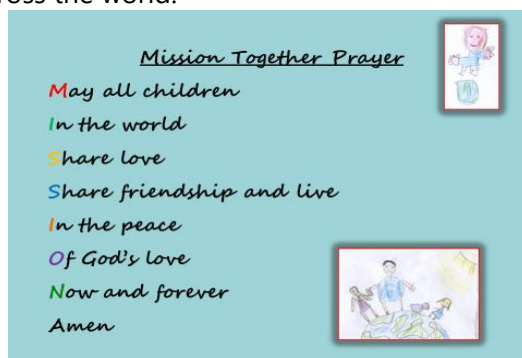
Harvest Festival

On Friday 16th October, we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival in school. Each class will perform a little something - this might be a song, poem etc. You are all very welcome to join us for KS2 at 9.10am and Reception and KS1 at 2.45pm. This year we have split into two performances as it is always very busy. All our food will be donated to Hope Central Foodbank who support families in need. We are asking for donations to be sent into school from Monday 12th October to Thursday 16th October. Any donations are gratefully received but we have been told they particularly need the following:

- Tinned meat/spam/tuna/corned beef
- Tinned pasta
- Microwave rice packets
- Pasta sauce jars
- Shampoo
- Tinned soup
- Tinned carrots
- UHT semi-skimmed milk
- Tinned custard
- Pot noodles
- Household cleaning products
- Biscuits
- Coffee
- Curry sauce jars
- Chocolate/Sweets
- Cup-a-Soup
- Instant noodles
- Tinned Hotdogs

Mission Together

Yesterday marked the beginning of October, a special month in the Church when we remember and pray for missionaries serving communities around the world. Their work in sharing God's love, supporting those in need and bringing hope to others reminds us that we are all called to live out our faith through kindness, service and compassion. We invite all families to pray the Mission Together Prayer with their children at home during this month. It is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on how we can all make a difference in the lives of others through prayer and action. In the Catholic Church, October, along with May, is traditionally dedicated to Our Lady and the Holy Rosary. Throughout October, we will be praying the Angelus each day in school as we honour Mary, the Mother of God. Mary's faith, courage and loving example continue to inspire Christians around the world. As a caring mother and a model for missionaries, she teaches us how to say "yes" to God and to serve others with love and humility. We ask for Mary's prayers for our school community and for all those who dedicate their lives to sharing the Good News across the world.



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
15	17	23	22

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

Attendance

Reception	97%	Year 4	98.6%
Year 1	96.3%	Year 5	98.6%
Year 2	95.8%	Year 6	96.3%
Year 3	98.1%		

WELL DONE YEARS 4 AND 5 – GREAT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Whole school attendance this week: 97.3%

Fairtrade Fortnight – 21st September – 2nd October

Fairtrade Fortnight is an annual event that shines a light on the importance of ethical trading and the challenges faced by producers in developing countries. This year's theme, 'Do it Fair – for People, for Planet and for Fair Pay' - "Do it Fair," encourages us all—individuals and organisations alike—to make conscious, fair choices in what we buy and consume. Our pupils embraced the spirit of Fairtrade Fortnight in creative and thoughtful ways.

Pupil Premium Funding/Free School Meal entitlement

All children in Reception class, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a free school meal under current Government policy; this is known as Universal Free School Meals. However, you may be entitled to Income Related Free School Meals if you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit. If this is the case, please apply for this even if your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1. The school can then claim additional funding for resources, known as Pupil Premium, which can be used to help your child when they are in school. Apply online:

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx or contact Mrs Lees in the school office.

Applications for Secondary School Places – Year 6

31st October 2026 is the deadline for applications for Secondary School places for September 2027. Please ensure you register your preferred schools by this date via the Cheshire East website –

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/start-school-september.aspx>

School Photos

The school photographer will be visiting St. Vincent's on Wednesday 7th October to take individual and family group photographs. Any parents who would like their pre-school children to be included in the family group photo, please come along to the school hall from 8.30am.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations will take place at school on Tuesday 24th November. You will receive a message from the vaccination team approximately 3 weeks before this date asking for your consent.

Christmas Performances 2026 – Save the date

This year's Christmas performances will be as follows:

KS1 Nativity – Tuesday 15th December

Afternoon performance and Evening performance – times TBC

KS2 Christmas Performance – Wednesday 9th December

Evening performance, **6:00–7:00pm**

PE Update

Last night, 38 children took part in our Thursday school football training, and it was great to see so much energy and enthusiasm on the pitch! We're looking forward to our upcoming football league and tournaments. The Year 5 and 6 football and netball leagues start next week. Good luck to everyone taking part! On Thursday 8th October, there is a Dance taster event as part of the Knutsford schools partnership for Years 1 and 2. An email has been sent out today - there are only 18 spaces available.



Open Afternoon

We will be holding an open afternoon on **Thursday 15th October from 2.00pm** and **Thursday 12th November** for parents of children who are looking to change school or are due to start in Reception in 2027. Please pass on this information to neighbours and friends in Knutsford. To book a slot please email

admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk

Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers to help in school. If you are able to give up some time every week, please let Mrs Lees in the office know.

Vacancies

We currently have several vacancies being advertised on the school website. If you or someone you know may be interested, please take a look at the details online:

<https://www.stvincentsknutsford.co.uk/page/vacancies/>



PTA update

Welcome back to the new school year from your PTA committee. We have been busy getting dates in the diary and have our first PTA event of the year planned for Friday October 16th 5-7pm, which will be a school movie night organised by the Y4 parents, showing 'The Magic Faraway Tree'. Details will be on Arbor and the WhatsApp group, soon. We also have set a date for our PTA AGM. This is our big PTA meeting of the year and will be held on Thursday Nov 12th, 6.30-7.30pm in the school hall. This is the meeting we encourage as many parents as possible to attend as we will be running over the PTA finances and targets for the year, plus looking for activities and events to plan for the year ahead. We will provide refreshments.

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO	LOOK WHO	LOOK WHO	LOOK WHO	LOOK WHO
IS	IS	IS	IS	IS
6	8	9	10	11
Theo	Hugo	Amandine	Theo	Oliver

The Week Ahead		Start Time	End Time
Monday 5th October			
Y1 Forest Schools		PM	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk		15:30	16:30
Tuesday 6th October			
YR/1/2 Parents Meeting – Reading for Pleasure- all welcome		9am	10am
Y4 – Love Music Trust Clarinet Lesson – please remember your instrument			PM
Wednesday 7th October			
School Photos – Individuals and Siblings		AM	
ARTIS performing arts workshops		ALL	DAY
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk		15:30	16:30
Y5 St Nick's Music Festival		14:30	
Thursday 8th October			
Y5 Forces Workshop		ALL	DAY
Rock Steady Music			
Friday 9th October			
Y3/Y4 Swimming – payment via Arbor. Don't forget swimming kits!		PM	
Y4/Y5/Y6 Netball - email School office if your child wishes to join (Boys and Girls)		15:30	16:15
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football www.drsportsclubs.co.uk		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.

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.

PARISH MEAL: Please hold the date for our annual Parish Dinner on the evening of **Friday 13th November** at Knutsford Golf Club. This will be a 3-course meal. Further details to follow.