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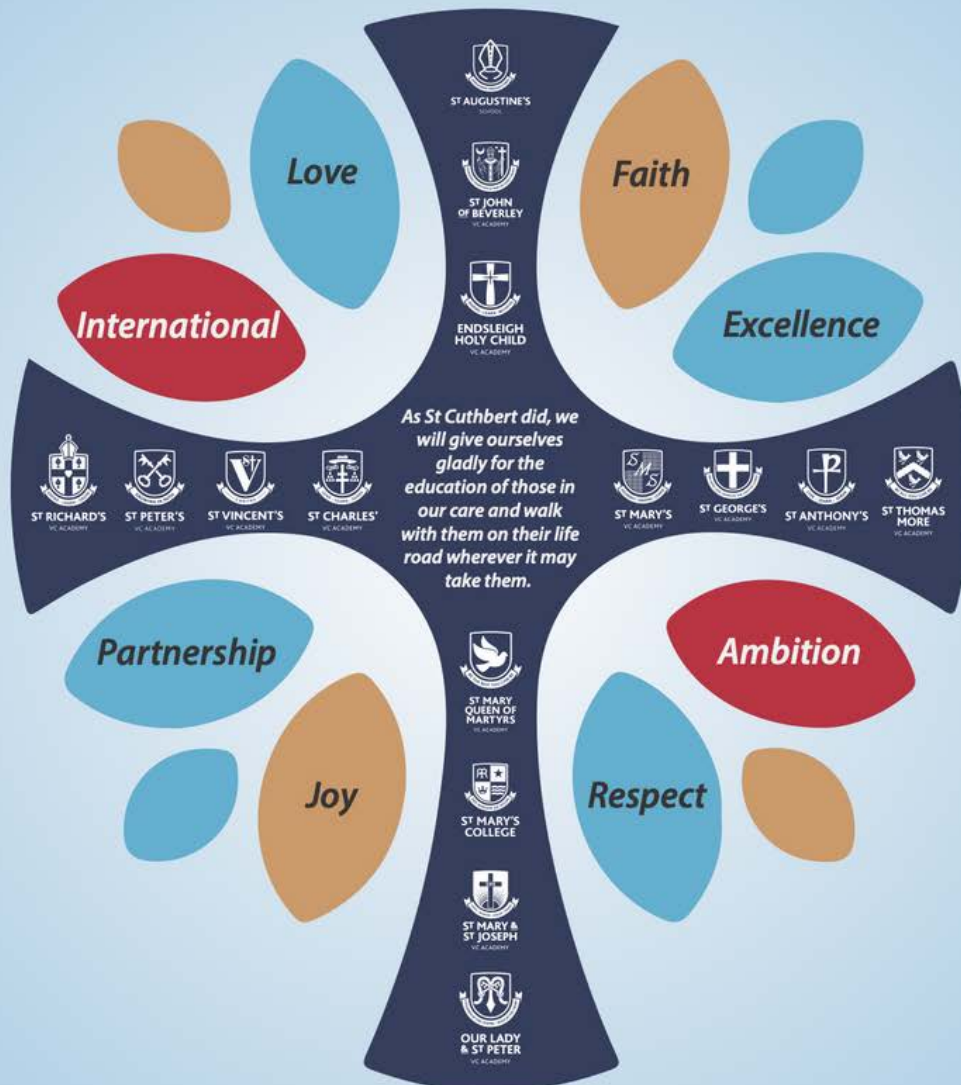
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The Bishop's Vision

To make Christ known and loved, through the provision of excellent Catholic education and schools intent on finding Christ in their daily lives and sharing that encounter with others.

***'All your children shall be taught by the Lord,
and great shall be the peace of your children.'* Isaiah 43:13**



Our mission is to:

- *Give every member of St Cuthbert's family the experiences to encounter Christ and know that they are loved by Him.***
- *Enable all to meet their full potential and flourish.***
- *Provide excellent academic opportunities for learning.***
- *Grow in the Christian virtues of Faith, Hope and Love.***
- *Grow in service of others.***



I would like to provide you with a short update on the start date for Mrs Rachel McEvoy our incoming Chief Executive Officer. Rachel currently works for the Blessed Peter Snow Catholic Academy Trust in the Leeds Diocese. They have asked that to ensure a smooth handover from her current role as Interim CEO there, Rachel remains with them until 31 May 2024.

We have agreed to this, so Rachel will now start with us on 1st June 2024.

You will know that Karen Siedle has been working as our Interim Chief Executive Officer since September last year. Karen has been excellent in the role, and I am hugely grateful to her for leading the Trust over the last seven months. Karen has kindly agreed to continue in the position until 31st May, taking us to half-term.

On a more general note, the Spring Term has, as ever, been hugely busy, and successful in so many ways. I hope you all enjoy some rest over the Easter period, and return refreshed for the Summer term.



David Laws

Chair of St Cuthbert's Roman Catholic Academy Trust



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ST CHARLES'
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Karen Siedle
Interim CEO

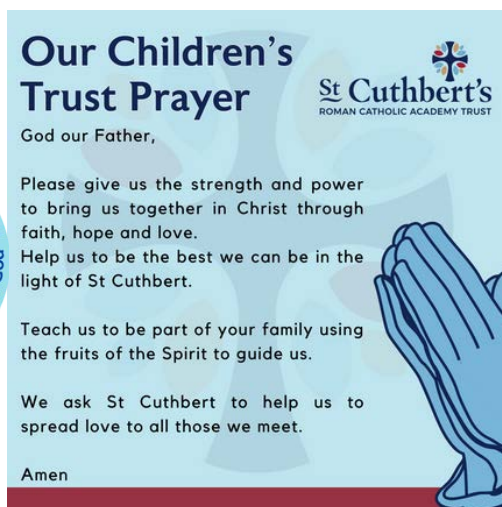


We were delighted on the occasion of the feast day of St Cuthbert on March 20th, to launch our inspiring new children's whole-Trust prayer.

The devotion to our patron saint was developed by children representing the schools across our Trust who came together to craft a heartfelt prayer inspired by the life and actions of St Cuthbert.

This collaborative effort not only commemorated the revered saint but also fostered unity and creativity among the young minds of our pupils. Each word was carefully penned and agreed on, and the final version of the prayer resonated with a spirit of compassion, hope, and community, embodying the values upheld by St Cuthbert.

The children's prayer stands as a testament to the enduring legacy of St Cuthbert, his influence on our Trust and the power of collective faith and imagination.



The Annual General Meeting of the St Cuthbert's Roman Catholic Academy Trust was recently held in Hull and attended by Bishop Draine, Members, Directors and Senior Leaders of the Trust.

The Bishop was presented with a framed picture of our Trust mission, vision and values for the curial offices in Middlesbrough and also had the chance to watch this wonderful video about the Catholic Life of one of our schools, St Richard's VC Primary in Hull.

You can watch it too following this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=leYovdkx420>





Rachel McEvoy Incoming CEO SCRCAT

I am honoured to be joining you as the new CEO of the St Cuthbert's Roman Catholic Academy Trust in the Summer term, ready to lead with purpose and passion and thrilled to embark on this journey with you. Grounded in my Catholic faith, I am dedicated to nurturing a culture that embodies our new mission alongside the values of integrity, compassion, and collaboration. As we move through the final days of Lent, reflecting on sacrifice, renewal, and spiritual growth, I am reminded of the profound significance of this season in our lives. It is a time of introspection, a time to shed old habits and embrace new beginnings. I am inspired by the dedication and resilience that each of you brings to our mission every day and hope to strengthen and enhance this when I join on 1st June.

I am committed to developing the unique strengths and talents of each team member across our 15 schools. I firmly believe in building strong relationships and harnessing the knowledge that we have across our schools to drive our organisation forward. Let us embrace this opportunity to learn, grow, and innovate as we strive for excellence across our Trust.

Together, let us embrace the challenges ahead with courage, and a shared purpose.

With excitement and anticipation.
Rachel McEvoy



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Jonathan Boden
Director VNHTT



Our Scottish Adventure!

This term, Year 4 went on their travels all the way to Edinburgh!

To support their Geography focus on Scotland, Year 4 were lucky to receive a fully-sponsored trip from Hull Children's University and INEOS for an overnight adventure in the Scottish capital. Whilst they were there, the children got to explore the history and culture of an amazing city: seeing the castle, the National Museum of Scotland, Dynamic Earth plus lots of the names and places that inspired J.K Rowling whilst she was writing the Harry Potter novels!

The staff and volunteers accompanying the children were so impressed with their amazing behaviour, energy and curiosity - they really showed their #STAsparkle!



News from St Augustine's Secondary School, Scarborough



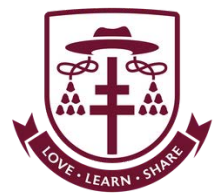
ST AUGUSTINE'S
SCHOOL

The Faith in Action Team at St Augustine's School in Scarborough have really been living up to their name recently. The students decided during Advent they would like to give something back to the community.

With this in mind, they set up reverse Advent calendars for each form. Each day a student took something from the calendar but instead of something they could keep for themselves, it was a suggestion of an item that could be brought into school, to help others. Each house group had a box to fill with donations for the Rainbow Centre, so the items could be distributed to local families in need. The Rainbow Centre were thrilled with the generosity of the St Augustine's community as more than 9 boxes were filled.

Another area where faith has been put into action is through our regular visits to the residents of a local care home. The students have struck up great friendships with people of a different generation and it is something that both the students and the residents really look forward to. Before Christmas, they were delighted to share in a Christingle celebration, bringing the light of Christ into a new friendship.





The Prayer Bears

During Lent this year, pupils and staff at St Charles' VC Academy in Hull wanted to focus even more on prayer as a time to grow ever closer to God.

One way that they have chosen to support prayer at home was through the acquisition of the four 'Prayer Bears': Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Canon Stephen Maughan very kindly took six of the school's Mini Vinnies ambassadors to the city centre to create the bears knowing they would be even more special if they had been chosen and formed by the school's children.

Each of the bears has been filled with love and blessings, which the pupils then take on into each home that they visit. Class prayer diaries have included some beautiful responses which show just how special prayer time is when you have an STC Prayer Bear to share it with.

In fact, the bears have been such a popular tool for family prayer that the parish church of St Charles' now also has one additional bear called 'Charlie' who works with the Children's Liturgy group in the parish on a weekend.



News from Endsleigh Holy Child School, Hull



**ENDSLEIGH
HOLY CHILD**
VC ACADEMY

During this Spring term, we have again participated in at least one external sporting event per week, ensuring that many of our pupils have been able to showcase their skills outside of the classroom walls.



Many of these events have been through 'Hull Active Schools'. The core values at these events are the following: Passion, Self-Belief, Respect, Honesty, Teamwork, Determination and being Eco-Friendly. These all link strongly to our ethos here at Endsleigh.



It cannot be stressed enough the importance of ensuring our pupils have these opportunities as it helps us facilitate the holistic approach to all pupils, particularly helping develop their physical, emotional and social skills. For example, at a recent KS1 athletics competition, the pupils increased their heart rate through competitive events but also did so through the sheer enthusiasm they were showing through the encouragement they were giving to their friends. Seeing pupils blossom in these external situations is fantastic and really makes us all very proud of the pupils here at Endsleigh Holy Child.

Speaking of being proud, every single child from Lower Key Stage 2 should be extremely proud of themselves following their Easter Performance of 'VII'. They sold out St Mary's College's Theatre and put on an incredible show filled with beautifully sang songs, articulate narration and splendid acting. Our pupils never fail to amaze us with what they are able to do.

A very successful term.

News from St George's School, Scarborough



The pupils at St George's School in Scarborough have a super relationship with the elderly residents of Jazz Court which is a residential home directly across from our school.



The residents are regularly invited into the school to take part in activities and events, residents have joined in our assemblies, celebrations and even on our archeological digs! This has then led to the pupils visiting the residents on a regular basis and taking part in the activities and events that are organized at Jazz Court.

Our pupils gain so much from spending time with the residents and having meaningful conversations with them, they have built up friendships over the years and really relish the time that they have together. Equally, the residents look forward to our pupils visiting them and really enjoy the social aspect of the visits.



The pupils and Jazz Court residents were all very excited to hear from Miss Turner that they would be joined in their latest visit by some amazing Alpacas! The pupils and residents learned all about the Alpacas, where they come from, the diet that they need, their life cycle and habits. They were then able to walk with the Alpacas and given a chance to feed them dinner!



We would like to thank all of the staff and residents at Jazz court for making this day possible and we look forward to developing the work and relationships between the two setting further.

Back in November the Mini Vinnies from St John of Beverley were lucky to visit Saint Mary's Cathedral in Middlesbrough for a special day celebrating the Saint Vincent De Paul movement. Upon our return, we all met with Mr Jim Mooney who runs the SVP at our church. We had a great discussion about the things that the parish SVP group does to support those in the local community and around the world. We were inspired to put our heads together to think about how we could collaborate. We launched a campaign in school for items for the Stella Maris appeal. Church supplied lots of hats and our families were so generous in donating items to fill the hats for the seafarers.

In this Spring Term we have been able to take our Foundation Stage children down to church. This is something we would love to do more, but it is too far to walk and we need to rely on transport. Canon Grant showed us around the Church and taught us lots about the statues and stained-glass windows. We loved the one that shows Jesus ascending into heaven.



During Lent, our Key Stage 2 classes walked down to join the parishioners at one of the weekday Masses. We took along a guitar and sang some of our favourite hymns so beautifully. This also gave the children the opportunity to look at the Stations of the Cross in Church. Another opportunity for reflection during Lent, was our Prayer Space day that members of the parish were invited to attend. One pupil said "I enjoyed the comfort of it all. It made me take time to reflect on my choices."

Following our collaborative meeting with Mr Mooney, the Mini-Vinnies also chose to make prayer cards for the sick in the Parish. They have spent lunchtimes inviting children from each class to join them in making these.



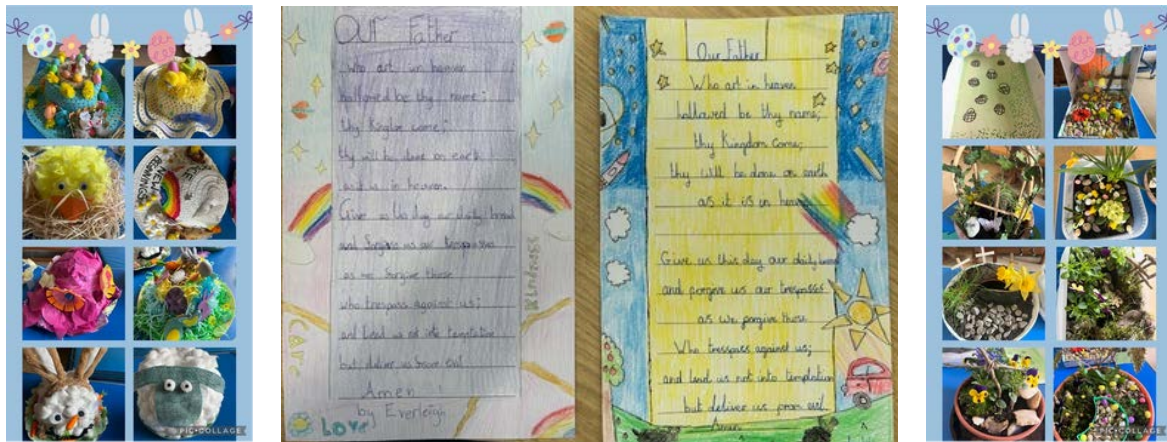
Being a member of a Catholic community means so much more than just being a student at St Mary's College in Hull; every young person and member of staff feels a true spiritual part of the school. A wonderful recent example of this is the installation of the jigsaw cross on the side of the school library, visible for all to see from the road outside school.

The premise for the jigsaw cross, as well as being a clear emblem of faith, was for every student and staff member to design their own jigsaw piece with an image and word of what our Catholic school represents to each of us. Students and staff chose words such as "love, resilience, faith, friendship, justice, peace and soulful", images that were drawn included links to Laudato Si and many of the vast enrichment clubs available. Everyone created their own jigsaw piece that was personal and meaningful to them which has resulted in a wonderful symbol of our Catholic faith.

For all at St Mary's College the latest religious iconography shows how we all have a part to play in the mission of the school and of the St Cuthbert's Trust, how we all belong and how we are all invited on our individual spiritual journeys to meet Christ.



News from St Mary's School, Market Weighton



This term we have increased our chaplaincy team capacity from our parish friends. Two new parishioners have joined us and are already engaged in prayer life activities across the school.

The school chaplaincy team are holding weekly Lent Prayer Groups for the children based on themes such as fasting, prayer, being thankful, forgiving and being helpful. Our Junior Chaplains and adults are sharing Lent across the school with all ages of children from Nursery to Year 6 including some guitar playing and singing along and the 'Lent In A Bag' liturgies across the school and have taken ownership of the prayer spaces in each class.

Father David welcomes Key Stage one and two children into Church to share the Stations of the Cross with each class and together we are planning to share Mass with our parish before the end of term. Our Easter Garden and Bonnet competition will be judged by our parish friends who now regularly join us for 'Tea and Chat' after weekday Mass. We have also made Our Father prayer cards to share with each other and in the parish.

We are counting our miles for the Lent big walk, as we use our outdoor circuit together and focus on the work of CAFOD and how we can support their work around the world with our fundraising and prayers linking to our focus Catholic Social Teaching principle.

So this term we are busy with lots of different ways of sharing catholic life with each other and our parish friends!



As we journey through Lent this year, we are working alongside our Parish friends to support the charity The Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust. Last year we successfully attempted the Smartie Challenge, this year we are helping support the parish Easter raffle.

All monies raised will be sent to Bethlehem to the Hospice to help with medical staff and medicines. The charity began in 2018 helping to support vulnerable people in the Holy Land.

At this time of year when we focus on the land where Jesus lived and spent his last days, it is more poignant than ever, particularly with the troubles we hear about daily on the news.

The Hospice is looking after 45 people who are seriously ill giving them love and care. We are doing what we can through our Junior Chaplains and our link with Fiona and Fr James in the parish to help. So, there is a Parish Raffle with prizes for families and parents and a special Easter Egg Raffle just for the children.

We are selling raffle tickets on both raffles and hoping to raise as much as we can for the hospice in the place where Jesus was born.

Not only are we raising money but we are praying for the people of the Holy Land and Gaza, who need our prayers so much.

Visit www.bcandht.org to see the work that we are aiming to support.

At the start of Lent, all of the classes at St Mary Queen of Martyrs and our Mini Vinnies team, made a Lenten pledge. Everyone pledged to do work together to improve an aspect of our school. Some of the classes have promised to not drop litter, others to litter pick whereas some classes have pledged to reduce the amount of paper that they use.

The pledges made by the Mini Vinnies were to support our parish community. They also planned a Lenten Lunch for the parishioners with Mr Coyle (our Chaplain) and Mrs Robson.

On Wednesday 6th March 2024, the Mini Vinnies at St Mary Queen of Martyrs went to our local church. They went at lunchtime, giving up their own time to serve parishioners a lunch which consisted of some lovely soup made by our Chaplaincy team. This was such a great experience for both the parishioners and the children, sitting to share lunch together and share some jokes. Our Mini Vinnies even baked some cakes and buns in their own time!

The children really enjoyed it and whilst they were shy at first, they soon relaxed and had a lovely time.

The parishioners thoroughly relished spending some time with the children and it is something that we hope to make a regular occurrence.



News from Our Lady & St Peter's School, Bridlington



**OUR LADY
& ST PETER**
VC ACADEMY

We are incredibly proud of our strong links with Our Lady and St Peter's parish. In addition to attendance at mass and other liturgical events through the year, we are thrilled to have Deacon Steve support our school each week. Deacon Steve comes into school every Friday to lead children from across our school in our Rosary club. It is an extremely well attended club which allows children to become closer to Christ.

Praying the Rosary allows us to encounter Mary and to enter the mysteries of Jesus Christ. From his Incarnation, to the Cross, to the Resurrection, we come to understand that God has revealed himself and saved us. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary, continue to inspire us to a life of discipleship. In addition to this, Deacon Steve has given fantastic support to the outstanding delivery of our RE curriculum. He has delivered wonderful insight and input into many of our Come and See topics throughout school. The children find this incredibly engaging and it really supports them to develop a deep understanding of scripture and vocation.



This half term's Catholic Social Teaching theme is Stewardship (caring for God's creation). Throughout the week the Team Captains are looking for children who have shown that they are 'caring' towards others and the environment. These are the children chosen from Week 1 and 2 - they come and have hot chocolate and biscuits with Mrs Clarke on a Friday afternoon.

News from St Peter's School, Scarborough

World Faith Day

Judaism

We say together Judaism. We say together Hanukkah, Menorah, Gelt.

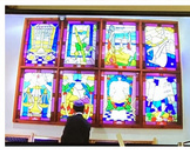
How is Hanukkah celebrated?

When do you receive gifts?
Niyah at Christmas

Why is it called the festival of light?
Hudson. They light the candles

Today we are going to decorate a candle and then add it to our own menorah.

You will take away today, a tea light, to light with your family at home.



Pupils from St Peter's School in Scarborough have taken part in a Multi-Faith Day where they found out more about different world religions.

The pupils moved around the school and spent time in different classrooms which were set up by teachers with pictures, resources, and books to immerse them in a different world faith.

Pupils learned about, Islam and how the festival of Eid is important to Muslims. They made a piece of art to celebrate the importance of the festival.

They learned about Hinduism and the festival 'Holi' which celebrates the eternal and divine love of the deities Radha and Krishna. Pupils made their own artwork relating to the festival and shared it with their families.

We studied Sikhism and learned about the importance of 'the five Ks' pupils then made their own booklet to explain them to others.

Pupils learned all about Hanukkah and the important part that it plays in the Jewish calendar. They then made their own Menorah to take home and discuss with their families.

The pupils really enjoyed the Multi-Faith Day and made strong links between the different religions whilst gaining an understanding of different religions which make up the picture of life in modern and diverse Britain.

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We learnt about the five Ks of Sikhism.

Sikhs wear the five keys like a uniform.

Each of the five Ks represents somethings.

Sikhism

We watched a video about the five Ks and then created our own mini book.

At the end of the day we share our knowledge in assembly.



WORLD FAITH DAY
JUDAISM



Canon John Loughlin

St Richard's school are so lucky to have the support of Canon John Loughlin as their parish priest. Canon has been supporting the children and staff of St Richard's for several years and the children are always happy to see him and welcome him to our school. Recently, the children in Year 2 were delighted when



Canon John visited to tell them all about the books he uses at Mass. This was to enhance their curriculum RE learning about the local church, based upon the topic of 'Books'. Canon showed them the Book of Gospels, the Roman Missal and the Lectionary and explained to the children how special and important they are because they contain the words of God. The children had an opportunity to ask Canon questions and were very keen to find out how he carries such heavy books and how much they cost him! They asked him which book was his favourite and he chose the Book of Gospels. Canon's visit really brought their learning to life and made it much more memorable for them.

Feasting on community and prayer

During Lent, the children of St Richard's have been thinking carefully about what they can 'fast and feast' on; fasting on hurtful words and feasting on kindness and compassion; fasting on selfishness and feasting on service; fasting on thoughtlessness and feasting on prayer. Throughout Lent, the children have welcomed the opportunity to visit one of our local parishes – either St Bede's or Sacred Heart – to attend Mass, providing them with an opportunity to meet other parishioners and spend time in prayer with them. A different year group has attended a weekday Mass each week and thoroughly enjoyed celebrating Mass with their school family and local parish. Canon and the parish have been so welcoming to the children and several parishioners have commented upon their reverent and respectful behaviour.



News from St Thomas More School, Hull



St Thomas More school recently welcomed Father Richard and the Chaplaincy team into school to celebrate the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The children were reverent during their time with God and enjoyed the peace that came from simply being in the presence of God. Our chaplaincy representatives led us in prayer, thinking particularly of our worldwide neighbours. Following the liturgy some of our children had questions that they have written to our Parish priest and members of the parish.

Our established prayer club have been reaching out to members of our parish community; they have been collecting prayers in the different languages that make up the diverse community in which we serve. The children have thoroughly enjoyed sharing their prayers with others.

We have continued to invite members of the parish and school community in to join us within our stay and pray sessions. These have been well attended and pupils have shown confidence in leading others through prayer. Children have been particularly engaged with the Lenten Liturgies created for us by our chaplaincy team. Parents have witnessed the growth of our pupils' spiritual development through our pray and stay sessions, which continue to be well attended.

As a Catholic school we value the strong links we have with the two parishes we primarily serve. At St Thomas More we aim to reach out into our community as much as possible and are excited about our Catholic Social Teaching projects that we have planned for the Summer Term.



News from St Vincent's School, Hull



ST VINCENT'S
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Year 4 at St Vincent's VC Academy displayed such reverence during their Holy Thursday service where they commemorated Jesus' ceremonial washing of the disciples' feet, an act of humility and service.





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