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19<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### *Our Value this half term is Perseverance*

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

As Christmas approaches and the year draws to a close, I would like to thank you all for the support and encouragement you give to the children and the whole school community. There are many challenges faced by schools today and it is reassuring to know our parents and carers support the school.

It has been lovely to see so many of you at the wonderful Nativities and KS2 Carol Service this week.

All the staff and I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to continuing to work with you all in 2025.

*Mrs Collins*

**Carol Service** On Monday the whole of Key Stage 2 walked to church and were joined by parents and carers to journey through the Christmas story. The Children sang beautifully and their voices filled the church. We said prayers of thanks and asked for hope, joy, peace and love for all around the world. A special thanks to Reverend Karen for leading the service and Mrs BD for providing musical accompaniment.



**Safety Online Simplified 14**

**Does your child have a STEAM account?** This is one of the most popular social gaming networks that allows you to chat with other players or friends as well as buy and play games online and store them in the cloud. Use the [safety guide found here](#) (PDF or video format) to keep you in the know and keep them safe.

**Reception and Nursery Applications for September 2025 are now open.** Please see following poster and this page on our website for details: [St Nicholas CoE \(VA\) Primary School & Nursery - Admissions](#) ([stnicholas120.herts.sch.uk](http://stnicholas120.herts.sch.uk))

These children are our **Values Champions** for the second half of this term having consistently demonstrated the value of **Perseverance**. Congratulations to all of you.

**Reception:** Nick; **Y1:** Aurelia; **Y2:** Arthur & Alfie; **Y3:** Amelia; **Y4:** Aria & Milo; **Y5:** Alexander; **Y6:** Sophie.

#### **Achievements**

Each week we will be focusing on a learning behaviour and one or two children who display this behaviour in each class will receive a certificate in celebration of this. Our learning behaviour this week has been **Resilience**.

Congratulations to:

**YR:** Jaskiran, Eliam **Y1:** Tami; **Y2:** Amalia & Tudor; **Y3:** Tolu; **Y4:** Ebbany; **Y5:** Elsa Mae; **Y6:** Sienna, Willow & David.

When we return for the new year we will be focusing on **Independence**.

#### **House points**

We are keeping a weekly tally of the number of House points each House has as well as a running total.

The overall total number of points so far this term for each House is:

St Francis: 1231

St Clare: 1067

St Andrew: 1140

St Catherine: 1093

#### **Diary Dates**

- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Last Day of Term – Early Finish 1.30pm – No After School Club
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025** – Back to School
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January** – Y3 Swimming Starts



Learning, Loving, Living in God's Family

*"But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love forever"*

