



Headteacher: Mrs Lorraine Collins BA (hons), MA

20th September 2024

Our Value this half term is Generosity

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

We said **Goodbye to Mrs Brinded** after 27 years at St Nicholas School on Wednesday. The children presented her with the beautiful Retirement Rose bush you can see below and Y5 performed a wonderful poem for her that they had written. Mrs Brinded was very touched and enjoyed seeing some of you to say goodbye at the gate at the end of the day. In worship today children opened some presents from Mrs Brinded and were delighted to see the outdoor games that she has given them to play with at break and lunchtimes.



School Photos The children looked super this week as they had their school photos taken. Details of how to order the photos online were send home with the children yesterday. Please note the deadline to order for free delivery to school is **Wednesday 2nd October**.

Arbor Consents Please check your Notices on Arbor and make sure that you have responded to all the Permissions and Consents so that they are up to date. Thank you.

Harvest Donations Thank you to all of you who have brought in tinned and packet items of food. There is still time to make a donation on Monday morning if you would like to, after which they will all be given to our church Food Shed.

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 **Listening**. Congratulations to:

- Y1:** Freddie B & Jan; **Y2:** Etienn & Delia; **Y3:** Teodor; **Y4:** Angel; **Y5:** Damaris & Muhammad; **Y6:** Sophie.

Next week we will be focusing on **Curiosity**.

Sporting Achievements

Our Y6 **Sports Ambassadors** enjoyed their training yesterday at Barnwell School and some Y6 and Y5 children are looking forward to the **Cross Country Championships** taking place on Thursday next week. We will let you know how they get on next week.

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 Clare:	147
St Francis:	145
St Catherine:	129
St Andrew:	125



Safety Online Simplified 3

Explore together and chat little and often: Ask your child to show you their favourite apps, games and sites and encourage them to teach you how to use these. Ask them if anything ever worries them online. Make sure they know they won't be in trouble and can get help by talking to you or another adult they trust if anything happens online that makes them feel worried, sad, uncomfortable or scared. Remember that removing or confiscating a device when a child shares a problem with you may lead to them not sharing worries or problems in the future.

Have a great weekend! Mrs Collins

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 and ever." Psalm 52:8

Music News!

Sing Up Day 2024 In the Summer term our choir took part in Sing Up Day; an opportunity to celebrate the joy and power of singing with children from 16 different countries, across 5 continents! Click on this link to see the Sing Up Day video of the 'Digichoir' which our choir is in twice: <https://www.singup.org/blog/article/1473-the-sing-up-day-2024-digichoir-is-here/>

Year 3 First Access Violin Lessons Each year the Year 3 class has violin lessons with Miss Humphries from the Music Service; they enjoyed their first lesson on Tuesday, which involved a very active warm up! Mrs Prendergast writes: "Well done, Year 3, for your lovely manners and concentration, while learning to play the violin. It was the first time for most of you. Remember, there will be a house point for each one of you that remembers the meaning of 'pizzicato', by next week's lesson."

Diary Dates

- **Monday 23rd September** – Harvest Service in school (for pupils only)
- **Monday 30th September–Friday 4th October** – Y5 Cycle Training (for those who have booked it)
- **Wednesday 16th October** – Parent and Carer Consultation Evening
- **Thursday 17th October** - Parent and Carer Consultation Evening
- **Week beginning 21st October** – APDR meetings
- **Friday 25th October** – Occasional Day – School Closed
- **Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November** – Half Term
- **Friday 8th November** – Flu immunisation in school
- **Friday 22nd November** – INSET Day
- **Tuesday 10th–Friday 13th December** – Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Nativities (times t.b.c.)
- **Monday 16th December** – Key Stage 2 Carol Service
- **Wednesday 18th December** – Pantomime in school
- **Wednesday 18th December** – School Christmas Lunch
- **Thursday 19th December** – Christingle service in school
- **Friday 20th December** – Last Day of Term – Early Finish 1.30pm – No After School Club
- **Monday 6th January 2025** – Back to School