



19th January 2024

Our Value this half term is Forgiveness

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Author visit Author C. S. Clifford visited St Nicholas to share books and tales of being an author. Each class had a workshop, looking at different parts of writing and all the children enjoyed their time with him. Characters play a big part of writing; Year 6 learnt how to make up names and how sticky words reduce impact in writing. Year 2 loved his adaptation of The Ugly Duckling, complete with actions, which he made up while he was here. Steve signed many books for the children after school; if you would like to buy one of his books you can visit his website: <https://www.csclifford.co.uk> All books will be signed.



Great Fire of London demonstration Risk assessment completed and Mr Wildman was on standby with a fire extinguisher as Years 1 and 2 watched their model houses go up in flames this afternoon! They have been learning about the Great Fire of London and were excited to see this practical demonstration of how the fire spread.



Achievements

Each week we focus 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 **Teamwork**.

Congratulations to: **YR:** Darcy; **Y1:** Daisy, Maya & Nina; **Y2:** All of the class; **Y3:** All of the class; **Y4:** Jadon; **Y5:** David; **Y6:** Benita, Isabel, Kayden, David and Saumya.

Next week we will be focusing on *Perseverance*.

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 year for each House is:

St Andrew:	1486
St Francis:	1452
St Catherine:	1450
St Clare:	1434



Safety Online Simplified 15

Does your child play Roblox? This is one of the biggest online gaming platforms and features social elements which allows players to talk to each other and send friend requests. Use the [safety guide found here](#) (PDF or video format) to keep you in the know and keep them safe.

Winter 2023/4 Cost of Living Resources This winter, Hertfordshire County Council wants to make sure that advice and support is available to help every resident deal with the rising cost of living and to stay safe and well as temperatures drop. To see what help is available, please have a look at Hertfordshire County Council's 'Cost of Living' webpage: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/winterhelp or see the poster sent out with this newsletter.

Cold weather procedures Please make sure you have read the e-mail which was sent home last Friday with details of our cold weather procedures, should they be necessary in the coming weeks. Thank you.

Have a great weekend! **Mrs Collins**

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"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

Diary Dates

- **Monday 22nd – Friday 26th January** - Y5 Cycle Training
- **Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February** – Half Term
- **Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th February** – Parent/Carer Consultation evenings (details to follow)
- **Wednesday 27th March** – Last Day of Term – Early finish 1:30pm - No After School Club
- **Monday 15th April** – Back to School



St Nicholas Primary School and Nursery

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Nursery 2024

Tour Dates are now available

We would like to invite all prospective parents to join us for a tour of our wonderful school. This is an ideal opportunity to see our whole school in action and to ask any questions you may have.

St Nicholas offer 30 hours Nursery provision (subject to entitlement).

Breakfast & After School Clubs are available.

Please call the school office on 01438 352706 for any further information and to arrange a visit.

