



Headteacher: Mrs Lorraine Collins BA (hons), MA

24<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

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

**Y1:** Esmail & Nicholas; **Y2:** Tanveer & Willow; **Y3:** Holly & Aryien; **Y4:** Aaron & Anthony; **Y5:** Zoe; **Y6:** Hannah & Antony.

**Whats App use** There is a concern that some parent/carer WhatsApp groups are naming individuals and discussing incidents that have happened at school. Some of these have made inappropriate comments regarding incidents or individual children which can cause upset for everyone involved.

While we appreciate all the benefits of parent/carer class WhatsApp groups, such as organising events and sharing reminders, we ask that you respect the objective and purpose of the group and that individuals are not named and incidents that happen at school are not discussed in class group chats.

We appreciate your support in this matter, thank you.

We have been asked to let our families know about **parking restrictions** at **Fairlands Valley Park** on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November. The South Field car park will be closed from 9am in preparation for the evening fireworks display. Please leave extra time for parking elsewhere when you come to collect your children on 5<sup>th</sup> November if you normally use this car park. Thank you.

**Remembrance poppies and accessories** will be on sale in school when we return after half term. If you would like your child to buy one, please send money in with them in a named envelope. Thank you.

**Coats in school** Please ensure that your child has a coat in school with them, even if the weather seems mild in the morning as we all know the weather can be changeable, especially in Autumn and Winter. Children go outside in all weathers. Please make sure that all coats, hats, scarves and gloves have your child's name in them, just as with all uniform. Many thanks.

### ***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 **Perseverance**. Congratulations to:

**Y1:** Kaison & Frank; **Y2:** Arthur & James; **Y3:** Joseph, Amelia, Matteo & Tolu; **Y4:** Poppy & Milo; **Y5:** Rinia; **Y6:** Connie & Carlos.

When we return after half term 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:	555
St Andrew:	541
St Clare:	537
St Catherine:	486



**Safety Online Simplified 8**

**Making friends online:** The term 'online friend' can be used to describe people you only know through the internet, or those that you also know offline. Some children make friends online by meeting new people through online platforms such as gaming sites. To help children have positive online friendships, read this [handy guide](#).

A reminder that if your child is in **Y5** and signed up to do **Bikability**, this starts on our first day back after half term, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Please refer to your letter for further details.

*Have a great half term! 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*

## Diary Dates

- **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – Occasional Day – School Closed
- **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November** – Half Term
- **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – Deadline for Y6 Secondary school Applications
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November** – Flu immunisation in school
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** – INSET Day – School Closed
- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – Y2 Christmas Journey (pm)
- **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Years 1 and 2 Nativities in school **t.b.c.** Parents and Carers welcome.
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Years 1 and 2 Nativities in school **t.b.c.** Parents and Carers welcome.
- **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Years 3 - 6 Carol Service in church at **1:45pm**. Parents and Carers welcome.
- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Nursery and Reception Nativity in school at **9:30am**.
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Pantomime in school
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – School Christmas Lunch
- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christingle service in school
- **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



# St Nicholas Primary School and Nursery

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## Reception and Nursery 2025 School 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.**



Generosity, Perseverance, Trust, Respect, Friendship, Courage, Compassion, Thankfulness, Forgiveness, Service