



# St Nicholas C of E (VA) Primary School and Nursery



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## Our Value this half term is Thankfulness

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, there are some photographs on the following page.

All the staff and myself would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to working with you all in 2024.

Mrs Collins

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

**Reception:** Nicholas; **Y1:** Sebastian; **Y2:** Holly; **Y3:** Anthony & Ella; **Y4:** Molly & Elsa-Mae; **Y5:** Willow; **Y6:** Zackary-Kai & Immi.

We hope that many of you made it to the **Christmas Tree Festival** at St Andrew and St George's Church last weekend. There is a photo on the following page of our fabulous St. Nicholas School tree, for those who didn't see it.

**Christmas Fete** Thank you so much to the Friends for organising and running our Christmas Fete last Friday. Thank you too to all the children, parents, carers and staff who gave donations and helped to run and clear up after the event. It was a wonderful afternoon full of Christmas cheer and **we raised a fantastic £650.00** for the school on the day! Money has only just stopped coming in for the Hamper raffle so we will let you know the final total raised in due course.

The raffle was drawn in worship today; **congratulations to our hamper prize winners**; the Surdeanu family!

**Lost property** We are constantly surprised by the amount of lost property around the school which is not named and has not been claimed, especially considering so many of the cardigans and jumpers are new. Please make sure you label your child's uniform. Unnamed and unclaimed uniform will be put into Nearly New. Thank you.

## 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 **Perseverance**.

Congratulations to: **YR:** Ramona; **Y1:** Enzo, Amalia & Willow; **Y2:** Lennox & Ryder; **Y3:** Regan & Sara; **Y4:** Albert & Zoe; **Y5:** Sophie & Samuel; **Y6** Joanna & Jeremy.

Congratulations also go to the 26 children who have had **100% attendance** this term.

## House points

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

Congratulations to St Catherine's House which has achieved the most House points this term!

<b>St Catherine:</b>	<b>1216</b>
St Andrew:	1212
St Clare:	1201
St Francis:	1194



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We know how popular **Roblox** is, so [here](#) is a privacy and security checklist you may find useful which include details on setting up parental controls, reporting and blocking users.

## Diary Dates

- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – am Pantomime in school
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Y1 – Y6 class parties in school
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – am YN & YR class parties in school
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – 1:45pm Christingle service in church for whole school - children only
- **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – **Last Day of Term** – Early Finish 1.30pm – No After School Club
- **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024** – Back to School

**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*

## ***Nativity Plays***

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have all been busy this week with their Nativity plays and it has been a treat for the whole school and the childrens' families to watch the plays which are a result of a lot of hard work and rehearsals. It was all worth it and we are so proud of them all. Lots of people have commented on what a fantastic job they have done and we loved hearing each different performance from the office! Very well done to all the children and thank you to all the teachers for preparing them so well.

## ***Carol Service***

On Wednesday the whole of Key stage 2 walked to church and even though it was raining we were all looking forward to singing the carols. Parents, carers and other members of the church community joined us to journey through the Christmas story, which was read by Mrs Biucchi, Mrs Schofield and children from each year group. The school choir led the school singing Hark the Herald Angels Sing and despite only being a group of ten pupils, 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.



## ***Tree Festival***

