



Headteacher: Mrs Lorraine Collins BA (hons), MA

6th December 2024

Our Value this half term is Perseverance

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Christmas Cards We are encouraging children to write one card for their whole class rather than individual cards for each other as a way of being environmentally friendly over the Christmas period. Whole class cards which are written will be put up in the classrooms for all the children to see.

Christmas Jumper Day Children are welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper to school on **Wednesday 18th December** instead of their school jumper (ties not necessary). If they have PE, they should wear their PE kit as usual with a Christmas jumper if they want to wear one. A donation to Save the Children would be very much appreciated and can be made on Arbor.

Christmas Hamper Raffle Tickets will be on sale after school, outside year 6 from the 9th December, they will also be available at the Nativity performances. Prices are £1 per strip. Cash Only.

The Christmas Tree Festival is taking place at St Andrew and St George's Church this weekend. Please do go along and have a look at our St. Nicholas School tree and all the other beautifully decorated trees from different community groups. **See below picture of our school tree.**

The church is open from 10am – 4pm today and tomorrow (Saturday) and from 11am – 6pm on Sunday (10th).

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 **Questioning**.

Congratulations to:

YR: Grayson & Maxi; **Y1:** Freddie & Jimmy; **Y2:** Freya;
Y3: Bushra & Ethan; **Y4:** Ebbany & Estera; **Y5:** Micolle;
Y6: Hunter.

Next week will be focusing on **Teamwork**.

Movie Night – We raised a brilliant £373. This will go towards our library. Thank you all.

Sporting Achievements

Great Athletes - Thank you everyone for their sponsor money, as a school we raised £1038.66. This is a fantastic amount and will enable the school to purchase some new sports equipment.

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: 933

St Clare: 855

St Andrew: 909

St Catherine: 834



Safety Online Simplified 13

Looking for some more age-appropriate apps for your child to access on their device? Internet Matters has a selection [listed here](#) and apps like ScratchJr, Book Creator and Duolingo have great educational value without the worry of adverts popping up.

Diary Dates

- **Wednesday 11th December** – Years 1 and 2 Nativity in school at **9:30am**. Parents and Carers welcome.
- **Thursday 12th December** – Years 1 and 2 Nativity in school at **2.30pm**. Parents and Carers welcome.
- **Monday 16th December** – Years 3 - 6 Carol Service in St Andrew & St George's church at **1:45pm**. Parents and Carers welcome.
- **Tuesday 17th December** – Nursery and Reception Nativity in school at **9:30am**.
- **Wednesday 18th December** – Christmas Jumper Day
- **Wednesday 18th December** – Pantomime in school
- **Wednesday 18th December** – School Christmas Lunch
- **Thursday 19th December** – Christingle service in school
- **Thursday 19th December** – Class Christmas Parties
- **Friday 20th December** – Last Day of Term – Early Finish 1.30pm – No After School Club
- **Monday 6th January 2025** – Back to School

St Nicholas School 190 Year Celebration tea towel fundraiser

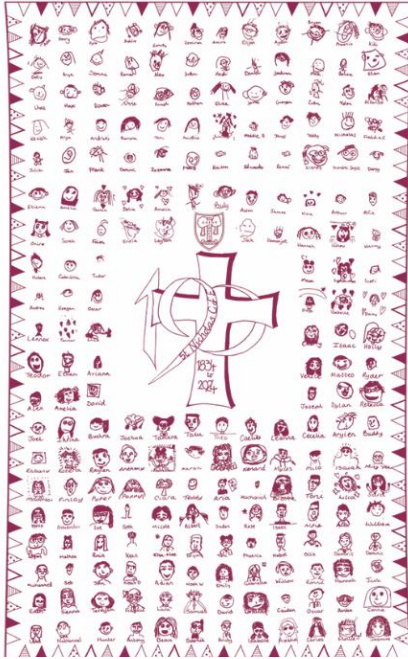
As part of St Nicholas School celebrating 190 years, we have made a school tea towel with self-portraits of our children. Please see design below.

We are selling these for £4 each. The money raised will go towards our library refurbishment, which will benefit all our children.

We are hoping to receive our order in time for Christmas!

If you would like to purchase tea towels please make payments through Arbor within the payments section.

We will distribute them as soon as they arrive.



Premier Education’s booking system is now live to for Spring Term. Please find the link here : [St Nicholas CofE \(VA\) Primary School and Nursery – Premier Education](#)

Reception and Nursery Applications for September 2025 are now open. The deadline for Reception applications is 15th January.

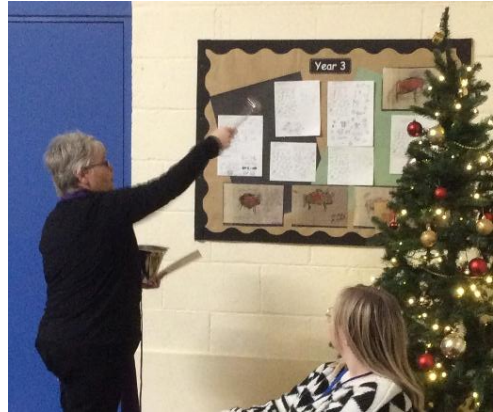
Learning, Loving, Living in God’s Family

“But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God’s unfailing love forever and ever”

Psalms 52:8

St Nicholas School is 190 years old, 1834-2024.

Reverend Karen led a thanksgiving and blessing worship on the 5th December, and then on the 6th we blessed the school.



St Nicholas School Christmas Festival Tree

Have a great weekend! Mrs Collins

St Andrew & St George, Stevenage

St George's Way, Stevenage, SG1 1XX

Christmas Tree Festival

Friday 6th - Sunday 8th December

10am - 4pm Fri/Sat 11.30am - 4pm Sunday

Grand Draw

1st Prize £100

Plus Many More Prizes

**Lots of
Stalls**

Refreshments

**FREE
ENTRY**

**Fun for
All the
Family**



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St Andrew & St George, Stevenage
St George's Way, SG1 1XX

Come and join us for our
Scratch Nativity

Sunday 22nd December
at 4pm



Dust off your best nativity character costume, and come and join us as we tell once more the story of the birth of Jesus at this nativity extravaganza.

No costume, no worry, we have plenty!

All are welcome