



Headteacher: Mrs Lorraine Collins BA (hons), MA

4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

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

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our **Summer Fete** last Friday, whether by helping on or making donations for the stalls or by attending and joining in the fun. The final total raised for the school is **£900.00** which is fantastic! Thank you all.

**Reception visited Stevenage Museum** on Wednesday morning for "A Peep at The Past" experience. The children explored life in the past through three themed areas 'Washday', 'In the Kitchen' and 'Toys'. They had the opportunity to dress up, role play and listen to records and had a wonderful time at their workshop.

Some of our staff went to **Mrs Hanshaw's ordination** at St Albans Cathedral last Sunday. It was a lovely service and a super day. We are sure you will join us in congratulating her as she begins her new adventure as a deacon.



**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](#).

#### **Sporting Achievements**

We have heard this week that we have achieved the School Games Platinum Award which is a great achievement! Thanks to Mrs Ruddlesden, Mr Whitcelo and all the staff and students who have helped at and taken part in sporting events this year.



#### **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 **Independence**.

Congratulations to:

**YR:** Zuriel; **Y1:** Tami & Ramona; **Y2:** Oniro, Amalia & Arthur; **Y3:** Teodor & Holly; **Y4:** Ella; **Y5:** Logan & Nicholas; **Y6:** Oscar & Carlos.

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

#### **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 Francis:	3811
St Andrew:	3685
St Catherine:	3638
St Clare:	3597

**Reading for Pleasure** A reminder that inside our entrance is a small bookcase with books that you can borrow; please just return them when you have finished them.

If you have a book that you have enjoyed and would like to leave it for someone else to read, please do. We have quite a collection of books now so please do pop in and have a look.

We would welcome any books in languages other than English so that we can meet the needs of our diverse school community. Thank you very much, and happy reading!

*Have a good 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*

### **A message from the Trustees of *The Friends of St Nicholas*:**

We, the trustees, can now officially inform you that the charity known as 'The Friends of St Nicholas' has been removed from the Charity Commission. This means that no further funds will be raised using this name or charity number.

The trustees have forwarded all remaining funds to the school and the bank account has been closed, which has been completed in accordance with the constitution and the commission's rules.

We ask that you, the school, inform all parents that the charity is no longer registered - this will protect the school from anyone using the charity number inappropriately.

We wish the school good luck in its future fundraising opportunities.

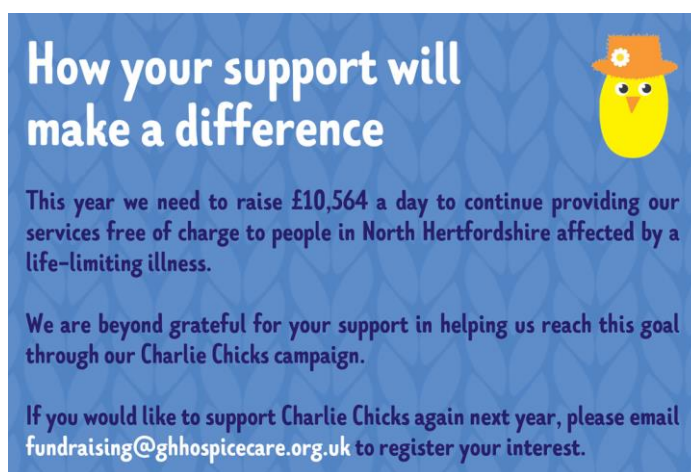
Kind regards,

Michelle, Hannah and Harriet  
Former Trustees.

### **A thank you from the *Garden House Hospice*:**



A blue poster with a repeating pattern of small white flowers. In the top left corner is the Garden House Hospice Care logo, which consists of a white flower icon and the text 'Garden House Hospice Care'. In the center, there is a cartoon yellow chick wearing an orange hat with a white flower. To the left of the chick, the text 'CHARLIE CHICKS' is written in large, bold, white letters, and below it, 'Thank you' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. Below this, a white rectangular box contains the text 'ST NICHOLAS C & E PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL'. At the bottom, the text 'for helping to raise a cracking £20,750 for Garden House Hospice Care!' is written in white. In the bottom right corner, 'Registered Charity N° 295257' is written in small white text. In the top right corner, there is a small white box with the text 'Sponsored by' and a logo for 'DLRC'.



A blue poster with a repeating pattern of small white flowers. In the top right corner is a cartoon yellow chick wearing an orange hat with a white flower. The main text 'How your support will make a difference' is written in large, bold, white letters. Below this, the text 'This year we need to raise £10,564 a day to continue providing our services free of charge to people in North Hertfordshire affected by a life-limiting illness.' is written in white. Below that, 'We are beyond grateful for your support in helping us reach this goal through our Charlie Chicks campaign.' is written in white. At the bottom, 'If you would like to support Charlie Chicks again next year, please email fundraising@ghhospicecare.org.uk to register your interest.' is written in white.

### ***Diary Dates:***

- **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – 3:30-5pm Open Evening
- **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Secondary Transfer and Moving Up Day
- **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July** – 6pm Y6 Production
- **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** – Y2 Trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park
- **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** – 6pm Y6 Production
- **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – am Sports Day
- **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – 1:45pm Y6 Leavers' Service
- **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – Last Day of Term – Early finish 1:30pm