



Headteacher: Mrs Lorraine Collins BA (hons), MA

11<sup>th</sup> July 2025

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

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

It was lovely to see so many of you in school for our **Open Afternoon** on Wednesday. We hope you enjoyed seeing some of the work your children have done this year, as well as their classrooms and teachers for next year.

Our Opening Afternoon was followed by **Moving Up Day** yesterday. Year 6 children spent the day at their new secondary schools and all other teachers and children spent some time getting to know each other in their new classrooms.

**Key Stage 2 uniform** A reminder to parents and carers whose children are moving from Year 2 to Year 3 that the uniform changes to wearing a white shirt and school tie instead of a white polo shirt. A reminder of uniform requirements for all year groups can be found on our website on the following link: [St Nicholas CoE \(VA\) Primary School & Nursery - Uniform](#)

**Year 6 Production** Year 6 are looking forward to their production of *Pirates of the Curry Bean* next Monday and Tuesday evening. This is primarily for Year 6 families but if anyone else would like to come and see it, you can order tickets free of charge on the Arbor Shop. Siblings will watch the dress rehearsal in school time. We do ask that babies and young children do not attend as we know from experience that when children get tired, they start to fidget and make a noise. The children have worked extremely hard and want to display their efforts in a theatre like environment.



**Safety Online Simplified**

**Being kind online:** The internet has many positive opportunities for children to learn and play, but it can also be used in negative and unkind ways.

It's really important to speak to your children about being kind online, and how they can get help if they see or hear anything that makes them feel worried, scared or sad. Use these [Home Safety Activities](#) to explore ways of staying safe online together.

#### **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 **Listening**.

Congratulations to:

**YR:** Scarlett; **Y1:** Nicholas & Teddy; **Y2:** Daisy & Etienn; **Y3:** Leanna; **Y4:** Kennard & Rebecca; **Y5:** Rinia & Ollie; **Y6:** Lordina.

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

#### **Sporting Achievements**

Some of our Y5 children took part in a **Rounders Tournament** at Thomas Alleyne School earlier this week. They worked well as a team together and had a great afternoon, thankful for the good, but not too hot, weather!

Approximate timings for **Sports Day**:

Nursery & Reception:	09:10 – 09:45
Key Stages 1 & 2:	09:50 – 12:00

#### **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:	3858
St Andrew:	3724
St Catherine:	3712
St Clare:	3621

#### **Diary Dates:**

- **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 in St Andrew and St George's church
- **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – Last Day of Term – Early finish 1:30pm

*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*

**Do you use chatbots? Do your children use them?**

**Join us on Thursday 17th July 11-12 for a Chat about Chatbots over cuppa and cake.**

Internet Matters are putting on a free webinar for parents to examine their findings in their latest report about how children in the UK are engaging with AI chatbots including the risks and opportunities. You can register [HERE](#) for this webinar and watch it alone, or you can come in for cake and a cuppa to watch it with others. Please arrive in good time to start at 11am and let us know by emailing [admin@stnicholas120.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stnicholas120.herts.sch.uk) if you would like to join us so we have enough refreshments ready.



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