



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



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Our Value this half term is Compassion

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Peace Day On Tuesday, the whole school took part in a Prayer for Peace. Every hour we joined together as a community to think and pray for peace across the world. We know that many people are being affected by unrest and we wanted to hold them in our thoughts. This is the prayer that we used:

God of love,
We pray for peace in our world, and
an end to war.
Instead of hatred, let there be love.
Shelter your children and protect us.
Guide us and keep us from harm,
so we can build a world of love and
live our lives in peace.
Amen.



Climate Justice Last week we told you about the artwork Year 6 have been producing on the topic of climate justice; please see some of their fantastic work on the following page.

Poppies and accessories will be on sale in school after half term. If you would like your child to buy something, please send money in with them in a named envelope. Thank you.

Packed lunches We have noticed some children have been bringing in sweets and Prime bottles with their lunch. Please be aware that children should not be bringing sweets or chocolate bars into school and we politely ask that they do not bring Prime drinks bottles in either. Thank you.



Safety Online Simplified 7

Online gaming: Online games are social activities, and most have features that allow children to chat with others whilst they play. For information about the positives of gaming, the risks of in-game chat and measures you can take to help protect your family, we suggest you read this article: [In-game chat: a guide for parents and carers.](#)

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 **Curiosity**.

Congratulations to:

Y1: Alfie; **Y2:** Alexander & Amelia; **Y3:** Teddy, Alfie & Regan; **Y4:** Rinia & Micole; **Y5:** Willow; **Y6:** Mansur & Alfie.

When we return after half term we will be focusing on Questioning.

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:	545
St Clare:	534
St Andrew:	525
St Catherine:	502

Sporting Achievements

Both the Boys and Girls Football teams have played in tournaments to kick off the season. They all played well, displayed some good teamwork and the girls came third overall. Congratulations to you all; we look forward to seeing how you get on in the next half term.

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.

A letter from our school Governors was e-mailed out this morning; please do read this. Many thanks.

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

Climate justice

Year 6 have been exploring the topic of Climate Justice as part of our Religious Education. The pupils have produced a number of pieces of artwork that were firstly displayed at parents evening and will subsequently be put forward for the national exhibition in the Houses of Parliament later this year.

Part of this project is to spread the message that climate change is affecting many people in the world who have little input into these changes. The pupils have looked at the devastating affect that more affluent countries are having on the world. The pupils wanted to share the message that they need our planet to survive for future generation.



Diary Dates

- **Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October** – Half Term
- **Wednesday 1st November** – Y1 & Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop in school with Stevenage Museum
- **Friday 10th November** – Y3 & Y4 visit to Stevenage Museum for “Egyptian Experience”
- **Monday 27th November** – Occasional Day – School Closed
- **Friday 8th December** – Catch up Flu Immunisations in school
- **Friday 8th December** – Y2 Christmas Journey
- **Wednesday 13th December** – 1:45pm Y3-6 Carol Concert in Church – Parents Welcome
- **Wednesday 13th December** – am Y1 & Y2 Nativity in School
- **Thursday 14th December** – am YR Nativity in School
- **Thursday 14th December** – pm Y1 & Y2 Nativity in School
- **Friday 15th December** – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
- **Monday 18th December** – am Pantomime in School
- **Tuesday 19th December** – 1:45pm Church service for whole school - children only
- **Wednesday 20th December**– Last Day of Term – Early Finish 1.30pm – No After School Club
- **Thursday 4th January 2024** – Back to School