



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,

Our **Movie Night** was a great success last Friday afternoon. We raised a wonderful £384.00 which was divided between Children in Need and school funds. This means with the non-uniform day included, our total raised for **Children in Need** was **£401.50** and for **school funds, £192.00**. Thank you very much to all of you. We look forward to running another Movie Night in 2024.

Year 6 have been very busy in the last few weeks; please see all their news on the following page which includes the **naming of new woodland** and a **visit from our MP** . There is also wonderful news of the **climate justice artwork** drawn by Alfie and Mansur and Isabel and Saumya which has been chosen to be displayed in the Houses of Parliament!

We hope those of you who ordered **Christmas cards and gifts** designed by your children have enjoyed receiving them over the last couple of weeks. We are delighted to say that these sales have raised **£149.00** for the school. Thank you very much!



Nativity costumes If your children have outgrown any nativity costumes and you feel able to, we would be delighted if you could donate them to school for the younger children to use in their upcoming nativity plays. Any costumes can be dropped off at the Office and we will pass them on. Thank you very much.

In addition, we are planning a **Christmas Jumper Swap** outside the KS2 entrance after school next Friday, 1st December (in the Hall if wet). Donations of jumpers or cardigans that your children have outgrown will be gratefully received and we hope that you may be able to find one for your child to wear this year. We will also have some nearly new coats, hats and gloves available on Friday afternoon.

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:

YR: Teddy; **Y1:** Delia; **Y2:** Teodor & Joseph; **Y3:** Teddy; **Y4:** Molly; **Y5:** Isla; **Y6:** Benita & Saumya.

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 term for each House is:

St Francis:	954
St Andrew:	952
St Clare:	936
St Catherine:	929

Sporting Achievements

The **Mixed Football Team** played a match at home on Monday vs Featherstone Wood which they won, a fantastic 3-0! Congratulations to all of you who played.

The Mixed Football Team is also playing in a competition at Stevenage Borough this afternoon and we look forward to hearing how they get on.



Safety Online Simplified 10

Giving your child their first mobile phone? The [BBC Own It](https://www.bbc.com/ownit) website has been designed for children who are getting their first mobile device, to help them to make considered choices, feel more confident, and have positive online experiences. It gives children and young people advice in real-time as they type or go online. For example, it will tell them if they type a comment which might be unkind.

A reminder that we have an Occasional day on Monday so the school will be closed.

Have a great 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

Naming of new woodland

Year 6 were invited to join Stevenage Mayor, Myla Arceno, for the official naming of Fairlane Woods. This was the wood that last year 6 last year helped to plant. The class spent a chilly morning exploring the existing woodland, collecting seeds, leaf identification and listening to a falconer speak about some very interesting birds.



MP visit

At the end of last week year 6 spent time with the Stevenage MP, Stephen McPartland, who visited school to view the children's artwork on Climate Justice. The children spoke with passion and knowledge about climate change. They asked some tricky questions of Stephen about what the government is currently doing to support countries around the world in their struggle. They also asked about renewable energy and how their future might look. Stephen left with these words, 'Their questions were very well thought out and they knew a lot about the subject. I would be happy to come back and visit again any time.' What a wonderful comment to have about our children.



Climate justice artwork

Great news! Two pieces of artwork have been chosen for the exhibition in Parliament. These pieces will be viewed by visitors and members of the House.

Congratulations to Alfie and Mansur who worked together and Isabel and Saumya who also decided to work together; their artwork can be seen below. We are extremely proud of their achievement. The initiative is a partnership between CAFOD, Christian Aid, Oxfam, Save the Children and Send My Friend to School, with support from the Climate Coalition, and is aimed at celebrating and amplifying young people's voices on the climate crisis.



Diary Dates

- **Monday 27th November** – Occasional Day – School Closed
- **Friday 1st December** – Non-uniform Day – details on attached letter from the Friends.
- **Friday 8th December** – Catch up Flu Immunisations in school
- **Friday 8th December** – Y2 Christmas Journey
- **Friday 8th December** – 3:25pm-5pm Christmas Fete
- **Friday 8th – Sunday 10th December** – Christmas Tree Festival in St Andrew and St George's Church
- **Tuesday 12th December** – 9:30am YR Nativity in school
- **Wednesday 13th December** – 9:30am Y1 & Y2 Nativity in school
- **Wednesday 13th December** – 11:20am YN Nativity in school
- **Wednesday 13th December** – 1:45pm Y3-6 Carol Concert in Church – Parents welcome
- **Thursday 14th December** – 9:30am YR Nativity in School
- **Thursday 14th December** – 2pm 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

