



Headteacher: Mrs Lorraine Collins BA (hons), MA

18th July 2025

Our Value this half term is Courage

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Thank you for all your support this year. It is always a privilege to work with all our young people and families. We are looking forward to our Leavers' Service on Monday and wish our Year 6 children the best of times as they start their new adventure at secondary school. We look forward to welcoming everyone else back on 4th September.

Y6 shine in their production! Monday and Tuesday this week saw wonderful performances from all of our Year 6's in their production of *Pirates of the Curry Bean*. The school enjoyed watching the dress rehearsal on Monday morning then family and friends came to watch in the evenings. The children have worked so hard and everyone was impressed with such fabulous performances; there may even have been a tear or two shed. Congratulations to you all!

Staff leavers We wish **Mrs Risley, Mrs Newman-Sanders and Mr Wildman**, who are leaving us, all the best for the future as they move on to pastures new. Please do say goodbye if you see them! Thank you all very much for your hard work and dedication during your time here at St. Nicholas.

School Start Time from September 2025 During Covid we had a soft start to school in the morning whereby children could go into class from 08:45 but did not have to be in until 08:55. From September we are moving to a **start time for everyone of 08:45**. The gates will be open for you to come onto the playground from 08:35.

Summer holiday postcards Your challenge for the Summer is to send me a postcard from somewhere that you visit or a drawing that you do over the holidays. I look forward to coming back in to school and seeing and hearing about the fun times that you have had.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the year is **94.6%**

The National Average for the year is **94.5%**

Achievements

These children are our **Values Champions** for the second half of this term having consistently demonstrated the value of Courage. Congratulations to all of you.

Reception:; **YR:** Sofia; **Y1:** Olivia & Cesur; **Y2:** Daisy & Amalia; **Y3:** Isaac & Aviana; **Y4:** Poppy & Isaiah; **Y5:** John & Emily; **Y6:** Nathanael & Carlos.

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: Pauly & Riki; **Y1:** Keziah & Amir; **Y2:** Oscar & Faith; **Y3:** Bushra, Alex & Venice; **Y4:** Angel; **Y5:** Elsa-Mae; **Y6:** All of Year 6.

Sporting Achievements and House points

We hope those of you who were able to come enjoyed yesterday's **Sports Day** as much as the children did! Congratulations to St Francis House who won the first place trophy. Well done to all the children for supporting each other so well and showing great sportsmanship and to our Sports Ambassadors for all their hard work. A big thank you too to those parents and carers who helped with refreshments throughout the morning.

Very well done as well to all the children who have worked hard through the year to earn House points. The overall total number of points this year for each House will be announced in our final worship on Tuesday morning. In the meantime, the full results for Sports Day were as follows:

- 1st - **St Francis**
- 2nd - **St Clare**
- 3rd - **St Andrew**
- 4th - **St Catherine**

We look forward to seeing you on Monday and Tuesday, after which we hope you have a fantastic Summer.

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



Year 2 had a wonderful day at **Shepreth Wildlife Park** on Tuesday this week. They had a great adventure, travelling there on the train and enjoyed a wildlife workshop in the afternoon. Their return was delayed by problems with the trains but this just meant they enjoyed longer at the Wildlife Park and an ice lolly! The children behaved brilliantly throughout the day. Thank you very much to the volunteers who joined them.

Milk and Free School Meals

School Milk From September we will be offering school milk via Dairylink. Parents are required to register and order via their online ordering system. **Children under 5 years old are entitled to free milk each day, however, you will still need to register with Dairylink in order to for them to receive it.** Please register on the below link if you would like your child to receive school milk. (Orders have already been placed for children entitled to Free School Meals) [Order milk today | School Milk | DairyLink UK Ltd](#)

Are you entitled to **Free School Meals**? Children in receipt of FSM also receive additional funding to support their learning for the next 6 years of their education, including support with trips and music lessons.

Please check your eligibility and apply: freeschoolmeals@hertfordshire.gov.uk

For Year 2 children - If your child is already in receipt of Free School Meals, please note that *you will have to make an application again* going up into Year 3.



Giving your child their first mobile phone? The [BBC Own It](#) app 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.

Diary Dates:

- **Monday 21st July** – 1:45pm Y6 Leavers' Service in St Andrew and St George's church
- **Tuesday 22nd July** – Last Day of Term – **Early finish 1:30pm** – No After School Club
- **Thursday 4th September** – Back to School!