



Headteacher: Mrs Lorraine Collins BA (hons), MA

19<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

**Sports Day** It was lovely to see so many of you here for our Sports Day this morning! The children all did so well and we were very impressed with their energy and enthusiasm despite the heat! Congratulations to **St Francis**, our 1<sup>st</sup> place House, and to all the others who followed close behind: 2<sup>nd</sup> were **St Andrew**, 3<sup>rd</sup> were **St Clare** and **St Catherine** in 4<sup>th</sup> place.

**Fire Station Visit** Year 3 had a great to Stevenage Fire Station on Monday morning to support their learning about fire safety. Staff were very proud of how well the children behaved, and they asked some really good questions. The children were delighted to be allowed in a fire engine and ambulance and they even had a chance to spray water from a fire hose!

**Summer Fete** Our Summer Fete is this afternoon! We will be on the playground; entrance is free and tokens will be used on stalls. Please do come and join in the fun!

**Tokens to use on stalls** at the Fete (50p per token) are available to buy at the Fete if you haven't already got any.

**Raffle Tickets** are also on sale for a variety of prizes, ranging from a Family Photo Shoot to entrance to 360 Play and a Stevenage Borough children's shirt!

**Sporty Scholars** We are pleased to confirm that **Sporty Scholars** will be providing our before and after-school wraparound care from the start of the new academic year.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank **Premier Education** for their support and service to our school community.

We appreciate that wraparound care is an important service for many families, and we are committed to ensuring a smooth transition. An e-mail was sent out on Monday with information from Sporty Scholars, including details of the provision, booking arrangements and how to register your child for sessions from September, and their flyer is will be sent with this Newsletter.

### ***Sporting Achievements***

#### ***Athletics Festival at Ridlins Stadium***

"A huge thank you to our Year 4 pupils who came 5th out of 21 schools and to our Years 5 and 6, who despite not being able to enter three of the events which reduced their scores, managed to come 16th out of the 21 schools that had entered all the events. Three of our children got through to the finals for their individual events and our amazing Y5/6 boys were relay finalists.

The skies were grim in the morning but by noon, the weather was warmer, the skies sunnier and the children worked hard to compete in their heats or finals in these conditions. They were also the best behaved - and tidied up after themselves - their seating area was spotless! I was not only proud of their competitiveness but also of their overall behaviour and positive attitude. A grateful thanks to parents and carers who brought their children to Ridlins as well as to those who managed to stay and watch - it felt like a long day!

Mrs Ruddlesden was in attendance, as spectator, and I know the children were uplifted by her presence and support, as well as by Mr Whitchelo's organisation and encouragement and by Mrs Sulman's support.

Well done to our heroes; Habel, Nicholas, Bryan, Mathea, Muhammad, Isaiah, Ciara, Poppy, Melody, Ella, Aryien, Tamara, Rebecca, Leo, Leanna, David, Holly and Buddy.

We look forward to seeing how well our pupils do next year. Well done children!"

Ms Prendergast

*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*



**Sharing pictures:** Using devices like phones and tablets to share pictures and videos can be a great way for children to have fun and stay in touch with friends and family. It's really important your child knows what's ok to share online and what they should check with you first.

We recommend reading '[Younger children sharing pictures or videos online](#)' for more information on the risks and how to support safer sharing.



### **Diary Dates**

- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July** - 10:35 - 11:35am YN/R Stay and Play for new families
- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Secondary Transfer and Moving Up Day
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July** – 6pm Y6 Production
- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July** – 6pm Y6 Production
- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** – 3:30-5pm Open Evening
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – 1:45pm Y6 Leavers' Service in church (Y6 parents and carers welcome)
- **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – Last Day of Term – Early finish 1:30pm

**A reminder that our term dates** can be found on our website on the following link: [St Nicholas CoE \(VA\) Primary School & Nursery - Term Dates](#)