



Headteacher: Mrs Lorraine Collins BA (hons), MA

17th July 2026

Our Value this half term is Justice

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 Wednesday 2nd September.

Y6 shine in their production! Monday and Tuesday this week saw fantastic performances from all of our Year 6's in their production of *Oliver! with a Twist*. The school enjoyed watching the dress rehearsal last Friday morning then family and friends came to watch in the evenings this week. All of the children 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!

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

Bikes and Scooters Please make sure you don't leave any bikes or scooters in school over the holidays. We cannot guarantee the security of any that are left behind and it will not be possible for you to access the school to collect them after the term has finished on Tuesday. Thank you.

Moving up to Year 3 A reminder that as Year 2 children move in to Year 3 in September they need to wear shirts and ties instead of white polo shirts. A reminder of the school uniform list can be found on our website and by following this link: [St Nicholas CoE \(VA\) Primary School & Nursery - Uniform](#)

In addition, **School meals** need to be paid for from Year 3 onwards unless you are entitled to Free School Meals. A school lunch costs £3.55 each and must be paid for in advance on Arbor. You can check your entitlement for Free School Meals by following this link: [Free school meals and other benefits | Hertfordshire County Council](#)

Achievements

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

Nursery & Reception: Amira; **Y1:** Fenton; **Y2:** Julian; **Y3:** Etienn & Sarah; **Y4:** Joel; **Y5:** Angel; **Y6:** Zoe.

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 **Curiosity**. Congratulations to:

Nursery & Reception: Ada & Zemirah; **Y1:** Sophia; **Y2:** Eduardo; **Y3:** Ugonna & Rebecca; **Y4:** Ethan; **Y5:** Ella & Brodie; **Y6:** Elsa-Mae.

Sporting Achievements

Please see the following page for our sporting achievements.

House points

Congratulations to everyone in [St Andrew's House](#) for having the most House Points this year! Very well done as well to all the children who have worked hard through the year to earn House points.

St Andrew:	6980
St Francis:	6857
St Clare:	6433
St Catherine:	6021

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.

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

Sporting Achievements

The end of Year results are in.

Football – Congratulations to our Mixed team who finished 4th in the league, a super achievement after a shaky start. In addition, well done to our Girls' team who finished 9th in the league. We were lucky to be able to use some of our Year 4 girls who were playing in the Y5/6 league as we were short of girls in Y6, so again a great achievement and we will be more than ready for next season.

Netball – Well done to our Year 6 girls who finished 5th in a very competitive league and congratulations to our Year 5 girls finished 2nd and were awarded silver medals!

A massive thank you to Mr Whitchelo, Mrs Randall, and Mrs Reed for all their help and of course to all the parents and carers for transporting children so that we could take part.

We have also found out that we have achieved the **Gold Key Stage One Games Mark!**

This award recognises the school's commitment to providing high-quality Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity opportunities for Key Stage 1 pupils. It reflects the dedication of staff in creating an inclusive environment where children can develop their fundamental movement skills, build confidence and enjoy being physically active. This follows on from achieving the Platinum Games Mark for Key Stage 2.

Mrs Ruddlesden



Safety Online Simplified 31

[Why turning off screens is so hard for children – and four tips to make it easier.](#)

The challenges surrounding children's screen use are a leading concern for families and "techno-tantrums" can be very hard to deal with. So why not read this article from Steven Howard, Senior Academic Research Leader in Child Development and Education, to arm yourself with some useful strategies this summer?

Please do also have a look at the following newsletter from Internet Matters with some helpful Summer holiday advice for parents and carers:

[Send home: Summer holiday advice for parents](#)

Diary Dates

- **Monday 20th July** – 1:45pm Y6 Leavers' Service in church (Y6 parents and carers welcome)
- **Tuesday 21st July** – Last Day of Term – Early finish 1:30pm
- **Wednesday 2nd September** – Back to School for the First Day of the Autumn Term

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](#)