



Headteacher: Mrs Lorraine Collins BA (hons), MA

9th October 2026

Our Value this half term is Generosity

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

There was a great surprise for our children who do after school football with **Stevenage FC Foundation** this week as they brought two of the first team players with them! The children were delighted as Phoenix Patterson and Chem Campbell answered some questions and then joined in with their session.



Parent and Carer Consultations will be taking place on Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd October with appointments available from 3:30pm.

Please book your appointment on Arbor if you have not already done so. If you have an APDR Meeting, you do not need to book a Consultation appointment. Booking closes on Monday 19th October at 12pm.

Christmas Card Competition Our MP, Kevin Bonavia, has launched his Christmas card competition which is open to all primary school children. The theme is *Christmas in Stevenage and the Villages* and we would love to see your designs. There are more details on the following page. If you would like to enter, please tell your teacher, who can give you the entry form. **Please return your entries to school by Thursday 22nd October.**

Achievements

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 **Questioning**.

Congratulations to:

Y1: Zemirah & Bryan; **Y2:** Zian; **Y3:** Eduardo; **Y4:** Nina; **Y5:** Ethan; **Y6:** Poppy.

Next week we will be focusing on **Teamwork**.

Sporting Achievements

Our **Mixed Football Team** played in their first tournament of the season at Round Diamond School yesterday afternoon. They played 3 matches and won 1, coming third overall. Mr Whitchelo was very impressed with how close each game was and with the great sportsmanship displayed by the team. Well done to everyone who took part.

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:	1496
St Catherine:	1480
St Andrew:	1421
St Clare:	1316

Waterproof coats are needed in school every day. The colder, wetter weather has arrived! Our children go out at break and lunchtime whatever the weather, so please make sure they bring a waterproof coat with their name in it to school every day, even if it seems sunny and warm first thing in the morning. Thank you.

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

From Kevin Bonavia:

The theme for this year's competition is: **"Christmas in Stevenage and the villages"**

So, what does Christmas look like to you? Maybe it's the Christmas lights in Stevenage, a favourite place in one of our villages, a snowy scene, your family celebrating together, or something completely different. It's up to you!

The winning artwork will be featured on my official Christmas card for 2026. I also hope to visit the winning child's school to congratulate them in person. There will be a prize for the winner, with recognition for their school too.



Kevin Bonavia MP's Christmas Card Competition

Could you help make my official Christmas card?

This Christmas, I'll be sending my Christmas card to lots of people.

I'm looking for a brilliant artist to draw or paint an amazing picture for the card!

Can you help?

How does it work?

Open to all primary school-aged children in Stevenage and the villages

You can only enter once, so pick your best idea!

The art needs to be your own idea, made by you.

The entry form has been sent to your school, so ask your teacher about what to do!

Send me your idea by Friday 30 October

Prizes to be won!

Have fun, and good luck!

See full details at www.kevinbonaviamp.com/Christmas

Kevin Bonavia MP
Standing up for Stevenage and our villages



Supervise their online activity: Keep the devices your child uses in communal areas of the house such as the living room or kitchen, where an adult is able to supervise. All the guidance around online safety suggests that Primary-age children should not access the internet in private spaces alone, such as in a bedroom or bathroom. During the pandemic your family's online habits will have changed and you may need to address some bad habits that have developed... better to do it sooner rather than later.

Follow our new **School Instagram** page **@nicholas_school** to stay up to date and see what's happening across our school community!



Diary dates

- **Week beginning 12th October** – APDR meetings
- **Monday 19th – 22nd October** – Y5 Cycle Training (for those who have booked it)
- **Wednesday 21st October** – Parent and Carer Consultation Evening
- **Thursday 22nd October** - Parent and Carer Consultation Evening
- **Friday 23th October** – INSET Day – School Closed
- **Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October** – Half Term

- **Thursday 5th November** – Flu immunisations in school
- **Wednesday 23rd November** – second round of Flu immunisations in school

- **Friday 4th December** – Christmas Fete after school
- **Monday 7th – Friday 11th December** – Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Nativities (times t.b.c.)
- **Monday 14th December** – Key Stage 2 Carol Service
- **Wednesday 16th December** – Pantomime in school
- **Wednesday 16th December** – School Christmas Lunch
- **Thursday 17th December** – Christingle service in school
- **Thursday 17th December** – Last Day of Term – Early Finish 1.30pm – No After School Club
- **Friday 18th December** – Occasional Day – School Closed

- **Monday 4th January 2027** – Back to School

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](#)