



Headteacher: Mrs Lorraine Collins BA (hons), MA

1st May 2026

Our Value this half term is Service

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

News from Year 1 We have an exciting refurbished reading corner! The year 1 children have had the opportunity to read various genres of books such as poetry, traditional tales and comic books! They are keen to sit in the cosy area and read with their friends and they are learning to look after this new part of our classroom to ensure they can use it over and over again.

As well as looking after our new area in the classroom, Year 1 have been planting beans which they will look after over the next few weeks. We are very excited about watching the different stages as they grow and hopefully eating what they produce!



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 **Resilience**. Congratulations to:

Nursery & Reception: Ernie & Elijah; **Y1:** Eliam; **Y2:** Alfonso & Freddie E; **Y3:** Arthur & Alfie; **Y4:** Joshua; **Y5:** Haider; **Y6:** Bryan.

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

Sporting Achievements

The **Girls' Football team** played at home vs Roebuck on Monday. They didn't win but played well against a team made up of girls who all play for teams out of school too! Well done girls.

The **Mixed Football team** played a great match away at Longmeadow School on Tuesday and won 7-0! Congratulations to everyone who took part for a brilliant match and result.

House points

We are keeping a weekly tally of the number of House points each House has as well as a running total.

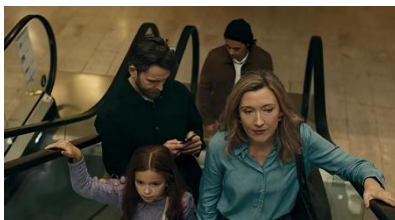
The overall total number of points so far this term for each House are:

St Andrew:	4702
St Francis:	4449
St Clare:	4388
St Catherine:	3970



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This latest video from the [Data Protection Commission Ireland](https://www.data.gov.uk/data-protection-commission) called 'Pause before you post' is very thought provoking for parents.



Year 4 Maths Challenge On Tuesday four of our Y4 children took part in a Maths Challenge after school, against other Y4 pupils across Hertfordshire. They had to listen carefully to each other to solve the Maths problems together against the clock. We don't yet have the results, but are very proud of them for taking part.

Don't forget! Monday 4th May is a **bank holiday** so the school will be closed. We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Tuesday and ready for your **class photos** on Wednesday!

Have a great long 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

Diary Dates

- **Monday 4th May** – Bank Holiday; school closed
- **Wednesday 6th May** – Class photos
- **Monday 25th – Friday 29th May** – Half Term
- **Monday 1st June** – INSET Day – school closed
- **Friday 19th June** – am Sports Day
- **Friday 19th June** – 3:30–5pm Spring Fete – **Please note: CHANGE OF DATE**
- **Thursday 9th July** – Secondary Transfer and Moving Up Day
- **Monday 13th July** – 6pm Y6 Production
- **Tuesday 14th July** – 6pm Y6 Production
- **Wednesday 15th July** – 3:30-5pm Open Evening
- **Tuesday 21st July** – Last Day of Term – Early finish 1:30pm

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