

13th February 2026***Our Value this half term is Forgiveness***

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

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

Reception: Amira & Isabelle; **Y1:** Belicia; **Y2:** Macy; **Y3:** Tanveer & Faith; **Y4:** Aryien & Matteo; **Y5:** Alex; **Y6:** Nicholas.

Noah's Ark Mural A huge thank you to Stevenage Community Trust for funding our beautiful new Noah's Ark mural! Our fish had to move into the office while the work was done and are waiting for the water to settle in their tank before they move back in with their new, colourful backdrop. The mural has already brought a smile to many faces and we hope that those of you who came for parent and carer consultations this week enjoyed seeing it too.



Thank you very much for joining us for parent and carer consultations this week. It's lovely to see so many of you here and is really good to be able to discuss your children's progress with you.

World Book Day 2026 Please note that children will not be dressing up for World Book Day this year so there is no need to buy costumes. We will, however be marking the day with activities in classes.

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 **Teamwork** Congratulations to:

Reception: Ayden & Blessing; **Y1:** Grayson & Scarlett; **Y2:** Amir; **Y3:** Sarah & Etienne; **Y4:** Cherry, Leo & Buddy; **Y5:** William; **Y6:** Noah D, Isaac, Nicholas, Phoenix, Kevin & Seth.

When we return after half term we will be focusing on **Perseverance**.

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 Andrew:	3415
St Francis:	3107
St Clare:	3092
St Catherine:	2805

Free School Meals (FSM) To continue supporting families with the cost of living parents and carers are encouraged to check their eligibility status for Free School Meals as outlined on the Hertfordshire County Council Website www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.

All children in Reception class, year 1 or year 2 can get a free lunch at school, but if a parent or carer registers, the school could get extra funding (called 'Pupil Premium') to pay for additional staff time, extra computers, books & trips for children. [Register for free school meals \(reception, year 1 and 2\)](#)

Can you help us? Do you have a keyboard that you no longer use, and would be able to donate to our Choir? Please contact the Office if you think you can help! Thank you very much.

Have a lovely half term! 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

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday this week was Safer Internet Day. The children enjoyed learning about this year's theme of *Smart Tech, Safe Choices* during the day, including from a special worship led by our Digital Leaders. Thank you to those of you who came to the parent and carer presentation and discussion about the safe and responsible use of AI in the afternoon. Mrs Coulter's slides from the meeting will be sent out with this e-mail for you to look at, as well as an Online Safety Newsletter from Herts for Learning.



What is Discord? Discord has been around since 2015 and whilst it has been seen as the social media app for gamers, this has changed. Discord is very popular across Years 5 and 6 not just for gaming, but simply as a means to keep in touch with friends and family (as per WhatsApp) or joining others in conversations on servers.

[This article](#) from Childnet will bring you up to speed on what it involves.

The homepage of St Nicholas Primary School and Nursery website. The header is a dark red color with the school's crest in the top right. The crest is a shield with three trees and the text 'SAINT NICHOLAS' above it. Below the crest, the text 'St Nicholas Primary School and Nursery' is written in a large, white, sans-serif font. Underneath this, in a smaller white font, is the text 'Oldest Primary School in Stevenage 1st established 1834' and 'Learning, Loving, Living in God's Family'. The main content area has a light yellow background. It features a section titled 'Nursery Admissions September 2026' with the subtext '30 hours Nursery provision available (subject to entitlement)'. Below this, a box contains the text 'School Tour Dates are available' and 'We would like to invite all prospective parents to join us for a tour of our wonderful school. This is an ideal opportunity to see our whole school in action and to ask any questions you may have.' It also includes a phone number '01438 352706' for further information and a link to the website. At the bottom of the page, there are three small images: a wooden cross, a nativity scene, and a tree. The footer contains the text 'Generosity, Perseverance, Trust, Respect, Friendship, Courage, Compassion, Thankfulness, Forgiveness, Service'.

Diary Dates

- **Monday 16th – Friday 20th February** – Half Term
- **Monday 23rd February** – Back to School
- **Friday 27th March** – Last Day of Term – Early finish 1:30pm
- **Monday 13th April** – Back to School

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