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Our Value this half term is Generosity

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Parent and Carer Consultations will be taking place next week 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 had an APDR Meeting, you do not need to book a Consultation appointment***.
Booking closes on Monday 19th October at 12pm.

Proposed Admission Arrangements 2028/29
Our proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2028/2029 can be found on our website.

The consultation period runs from 12 October– 22 November 2026. Please send your comments regarding the proposals to the school direct at admin@stnicholas120.herts.sch.uk

Further information on all HCC consultations can be found at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2028 and on the poster sent out with this newsletter.

Parking in local residential areas We have received another complaint from a local resident about parents parking on their driveway and in front of their garage. We work to keep positive relationships with our neighbours and it is not acceptable for them not to be able to access their own property at drop off or pick up times.

Please make sure that you park in a full space, not blocking any driveways or garages when you use local roads, or you can park at Fairlands Valley Park which is a short walk away. Thank you.

Flu Immunisations Vaccination UK is using a new system to contact parents and carers about signing their children up for the flu vaccination this year. You will be contacted directly by the team by e-mail, rather than through the school, between now and 5th November when they are due in school. We will pass on any further information to families as and when we are given it.

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:

Y1: Whole of Year 1; **Y2**: Nolen & Eliam; **Y3**: Ewa, Tami & Arya; **Y4**: Whole of Year 4; **Y5**: Ethan & Caelib; **Y6**: Pyper & Haider.

Next week 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 Catherine:	1711
St Francis:	1689
St Andrew:	1589
St Clare:	1503

Safety Online Simplified 7

Online gaming: Online games are social activities, and most have features that allow children to chat with others whilst they play. For information about the positives of gaming, the risks of in-game chat and measures you can take to help protect your family, we suggest you read this article: In-game chat: a guide for parents and carers.

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.



Please return any entries to school by Thursday 22nd October. Thank you.

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



Diary dates

- **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