

Headteacher: Mrs Lorraine Collins BA (hons), MA

25th September 2026

Our Value this half term is Generosity

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Harvest Festival The school gathered together yesterday to celebrate Harvest, led by Rev. Karen. Each class took part in the worship; YR & Y1 sang a song, Y2 showed a big piece of art that they had done together, Y3 did the prayers, Y4 shared the history of Harvest, Y5 read a poem and Y6 talked about Harvest around the world.

It was lovely to learn from Year 6 as they took us on a fascinating journey around the globe by sharing how different countries and cultures celebrate their own harvest seasons. The children taught us that while traditions vary, the message of gratitude and community remains the same across the world. We learned, for example, that Christians in Poland celebrate Harvest by crafting giant wreaths out of wheat and corn and communities in West Africa gather for the vibrant New Yam Festival. In China, Harvest Moon Festival is celebrated.

Thank you to all year groups for helping us to celebrate Harvest Festival and to appreciate these diverse global traditions!



Donations were made to The Porch Pantry at our school church, St Andrew and St George, which is used by many local families and individuals who need support with food. As you can see we had many wonderful donations; thank you to everyone who brought them in, we really appreciate your generosity. *If you would still like to give something, donations are still welcome.* Please see our new Instagram page for more photos (details on following page).

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 **Curiosity**.

Congratulations to:

Y1: Ernie & Kiki; **Y2:** Grayson; **Y3:** James & Tami; **Y4:** Ugonna; **Y5:** Venice; **Y6:** Isaiah & Milo.

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

Sporting Achievements

Y5 and Y6 Cross Country Championships We are very proud of all our long distance runners who represented our school in the Year 5 and Year 6 Cross Country Competition at Fairlands Valley Park on Wednesday. Hundreds of children took part and our teams all did so well, showing resilience and determination. Overall we came 9th out of 16 schools and our Year 5 team were awarded the School Games value for determination; please see a photo on the following page. Well done to our athletes.

Sports Clubs School Football and Netball Clubs started again this week for Years 5 and 6. If your child would like to take part, there's still time to sign them up on Arbor.

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:	880
St Catherine:	846
St Andrew:	839
St Clare:	770

School Photos A reminder that the deadline to order photos for free delivery to school is **2nd October**.

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

Our proud Year 5 runners with their award



Instagram!

We're excited to launch our **new school Instagram page**, where we'll be sharing the latest school news, events, achievements, activities and moments from school life.

Follow @nicholas_school to stay up to date and see what's happening across our school community!



Mobile phone use For safeguarding reasons and to ensure the safety and privacy of all our pupils, we kindly ask that parents and visitors **do not use mobile phones while on school grounds**. Thank you.

Are you entitled to **Free School Meals**? Children in receipt of FSM also receive additional funding to support their learning for the next 6 years of their education, including support with trips and music lessons. Please check your eligibility and apply: [Free school meals and other benefits | Hertfordshire County Council](#)



Sharing pictures: Using devices like phones and tablets to share pictures and videos can be a great way for children to have fun and stay in touch with friends and family. It's really important your child knows what's ok to share online and what they should check with you first.

We recommend reading '[Younger children sharing pictures or videos online](#)' for more information on the risks and how to support safer sharing.

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](#)

BURGER DAY
OCT 1ST

MAIN MENU

Breaded Chicken Burger

or

Beef Burger

or

Breaded Bean & Vegetable Burger (Ve)
(Free From)

SERVED WITH

Baked Potato Wedges

Sweetcorn

Coleslaw

DESSERT

Chocolate Sponge
with Chocolate Custard

(Jacket Potato & Cold Options
available where applicable)



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