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17th April 2026

Our Value this half term is Service

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a good break over the Easter holidays. It was nice to start the term's worship with a whole school communion; thank you to Rev. Karen for leading this.

St George's Day Children who are members of uniformed organisations such as Brownies and Cubs are welcome to wear that uniform to school next Thursday (23rd April) instead of school uniform to mark St George's Day.

Year 4 enjoyed a fun start to the week with the first of 3 outdoor **Fit Kidz** sessions. They also had an important **Water Safety** talk from the Sporting Futures Team.

Birthdays We enjoy celebrating your childrens' birthdays but please do not send them in with sweets or anything else to share with their class. Unfortunately we are unable to hand out any food due to the range of allergies and intolerances and sending in other items can put pressure on other families unintentionally. There is no expectation for families to do anything but if you would like to mark their birthday in school, you could buy a favourite book to donate to their class and we will put a sticker in it saying that it has been donated on behalf of your child, to celebrate their birthday. Thank you for your understanding.



Safety Online Simplified 25

Do you know what DOOMSCROLLING is? Internet Matters have published a useful article for parents and carers focussing on **doomscrolling**. This term refers to the habit of continuously scrolling through negative news online, which can significantly impact both mental and physical health. The article provides valuable insights for parents on how to recognise if their child is doomscrolling and offers practical tips to help prevent this behaviour. Understanding and addressing doomscrolling is crucial in promoting a healthier online experience for our children. [You can read the full guide HERE](#)

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:

Nursery/Reception: Isabelle & Ayden; **Y1:** Nolen; **Y2:** Cesur; **Y3:** Reme & Hannah; **Y4:** Cecelia; **Y5:** Alfie & Estera; **Y6:** Habel.

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

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:	4410
St Francis:	4157
St Clare:	4096
St Catherine:	3658

Contacting Your Child's Teacher: If you have any concerns or questions, your child's class teacher is the first person to speak to. Our teachers are happy to talk with you about your child. If you would like to speak to them please make an appointment via the school office. Teachers are not available first thing in the morning or immediately after school because they are busy ensuring the safety of your children as they arrive and leave. Please do not enter the school through the classroom doors but enter via the office. Thank you.

Reading for Pleasure A reminder that inside our entrance is a small bookcase with books that you can borrow; please just return them when you have finished them. If you have a book that you have enjoyed and would like to leave it for someone else to read, please do. We would welcome any books in languages other than English so that we can meet the needs of our diverse school community. Thank you very much, and happy reading!

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

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

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