St Nicholas C of E (VA) Primary School and Nursery

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Our Value this half term is Perseverance

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

We had a special guest here for worship yesterday. Ret. Major Keith Greenough came to talk to the children about the Poppy Appeal and the significance of Remembrance. It was lovely to see the children listening carefully to what he had to say and they asked some thoughtful questions.



We will be marking ***Remembrance Day*** in school on Wednesday (11th November). Children who are members of uniformed organisations such as Brownies and Cubs are welcome to wear that uniform to school on Wednesday instead of school uniform.

Remembrance poppies and accessories are on sale in school. If you would like your child to buy one, please send money in with them in a named envelope. Paper poppies cost 50p and Accessories are from £1. Thank you.

Safety Online Simplified 9

Being kind online: The internet has many positive opportunities for children to learn and play, but it can also be used in negative and unkind ways.

It's really important to speak to your children about being kind online, and how they can get help if they see or hear anything that makes them feel worried, scared or sad. Use these Home Safety Activities to explore ways of staying safe online together.

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 **Independence**.

Congratulations to:

Y1: Ernie, Isabelle & Ayden; **Y2**: Jamie; **Y3**: Darcy; **Y4**: Daisy & Etienn; **Y5**: Sarah; **Y6**: Brodie.

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

Sporting Achievements

The ***Mixed Football Team*** played against Almond Hill School at home on Tuesday. They didn't win but played well against a team that is in a higher league than ours, as well as managing to score 2 goals. Well done to you all.

The ***Y6 Netball Team*** played a fantastic match away at Shephalbury Park School yesterday and won 7-0! Congratulations to all of you who took part.

Bikeability Some of our Year 5 children completed Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability training just before half term, which included learning how to safely cycle on local roads. This is a great life skill to have; well done to all of you who took part.

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:

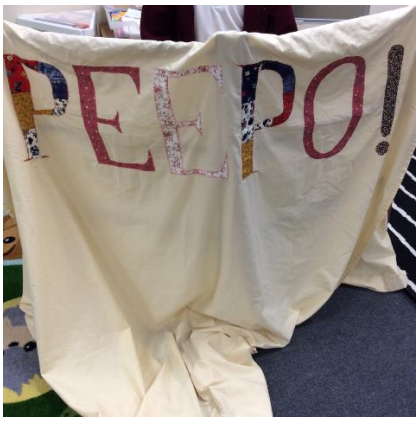
St Catherine:	2100
St Francis:	2011
St Andrew:	1862
St Clare:	1767

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

A Peep at the Past Year 1 enjoyed a workshop with Stevenage Museum on Wednesday. The children explored life in the past through three themed areas 'Washday', 'In the Kitchen' and 'Toys'. They had the opportunity to dress up and role play as they learned about the past.

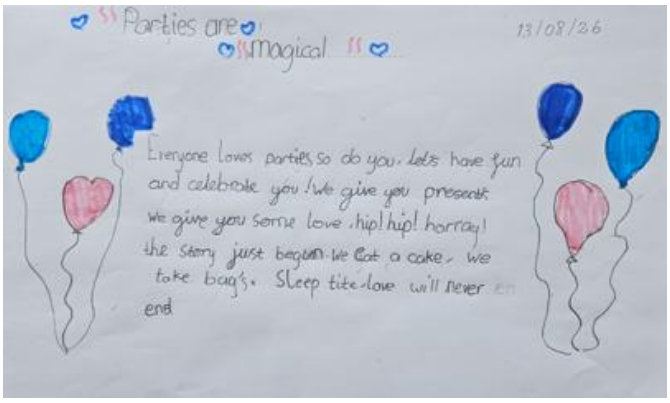






Congratulations to Rebecca in Y4 whose poem, *Parties are Magical*, is going to be published in a Young Writers Anthology.





Reception and Nursery Applications for September 2027 are now open. Please click on the following link to our website for details: St Nicholas CoE (VA) Primary School & Nursery - Admissions (stnicholas120.herts.sch.uk)

Don't forget to follow our new **School Instagram** page **@nicholas_school** to stay up to date and see what's happening across our school community!

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Next Friday it's ***Children in Need***!







Diary dates

- **Wednesday 11th November** – Remembrance Day. Children can wear uniforms from outside organisations such as Brownies and Cubs
- **Friday 13th November** – Children in Need (wear something spotty with uniform)
- **Monday 16th November** – Odd Socks Day (anti-bullying)
- **Friday 20th November** – Non-uniform day – please bring donations for the Fete (details to follow)
- **Wednesday 25th 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 **1.15pm** – 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]