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12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### *Our Value this half term is Thankfulness*

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

**Nativity plays** Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 2 have all been busy this week with their Nativity plays. It has been wonderful to see so many of you here supporting the children. Each performance was a great success and enjoyed by all. A very big well done to all the children and thank you to all the staff for preparing them so well.

**Christmas Fete** Thank you to everyone who came to our Christmas Fete last Friday afternoon. There was a lovely atmosphere with lots to see and do and the Choir sang beautifully above the hubbub in the room. Congratulations to all raffle prize winners too! We raised a total of **£593.25** for school funds which is wonderful.

**Christmas Jumper Day** A reminder that children are welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper to school next Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December instead of their school jumper (ties not necessary). If they have PE, they should wear their PE kit as usual with a Christmas jumper if they want to wear one. A donation to Save the Children would be very much appreciated and can be made on Arbor.

**Bebras Computing Challenge** Earlier this term, 31 children from St Nicholas took part in a series of interactive tasks online. This national challenge encourages logical thinking and problem-solving skills appropriate for their age group. Well done to everyone who took part and congratulations in particular to Theo, Amelia, Buddy, Delia, Raylen, Holly, Cecelia, Alexander and Damaris who came in the top 10% among all 526, 915 children who took part across the UK!



**Safety Online Simplified 14**

**Does your child have a STEAM account?** This is one of the most popular social gaming networks that allows you to chat with other players or friends as well as buy and play games online and store them in the cloud. Use the [safety guide found here](#) (PDF or video format) to keep you in the know and keep them safe.

#### **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:** All of Year 1; **Y2:** Ethan; **Y3:** Harry & Rebecca; **Y4:** Iarina; **Y5:** Pyper, Myles, Angel, Alfie, Melody & Aaron; **Y6:** All of Year 6.

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

#### **Sporting Achievements**

The **Mixed Football Team** played away against The Leys School on Monday. Although they didn't win, it was a close match with a lot of attacking play from both teams as well as good defending. Well done to everyone who took part.

**Virtual Archery Competition** One team from Year 6 and one from Year 5 recently took part in a Virtual Archery Competition. It was great to hear this week that Bryan in Y6 has been awarded a certificate for the passion he showed while taking part in the competition. Congratulations Bryan!

#### **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:	2002
St Clare:	1819
St Catherine:	1773
St Francis:	1724

**Uniform** The price of knitwear is going up so from January 2026, there will be the option of buying children's jumpers and cardigans in sweatshirt material from Smarty Schoolwear in town. Although the price of knitted uniform will be going up, the sweatshirt material jumpers and cardigans will be the same cost as the current knitwear (£12.50 and £13.50 respectively).

*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 15<sup>th</sup> December** – 1:45pm Key Stage 2 Carol Service in church – parents and carers welcome
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day – Donations for Save the Children can be made on Arbor
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Pantomime in school
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – School Christmas Lunch
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Christingle service in school
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Last Day of Term – Early Finish 1.30pm – No After School Club
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Occasional Day – School Closed
  
- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026** – Back to School
- **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026** – Y4 swimming lessons begin