

6th February 2026***Our Value this half term is Forgiveness***

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Thank you very much to those of you who have joined us for APDR meetings this week. We look forward to seeing more of you next week for our parent and carer consultations.

Parent and Carer Consultations will be taking place next week on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th February. An e-mail was sent out last week with details for booking appointments. **Booking closes on Arbor on Monday at 10am** so please make sure you log in to secure your appointment if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

Staff News Miss McGoldrick will be leaving us next Wednesday. It has been great to have her in our Early Years & KS1 team over the past few years and we are sure you will join us in wishing her all the best in her new job.

Baby Fish. A number of baby fish have been born in our fish tank over the past few weeks and two of our Y6 girls were fortunate enough to see nature in action on Wednesday when they saw some more babies being born! Please do read their accounts of what happened and a photo of our fish on the following page.

Pedestrian Safety Outside School Please drive slowly and keep a careful eye out for people walking to and from school if you drive in to the front of school to drop off or pick up children. We have witnessed a car nearly hitting a child more than once this week. In addition, we have noticed that those who do park are often leaving their engines running so children are walking through exhaust fumes. Please do turn your engine off if you have permission to park. Thank you.

**Safety Online Simplified**

It's **Safer Internet Day next Tuesday, 10th February**. Our Digital Leaders will be leading worship on the day, then after school, at **3:30pm**, we have a presentation and discussion for parents and carers in the hall. We will be looking at this year's theme: **Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI**. More information can be found on the poster at the end of this letter. Please join us if you can.

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:

Reception: Elijah & Kiki; **Y1:** Romilly; **Y2:** Arya; **Y3:** Nina; **Y4:** Theo; **Y5:** Pyper; **Y6:** Damaris & Seth.

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

Sporting Achievements

Some of our Y6 class enjoyed taking part in an **Indoor Athletics** event at Barnwell School on Monday morning. They all took part in the events with enthusiasm and had a great morning.

On Wednesday the Mixed Football Team played a match at home against Walkern School and won with a fantastic score of 5-0! Mr Whitchelo said it was a great performance by everyone; congratulations to everyone who took part!

Our **Y6 Netball Team** played a match away against Bedwell School last Friday and although they didn't win, the girls scored 4 goals and played a good game. Well done to all of you who played.

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:	3126
St Catherine:	2805
St Clare:	2790
St Francis:	2680

Nursery applications are still open for September 2026. Please see this page on our website for details: [St Nicholas CoE \(VA\) Primary School & Nursery - Admissions \(stnicholas120.herts.sch.uk\)](http://www.stnicholas120.herts.sch.uk)

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

Baby Fish

"Greetings St Nicholas. We are happy to announce that a mother fish has given birth to some baby fish on the 4th February at 1:00 o'clock! We don't know how many babies there are as it's kind of hard to see them as they are extremely small. We will think of names later but as for now, let's celebrate!"

Rose, Y6

"Hello St. Nicholas. A fish is giving birth on Wednesday 4th February in our school tank; we are all excited. We don't know how many there are yet because they are really small and she hasn't finished yet. The mother is grey and the babies are yellowish orangeish. Well done fish!"

Zoe, Y6



Diary Dates

- **Monday 9th – Friday 13th February** – Feeling Good Week
- **Tuesday 10th February** – Safer Internet Day
- **Tuesday 10th February** – 3:30pm Safer Internet Day Parent and Carer presentation and discussion in the hall
- **Wednesday 11th February** – Parent and Carer Consultation Evening
- **Thursday 12th February** – Parent and Carer Consultation Evening
- **Monday 16th – Friday 20th February** – Half Term
- **Friday 27th March** – Last Day of Term – Early finish 1:30pm
- **Monday 13th April** – Back to School

Please note, all term dates can be found on our website on the following link: [St Nicholas CoE \(VA\) Primary School & Nursery - Term Dates](http://www.stnicholas.coe.vic.edu.au/term-dates)

Safer Internet Day 2026

Tuesday 10 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

Join us at 3.30pm in the hall
to look at this year's theme:

Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI

Everyone's talking about AI, and with many children and young people hearing about and using AI online, it's important they have the skills and confidence to make safe choices when they are using smart technology.

This Safer Internet Day we are exploring the impact of AI on all of our lives, looking at how AI can be used for good, and hoping to empower people to use AI safely and responsibly.

Together we are stronger!