



Headteacher: Mrs Lorraine Collins BA (hons), MA

8th May 2026

Our Value this half term is Service

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Air Purifiers have been installed in all of our classrooms as part of a trial in some schools. They are helping to reduce the pollutants in the air, supporting the whole class to breathe healthier air. Evidence has shown that these air purifiers are reducing particulate matter classrooms by 30% and that this reduction is bigger on days with higher outdoor air pollution.

We're having a **Burger Day** on Thursday 21st May. You can see the details on the poster at the end of this newsletter. If you would like your child to have a school lunch that day, they can order it on the morning in class as usual. Please top up your dinner money on Arbor before ordering if your child is in Years 3 - 6 and not in receipt of Free School Meals.

Free School Meals To continue supporting families with the cost of living parents and carers are encouraged to check their eligibility status for Free School Meals as outlined on the Hertfordshire County Council website www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals. All children in Reception class, Y1 or Y2 can have a free lunch at school, but if a parent or carer registers, the school could get extra funding (called 'Pupil Premium') to pay for additional staff time, extra computers, books & trips for children.



Safety Online Simplified 29

Tips for raising digitally resilient children: we all know how difficult it is to monitor children whilst they're online. It can be difficult asking children what they're seeing, their motives, healthy screen habits and more.

Written by a clinical psychologist, BBC Bitesize have released some new advice and support for parents. Although aimed at parents of teenagers, we think this would be useful for any parent.

The article can be found here: [Screen time and resilience: a psychologist's guide](#).

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:

Nursery & Reception: Isabelle; **Y1:** Jamie; **Y2:** Darcy; **Y3:** Keegan & Isabelle; **Y4:** Amelia; **Y5:** Melody; **Y6:** Alexander.

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

Sporting Achievements

The **Mixed Football team** played at home against Roebuck on Tuesday. It was a good match and although our team didn't win, they scored a great penalty and enjoyed the game. Well done to everyone 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 are:

St Andrew:	4860
St Francis:	4599
St Clare:	4540
St Catherine:	4132

Class photos are available to buy online and you have until Wednesday 20th May in which to order them to be delivered to school free of charge. Children will have brought home details of how to view and order the photos after they were taken on Wednesday.

Summer Fete preparations are underway! Please can you save any empty jars and lids that we can fill for our tombola. You can hand them in to the Office any time. Thank you very much.

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

STEM Project Celebration Event

STEM Project Celebration Event Eight of our Year 1 children have been taking part in a Primary Engineers STEM project with Mrs Coultart and they went to Stevenage Leisure Centre for a celebration event on Wednesday. The children had to talk to the judges about their projects in pairs, and demonstrate their trains in action in front of everyone. There were lots of other schools there and Jaskiran and Heidi's Princess train won! Congratulations to both girls and to Fenton and Rowan, Scarlett and Romilly, Nolen and Romeo who all created fantastic trains!



Diary Dates

- 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 Summer 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

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](#)



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**BURGER DAY
MAY 21ST**

MAIN MENU

Breaded Chicken Burger



or

Breaded Bean & Vegetable Grill
(Ve) (Free From*)

SERVED WITH

Baked Potato Wedges
Sweetcorn
Coleslaw

DESSERT

Ice Lolly

(Jacket Potato & Cold Options
available where applicable)



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Menus are subject to change due to supplier stock availability. * Free from the key 14 allergens and plant based/vegan