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 marked ***Remembrance Day*** with two minutes' silence together in the hall on Wednesday morning where the poppy wreaths made by each class were also displayed. We were very proud of the respect shown by the children as they took part in this act of remembrance.



Thank you to everyone who bought ***Remembrance poppies and accessories*** to support the Royal British Legion.

Non-Uniform next Friday Children can come to school dressed in their own clothes next Friday, 20th November. Please can they bring in donations of wrapped sweets or chocolate, or party bag favours which will be put towards our Christmas Fete on 4th December. Please drop donations into the office anytime. Thank you.

In addition, we are planning a ***Christmas Jumper Swap*** at the Christmas Fete. Donations of jumpers or cardigans that your children have outgrown will be gratefully received and we hope that you may be able to find one for your child to wear this year.

Safety Online Simplified 10

Thinking about giving your child their first mobile phone?
The BBC Own It app has been designed for children who are getting their first mobile device, to help them to make considered choices, feel more confident, and have positive online experiences. It gives children and young people advice in real-time as they type or go online. For example, it will tell them if they type a comment which might be unkind.

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 **Listening**.

Congratulations to:

Y1: Ada & Amira; **Y2**: Unye; **Y3**: Ava; **Y4**: Willow; **Y5**: Aviana; **Y6**: Aaron & Sara.

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

Sporting Achievements

The ***Girls' Football Team*** had a match at home vs Knebworth School on Wednesday. The girls did not win but they enjoyed the match and were very happy to score a goal. Mr Whitchelo was proud of their great attitude towards the game. Well done girls!

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:	2397
St Andrew:	2260
St Francis:	2223
St Clare:	1967

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)

Everyone looked fabulous wearing their spots today for ***Children in Need***. Thank you very much to everyone for their donations. If you haven't yet had a chance to make a donation yet, you can still do so on Arbor, or we'll be accepting cash donations at pick up time today.

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

If you would like your child to receive milk at school, parents/carers will need to register them with Dairy Link using the following link: www.dairylink-uk.com

Do you receive Universal Credit? If so, you will be entitled to ***Free School Meals***. Children in receipt of FSM may also receive additional funding to support their learning for the next 6 years of their education, including support with trips and music lessons. Please check your eligibility and apply: [Free school meals and other benefits | Hertfordshire County Council]

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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Diary dates

- **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]