



Headteacher: Mrs Lorraine Collins BA (hons), MA

4th September 2026

Our Value this half term is Generosity

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Welcome back to a new and exciting term. It's been lovely meeting some of our new families and chatting to you and your children and sharing stories of the Summer.

We have welcomed our new Breakfast and After School Club provider this week too; **Sporty Scholars** run their **Care Club** here each day. Further details can be found at the end of this newsletter.

School Milk Milk can be ordered for children via Dairylink. Parents are required to register and order via their online ordering system. **Children under 5 years old are entitled to free milk each day, however, you will still need to register with Dairylink in order to for them to receive it.** Please register on the below link if you would like your child to receive school milk. (Orders have already been placed for children entitled to Free School Meals) [Order milk today | School Milk | DairyLink UK Ltd](#)

Are you entitled to **Free School Meals**? Children in receipt of FSM 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](#)

For Year 3 children - If your child was already in receipt of Free School Meals in KS1, please note that *you will have to make an application again* now that children have moved in to Year 3. A school lunch costs £3.55 each and must be paid for in advance on Arbor.

We are a Nut Free school Due to the increased severity and number of children with allergies, we are a nut free school. Please ensure that products containing nuts do not come into school.

If your child has any **food allergies or intolerances** please make sure they are registered with Herts Catering because they will need a special menu in order to have school lunches. You apply by following this link: [Allergies & Nutrition | HCL](#)

If your child already has a special menu, please make sure you update Herts Catering if any of their allergies/intolerances change. Thank you.

Birthdays We enjoy celebrating your childrens' birthdays but please do not send them in with sweets or anything else to share with their class. Unfortunately we are unable to hand out any food due to the range of allergies and intolerances and sending in other items can put pressure on other families unintentionally. There is no expectation for families to do anything but if you would like to mark their birthday in school, you could buy a favourite book to donate to their class and we will put a sticker in it saying that it has been donated on behalf of your child, to celebrate their birthday. Thank you for your understanding.



Safety Online Simplified 1

We want to keep you as up to date and as informed as possible about how to keep you and your family safe online, so we are introducing a weekly SOS message. While online safety messages are often far from simple, we will do our best to keep the messages short and will provide links where appropriate for further details.

Did you know that at the bottom of our school's website home page you will find a button that takes you directly to the CEOP Report page? This is where you will find advice and support if you are worried about how someone is communicating online and where you can confidentially report online sexual abuse or inappropriate online communications that involve you or someone you know.

Achievements

Each week we focus 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 next week will be **Independence**.

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

Thank you to our Year 6 leavers



Rev Karen has passed on this lovely message to us: "A massive thank you to all the Superstar Year 6 leavers at St Nicholas Primary School who donated the proceeds from their prom to the Foodshed and the local community by doing a massive food shop. Special mention to Asda Stevenage who joined in by giving them a discount to make their donations go even further. Good luck on your next stage."

A Few Reminders:

***The School Day** A reminder of the school day timings:

Children can come onto the playground from 08:35. They enter their class at **08:45**.

The children in the **Early Years and Key Stage 1** finish the day at **15:15** and our **Key Stage 2** children finish **15:20**.

***Smart watches, glasses and mobile phones** should not be used on the school site. Children can bring mobile phones to school in Years 5 and 6 if they are walking to or from school on their own but they must be handed in at the beginning of the day.

*Please check that your **contact details** are up to date on Arbor and update them if necessary.

*Please make sure your child(ren)'s **uniform** has their names in it, particularly coats and jumpers/cardigans which are taken off during the day. Thank you.

***School snacks** **KS1 children** receive a piece of fruit or veg every day to eat mid-morning. **KS2 children (Y3-Y6)** can bring in a piece of fruit or vegetables to eat at break time. **No sweets** or other snacks allowed to encourage healthy eating.

***Secondary Schools** will be holding Open Evenings over the next few weeks. Dates have been sent to Year 6 families; please do visit to find out more about them.

Diary dates

- **Monday 14th September** – 2:40-3:10pm Years 1, 3 and 5: Meet the teacher curriculum chat in classrooms
- **Tuesday 15th September** – 2:40-3:10pm Years 2, 4 and 6: Meet the teacher curriculum chat in classrooms
- **Wednesday 16th September** – Individual School Photos
- **Thursday 24th September** – Harvest Service in school

- **Week beginning 12th October** – APDR meetings
- **Monday 19th – 22nd October** – Y5 Cycle Training (for those who have booked it)
- **Wednesday 21st October** – Parent and Carer Consultation Evening
- **Thursday 22nd October** - Parent and Carer Consultation Evening
- **Friday 23th October** – INSET Day – School Closed
- **Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October** – Half Term

- **Thursday 5th November** – Flu immunisations in school
- **Wednesday 23rd 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 1.30pm – 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](#)

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@St Nicholas C of E Primary School
Starts 2nd September



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