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Our Value this half term is Service

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

It's been a busy week, especially today with visitors running tennis and art sessions in different classes. Please do have a look at the following pages of this newsletter to see some photos and hear about all that has been going on. We also hope you have enjoyed taking part in Walk to School Week; it has been lovely to see so many children taking part.

These children are our **Values Champions** for the second half of this term having consistently demonstrated the value of **Service**. Congratulations to all of you.

Reception: Kiki; **Y1:** Unye & Alex; **Y2:** Olivia; **Y3:** Willow & Maya; **Y4:** Holly; **Y5:** Ming-Yee & Teddy; **Y6:** Damaris.

A BIG thank you from the Garden House Hospice for your contribution to the grand total of £22,132.80 raised by people buying Charlie Chicks before Easter.



Warmer weather Now that we are in the Summer term and finally enjoying some sunny weather, it is particularly important that all children **bring a water bottle** and **sun hat** to school every day please. **Sun cream** should be applied before coming into school. Please also make sure that your children bring a **jumper/coat** with them each day too as the weather varies during the day. Thank you.

Reminder: Children are welcome to wear an analogue or digital watch to school, but cannot bring smart watches to school unless they are deactivated. This is in line with our uniform policy which can be found here: [St Nicholas CoE \(VA\) Primary School & Nursery - Uniform](#)

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 **Curiosity**. Congratulations to:

Nursery & Reception: Ernie; **Y1:** Eliza; **Y2:** Andrzej; **Y3:** Hubert & Tanveer; **Y4:** Buddy; **Y5:** Myles; **Y6:** Dominic.

After half term we will be focusing on **Concentration**.

Sporting Achievements

The **Year 5 Netball team** have played two matches at home in the last week. They had a great match against Graveley School last Friday and won 8-7! They then played St Vincent de Paul School yesterday and won a fantastic 7-0! Huge congratulations to all the girls 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:	5123
St Francis:	4890
St Clare:	4825
St Catherine:	4415

Don't forget! We have an INSET day on Monday 1st June so the school will be closed. We look forward to welcoming you all back after half term on Tuesday 2nd June.

Have a lovely half term! 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

Coollest Projects 2026



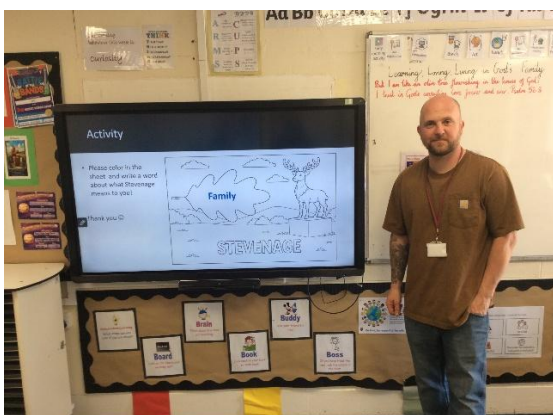
“On Saturday 16th May we took a group of creative Code Clubbers to [Coollest Projects](#) in Bradford so they could showcase their amazing projects. We left Stevenage at 5.30am and arrived back at 5.30pm, so it was a long day, but very worthwhile. The children behaved impeccably and spoke confidently to the judges about their work. Sarah and Faith even spoke to the press about their Scratch projects! The confidence, collaboration and commitment shown by the children throughout the project has been brilliant and we are very proud of them all.

We couldn't have done it all without the amazing support of the parents who filled out all the paperwork and got stuck in helping out when necessary. We are also grateful for the bursary provided by The Raspberry Pi Foundation, which funded the coach to get us there. And finally, a huge thanks go to Mrs Prendergast, Mrs Pranata (Faith's mum), Mr Coultart and the two governors who joined us, Rev Karen Mitchell and Mr Oladapo, without whom we wouldn't have been able to go. Please follow this link to see some photos from our day: [St Nicholas CoE \(VA\) Primary School & Nursery - Latest News](#) “

Mrs Coultart

Visiting Artists from Junctions 7 Creatives

KS2 have also had an interesting day today taking part in workshops with visiting artists, Tom and Liam. Tom is preparing a sculpture which will be installed in Fairlands Valley Park, on the grass closest to the school and we look forward to seeing his final design.



Tennis Roadshow

A National Tennis Roadshow came to Stevenage today and our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children took part in tennis sessions at school, introducing them to the game. Please do ask your FS and KS1 children about this; we hope you agree it looked like a lot of fun!



Year 3 & 4 History Project



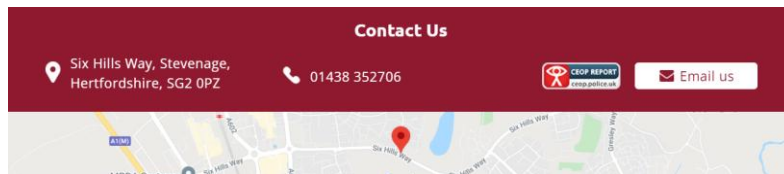
“During Year 4’s History topic, learning about Vikings and Anglo Saxons, we all made Viking pouches. We used various stiches to create our pouches; we used backstitch to embroider our initials, which we wrote in runes. We then used a blanket stich to sew up the sides. Watch out Paris Fashion Week, we’ll be on our way!”

And finally, as a great end to the week, both Year 3 and Year 4 have enjoyed a Viking Workshop in school.



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 have a weekly SOS message. While online safety messages are often far from simple, we 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.



Diary Dates

- **Monday 25th – Friday 29th May** – Half Term
- **Monday 1st June** – INSET Day – school closed
- **Friday 5th June** – Non-uniform day (donations for Summer Fete: party bag prizes and sweets)
- **Wednesday 10th June** – 4 – 5pm YN/R New Parent Meeting
- **Friday 19th June** – am Sports Day
- **Friday 19th June** – 3:30–5pm Summer Fete
- **Thursday 9th June** - 10:35 - 11:35am YN/R Stay and Play for new families
- **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
- **Monday 20th July** – 1:45pm Y6 Leavers' Service in church (Y6 parents and carers welcome)
- **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](#)




SUMMER FETE



Friday 19th June
3.30pm – 5pm

ST NICHOLAS PRIMARY SCHOOL



FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- Games •
 - Glitter Tattoos •
 - Tombola •
 - Icecream •
 - Refreshments •
 - Raffle Prizes •
 - Hamper •
- and much more!



Games Tokens and Raffle Tickets can be purchased in advance on the Arbor Shop from 15th June!