



Headteacher: Mrs Lorraine Collins BA (hons), MA

13th September 2024

Our Value this half term is Generosity

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Harvest If you would like to make a Harvest donation, please bring in tinned and packet items of food by next Friday, 20th September. This food will then be donated to our school church's Food Bank. Many thanks.

A few reminders:

Uniform Children in Ys 3 - 6 wear shirts and a tie, not white polo shirts. Stud earrings only can be worn; not hoops or dangly earrings and please do not send children in wearing earrings on PE days. All items of school uniform should be labelled with your child's name, particularly coats, jumpers and cardigans which they may take off during the day. Please follow this link to our uniform policy if you are unsure of correct uniform: [St Nicholas CoE \(VA\) Primary School & Nursery - Uniform \(stnicholas120.herts.sch.uk\)](http://stnicholas120.herts.sch.uk)

School Photos next week: Children will be having their individual and sibling school photos taken next Wednesday morning (18th September). *If your child normally has PE on a Wednesday please can they come to school in normal uniform to wear for their photo and bring their PE kit to change into.* Thank you.

ASDA Cashpot for Schools Asda has teamed up with Parentkind to raise money for primary schools. If you register with them on the Asda App, every time you shop from now until 30th November, they will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school. Please click on this link for further information: <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

Children should not play on any playground equipment before or after school, especially the climbing equipment on the field.

Lunchtime Reading Space As part of our encouraging a love of reading and reading for pleasure, we have provided a reading space at lunchtime for different year groups to use during the week.

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:

Y1: Summer & DJ; **Y2:** Audrey & Aspen; **Y3:** Bushra & Joshua; **Y4:** Alex; **Y5:** Molly; **Y6:** Andy.

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

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 Clare:	87
St Catherine:	81
St Andrew:	76
St Francis:	75

School snacks and lunches

KS1 children receive a piece of fruit or veg every day to eat mid-morning.

KS2 children can bring in a piece of fruit or vegetables to eat at break time.

No sweets or other snacks allowed to encourage healthy eating. Some parents have asked for suggestions of what to put in a packed lunch; there are lots of websites with ideas such as: <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

Please also ensure that only **water** is brought in in bottles to drink in class. If you would like your child to have a different drink with their packed lunch you are welcome to include a carton or pouch of a fruit drink with their lunch.

Please note: We are a nut free school. Please do not provide food items, including spreads, containing nuts. Thank you.

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

Parental controls have been designed to help you manage your child's online activities. There are various types, some of which are free but others which can be bought. However, nothing is totally fool proof so this shouldn't replace the support and guidance you give your child to help keep them safer. For more information and step by step instructions on setting up parental controls, visit [Parental Controls & Privacy Settings Guides: Internet Matters](#)

Diary Dates

- **Wednesday 18th September** – Individual School Photos
- **Monday 23rd September** – Harvest Service at church (for pupils only)
- **Monday 30th September–Friday 4th October** – Y5 Cycle Training (for those who have booked it)

- **Wednesday 16th October** – Parent and Carer Consultation Evening
- **Thursday 17th October** - Parent and Carer Consultation Evening
- **Week beginning 21st October** – APDR meetings
- **Friday 25th October** – Occasional Day – School Closed
- **Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November** – Half Term

- **Friday 8th November** – Flu immunisation in school
- **Friday 22nd November** – INSET Day

- **Tuesday 10th–Friday 13th December** – Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Nativities (times t.b.c.)
- **Monday 16th December** – Key Stage 2 Carol Service
- **Wednesday 18th December** – Pantomime in school
- **Wednesday 18th December** – School Christmas Lunch
- **Thursday 19th December** – Christingle service in school
- **Friday 20th December** – Last Day of Term – Early Finish 1.30pm – No After School Club

- **Monday 6th January 2025** – Back to School