



Headteacher: Mrs Lorraine Collins BA (hons), MA

10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### *Our Value this half term is Trust*

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to school!

**Thank you** so much from all the staff to all of you for the wonderful Christmas good wishes, cards and gifts which we were given at the end of term. We hope you have all had a happy Christmas.



**Safety Online Simplified 12**

**Keeping personal information safe:** Personal information is any information that can be used to identify your child. Sharing personal information online is easy and sometimes children, like adults, might share more online than they would offline, which can be risky.

Read [Personal Information: a guide for parents and carers](#) for information and advice.

**Contacting Your Child's Teacher:** If you have any concerns or questions, your child's class teacher is the first person to speak to. Our teachers are happy to talk with you about your child. If you would like to speak to them please make an appointment via the school office. Teachers are not available first thing in the morning or immediately after school because they are busy ensuring the safety of your children as they arrive and leave. Please do not enter the school through the classroom doors but enter via the office. 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.

### **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:

**YR:** Jaskiran; **Y1:** Nevaeh; **Y2:** James; **Y3:** Buddy; **Y4:** Melody; **Y5:** Phoenix; **Y6:** Eden.

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:

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| St Francis:   | 1383 |
| St Andrew:    | 1252 |
| St Catherine: | 1233 |
| St Clare:     | 1201 |

**Are you entitled to Free School Meals?** A reminder to check your eligibility if you think your child might qualify for free school meals using the following link: [Free school meals | Hertfordshire County Council](#)

**The deadline for Reception Applications for September 2025 is next Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 2025. Nursery applications** are still open beyond next week. Please see this page on our website for details: [St Nicholas CoE \(VA\) Primary School & Nursery - Admissions \(stnicholas120.herts.sch.uk\)](#)

### **Diary Dates**

- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January** – Deadline for Reception applications to start in September 2025
- **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February** – Half Term
- **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April** – Last Day of Term – Early finish 1:30pm
- **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** – Back to School

*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*