



Headteacher: Mrs Lorraine Collins BA (hons), MA

7th March 2025

Our Value this half term is Respect

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

World Book Day It was super to see the children arriving at school today in an array of different outfits and costumes. We hope that they have enjoyed the activities that have taken place during the day. Many of our staff dressed up too; please see photos on the following page.

Ash Wednesday was a busy day in school. The day began with all children having the opportunity to take part in our Ash Wednesday service led by Rev Karen. Many of our governors were also in school for the day working across all year groups.

In addition, we were delighted to see the sun shining for our **Nursery Class trip** to the library and to a charity shop. They had a super morning, did a lot of walking and were a credit to the school everywhere they went.

Y5 Maths Challenge On Monday four of our Y5 children took part in a Maths Challenge against other Y5 pupil across Hertfordshire. Their problem solving skills were tested to the limit and we are proud of them for taking part. We wish them luck as we await final results.

A reminder that **YR-Y6 classroom doors open at 8:45am** each morning and that *children are not supervised* by the school on the playground before this because staff are preparing for the day. Parents and carers must stay with children in YN – Y2 until they go in to class.



Safety Online Simplified 20

What is Discord? Discord has been around since 2015 and whilst it has been seen as the social media app for gamers, this has changed. Discord is very popular across Years 5 and 6 not just for gaming, but simply as a means to keep in touch with friends and family (as per WhatsApp) or joining others in conversations on servers.

[This article](#) from Childnet will bring you up to speed on what it involves.

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: Daniel; **Y1:** Disney; **Y2:** Alfie; **Y3:** Lennox and Joel; **Y4:** Aaron; **Y5:** Rose; **Y6:** Hannah.

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

Sporting Achievements

Our **Y6 Netball team** played a fantastic match at home against Round Diamond School last Friday and won 5 – 1! Congratulations to all of you who took part.

The **Mixed football team** played against Walkern School at home on Wednesday. It was a tough match but everyone did their best and we are very proud of the team.

Some of our **Y3** children took part in a **Sports Stars** event run by Stevenage Sporting Futures at Barnwell yesterday afternoon. They walked there together, enjoyed trying a variety of different sports and behaved brilliantly.

Celebration Tea Towels We still have a number of our Celebration Tea Towels available with the children's self portraits on them. They are a lovely memento of the children's time at St Nicholas and are available to buy for £4 on Arbor.

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 Francis:	2180
St Clare:	1984
St Andrew:	1975
St Catherine:	1957

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

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Diary Dates

- **Thursday 13th March** – Silly Science Workshops in school (Years 1 – 6)
- **Friday 4th April** – Last Day of Term – Early finish 1:30pm
- **Tuesday 22nd April** – Back to School
- **Monday 5th May** – Bank Holiday; school closed
- **Monday 26th – Friday 30th May** – Half Term
- **Monday 2nd June** – INSET Day – school closed
- **Monday 2nd – Wednesday 4th June** – Y5/6 Residential
- **Thursday 10th July** – Secondary Transfer and Moving Up Day
- **Tuesday 22nd July** – Last Day of Term – Early finish 1:30pm