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Newsletter 23.05.25– Term 5 -Week 4

As we approach the end of this short but incredibly busy term, I find myself reflecting on the wealth of experiences our pupils have enjoyed. Our school has been a hive of activity, with each class buzzing with energy and enthusiasm.

One of the highlights of our term has been the culmination of our artistic endeavours. Our school hall was transformed into a vibrant art gallery, showcasing the talent and creativity of our pupils. This was a great addition from our Cultural Diversity Celebration Day on Monday.

Our girls' football team demonstrated tremendous spirit and skill this week as they took on Easton. Their dedication and teamwork were a testament to the values we hold dear at St Nicholas.

Year 6 pupils had an electrifying experience at Science Creates, participating in an engaging electricity workshop. This hands-on learning opportunity has undoubtedly sparked their curiosity and deepened their understanding of this fascinating subject.

The dulcet tones of our Year 5 pupils filled St Mary's Church as they performed with Preludes. Their musical talents were on full display, and I'm sure those who attended were moved by their beautiful performance.

In honour of Mary during the month of May, we came together as a whole school for a special assembly. It was a moment of reflection and unity, reminding us of the importance of our shared values and beliefs.

I wish you all a restful half term, and look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Monday 2nd June.

Reflection: John 14:23-29 (the 6th Sunday of Easter, Year C)

Jesus said to his disciples, "Those who love me will listen to my words and keep them, and my Father will love them, and we shall come to them and make our home with them. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all the things I have said to you. Peace I leave to you, my own peace I give to you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. I am going away, and shall return. I am going to the Father."

"Let's promote friendship and respect between people of different religious traditions in order to build a world of peace." Pope Francis

The instructions given by Jesus at the 'Last Supper', which we read about in this Sunday's Gospel, remind us that the peace Jesus gives is a special inner peace which comes from receiving the Holy Spirit into our lives.

True peace (the removal of all anxiety, worry and envy) comes only from God. This peace is not dependent on peaceful conditions: we can experience it even in the midst of trouble or uncertainty. Peace, like love, is a gift to share.



Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for sending the Holy Spirit so that we can know your perfect peace. Please help us to share that peace with others. Amen

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Mary Service

This week we celebrated our Mother Mary with a special Service led by the Year 6 Chaplains. For centuries, Catholics around the world have set aside May as a month dedicated to Mary, Queen of Heaven. This title is afforded due to Mary's status as mother of Christ the King, and as one who through her faithfulness and perseverance, won the 'crown of righteousness'.

The first lesson Mary teaches is how to know the joy of Jesus deep in our hearts and how to share this joy with others. The second lesson is how to help those in need, without delay, as Mary did. The third lesson is how to persevere, by trusting that God will strengthen and encourage us always.

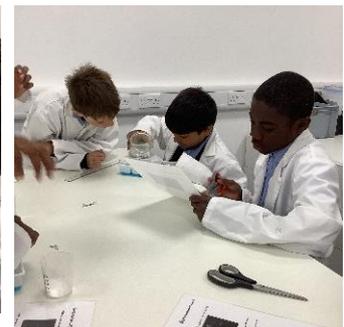
God our Father, today we honour Our Blessed Lady, whom you chose to bring your Son, into our world. We ask that like her, we will say 'yes' to your invitation to share the love of Jesus with everyone. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Year 6 Girls St Nicholas FC

On Monday, the girls' football team had a friendly against Easton. The girls started strong with some lovely play in the defence and midfield. We started the second half with a few changes to the starting lineup, looking to score the first goal. Nevaeh made some great saves but unfortunately Easton came out on top. Winning 2-0.

Well done to Annalise, Ella, and Imitinan for playing their first game.



Year 6 had an 'electric' time

Y6 enjoyed a morning of science at the Science Creates centre this week. They learned about how electricity travels and then worked together to make a battery using only an ice-cube tray, water, salt and foil. They thoroughly enjoyed it and are looking forward to another session next term.



Book Fair

Thank you to Miss McAllister for organising the book fair again this term. It has been lovely seeing so many families making the most of it and buying lots of lovely books.

 **TRAVELLING BOOKS**



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Diamond Class Assembly

On Friday we were able to celebrate the work of our youngest children in the school. Diamond Class performed their first class assembly. They taught us all about their topic and took us on a journey into space with some wonderful singing. We can't believe they are nearly at the end of Reception Class; they have all grown so much in confidence.



Cultural Diversity Celebration Day

On Monday, all the children were invited to come to school dressed in clothing to represent their cultural identity. The school was awash with some amazingly colourful clothing and it was wonderful to see the children so proud of how much diversity we have at St Nicholas – it really is a special place to be. We ended the week with an Art Gallery to celebrate the art from around the world we had studied.

Year 5 Perform

On Thursday Year 5 visited St Mary Redcliffe Church to participate in the Preludes annual concert. They have been working extremely hard with the Preludes' staff on their performance. They were amazing and sounded incredible. We are so grateful to be able to provide such wonderful creative opportunities for the children at St Nicholas.



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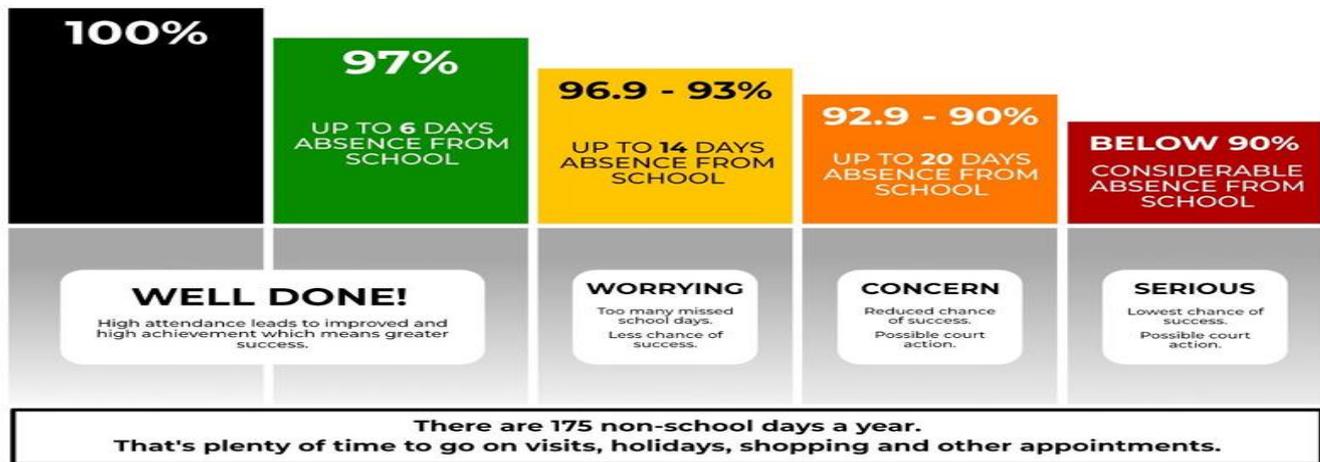
Attendance

Thank you to those children who attend school regularly and on time. We will continue to monitor closely, if attendance continues to be a concern, we will send out an earlier letter than the end of term. The target for all pupils is set at **96.1%** and any figure below is a concern.

Any classes who achieve a 100% attendance for the week will be able to have a non-school uniform day the following week.

Class	Yearly Attendance	This week's attendance	Late sessions this week
Diamond Class	87.45%	90.64%	4
Emerald Class	93.31%	94.95%	7
Ruby Class	92.67%	87.96%	7
Amethyst Class	95.23%	97.35%	3
Sapphire Class	94.75%	95.56%	4
Topaz Class	94.25%	94.22%	4
Total	92.94%	93.45%	29

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



Thank you to those who attend regularly. Please remember to phone the school office if your child is going to be absent. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you and then may also make a home visit if we are unable to contact you. Thank you to those who arrive on time. Remember, children can go straight to class from 8:40am or attend breakfast club from 8am if necessary. There is also access to the walking bus if required. If your child is constantly late to school this can affect their self-esteem and they could be missing out on valuable reading, phonics or Maths activities and interventions.



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Term 6 Dates

Date	Event
Monday 2 nd June	Term 6 Starts Multiplication Test Check starts for Y4
Monday 9 th June	Phonics Screening starts for Y1 and Y2
Tuesday 10 th June	Mini Police HQ visit Preludes Orchestra Visit for whole school
Wednesday 11 th June	Y5/6 Cricket Festival
Friday 13 th June	A day of Welcome
Monday 16 th June	Refugee week starts – Community as a Superpower
Thursday 19 th June	Y6 Leavers Mass – Clifton Cathedral
Tuesday 24 th June	Class Photos Y6 Science Creates Trip
Friday 27 th June	Sports Day
Friday 4 th July	Y6 trip to Taunton

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James