

'Where charity and love are, God is there'

Newsletter 16.05.25– Term 5 -Week 4

Firstly, I'm delighted to report that we recently had a school improvement visit, and I couldn't be prouder of our incredible pupils. Their behaviour for learning was exemplary across all classes, demonstrating their commitment to growth and development. It's heartening to see such positive progress towards our school improvement targets, and I'm confident we're moving in the right direction.

Our Year 6 pupils have been working tirelessly in preparation for their SATs next week. Their dedication and perseverance have been truly inspiring. They really did reap the fruits of their hard work last week and impressed us all with their commitment and determination through the week, they really did deserve their end of week treats.

In broader news, we've witnessed a significant moment for both our school and the Church with the welcoming of a new Pope. This historic event provides an excellent opportunity for reflection and discussion within our community.

I'm excited to announce the return of the book fair this week. It will be open every day after school, offering a fantastic selection of books for all ages. For your convenience, both cash and card payments will be accepted. I encourage everyone to pop in and explore the wonderful world of literature on offer.

As we enter the last week of term, we begin the week with our whole school Cultural Diversity Celebration Day. I can not wait to share the wonderful art work that will be created in all the classes.

As always, I'm immensely proud of our school community and the way we support and inspire one another. Thank you for your continued engagement and support in making St Nicholas of Tolentine a vibrant and nurturing environment for our pupils.

Reflection: John 13:31-35 (The 5th Sunday of Easter, Year C)

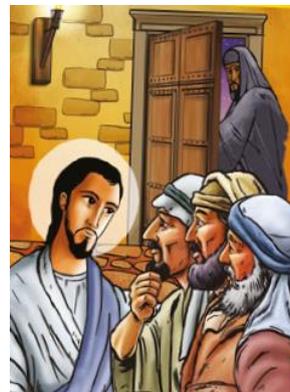
When Judas had gone Jesus said: "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.

The new commandment which Jesus gave to his friends is for us too – today! Everyone likes to be loved and family and school life become more joyful when we follow Jesus' command to love one another.

*"It is not enough to say 'I love.' We must put that love into a living action."
St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)*

God is love and all love comes from God. Whenever we love and care for one another we can be sure that God is with us.

Mission: What can you do over the coming days to share your love?



**Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for
being our loving friend. Please
help us
always to love you and to keep
growing in love for one
another. Amen**

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Pope Leo XIV

Last week we welcomed our new Pope to the Catholic Church, Pope Leo XIV. There was much excitement waiting for the white smoke to be seen, this is a significant moment for our school and one that we will explore more with the children over the coming weeks as we learn more about our new Pope.

"We must build bridges with dialogue, coming together, uniting, becoming one single people in peace."

Pope Leo XIV will be a voice of wisdom as he continues the important work of leading the church in the world.

He will work with world leaders to make sure that the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable people are taken into account.



In Diamond Class, we discussed the meaning of VE Day and talked about why people celebrate the end of the war. We talked about how important it is to remember where we live when celebrating our country and looked at the United Kingdom on a map, zooming in to find Bristol and our school. We created our own flags in a collaborative art session and reflected on the flags that are waved to give thanks to our veterans.



Year 4 wrote diary entries from the perspective of children attending a VE Day street party.

There was some powerful empathy shown here, with many children writing about the mixed feelings of relief whilst still waiting for loved ones to return home.



In Emerald class for VE Day, we learned about World War II and why we celebrate this day. England commemorates this occasion with street parties. We decorated flags, enjoyed some juice, and played fun sports games to celebrate this special day for our country. It was great to celebrate and pretend to have a street party with Year 2/3's!



Year 5 celebrated VE day by creating bunting in the Forest School Area. They also enjoyed traditional British games as a group! They also discussed how they would have felt at the time in class!



For VE Ruby class designed their own peace doves to remember the peace which was felt once the war ended. We also joined up with Emerald class to enjoy a 'street celebration' by having a tea party with different games!

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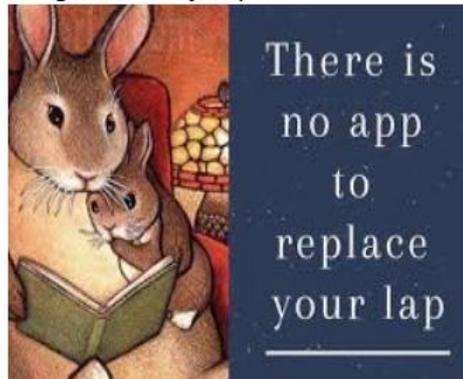
Year 6 SAT's Superstars!

Our Year 6 finished the week off with splashing great time. They worked with such commitment through the week, making sure they were all in school and supporting each other each day. To celebrate the end of SATs they were treated to a movie, some splashing games and delicious loaded ice-creams. Thank you also to Miss Stanger and Miss Logan who have worked tirelessly with the children to prepare them.



The book fair is back at St Nicholas from Friday the 16th May to Thursday 22nd May. This will be in the school hall after school every day.

Children can bring some money to school if they would like to purchase books.



Year 4 Assembly

Well done to Y4 for finishing our week last week with their incredible class assembly. They read and sang with confidence and really took us on a journey through their learning. It was lovely to see their team work in preparing and presenting all that they have learned, and we could really see how much they have enjoyed their topics.



Appropriate Communication

As part of our communication, we use Class Dojo. However, this is not to be used to vent frustration or anger towards our staff.

Staff will always communicate with parents regarding concerns with children, however we also understand that unfortunately sometimes this may be missed due to unforeseen circumstances or the teacher being tied up with another parent. I would ask all parents to take a moment before communicating in a way that can be viewed as aggressive, intimidating or threatening towards staff– we will not tolerate such messages. All of our staff work extremely hard for the community of St Nicholas and do not deserve to be treated in this manner. If you do have concerns, please contact the office to book an appointment with myself, I am always happy to meet. Thank you for your continued support.

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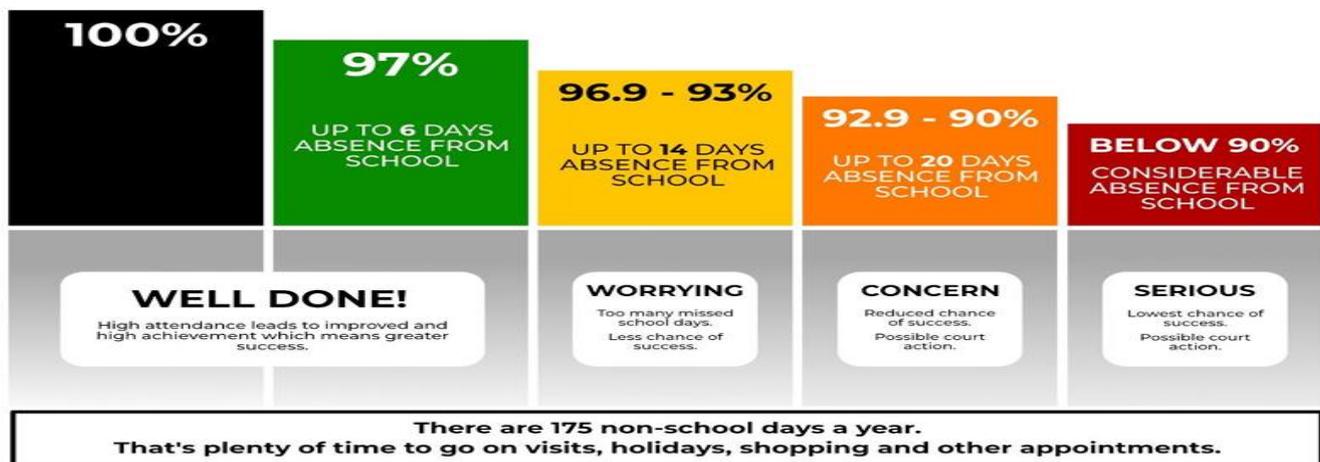
Attendance

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	87.33%	92.63%	10
Emerald Class	93.25%	97.27%	10
Ruby Class	92.75%	88%	11
Amethyst Class	95.16%	97.12%	2
Sapphire Class	94.73%	97.2%	4
Topaz Class	94.25%	98%	8
Total	92.91%	95.04%	45

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 5 Dates

Date	Event
Monday 19 th May	STEAM Day – Art from different cultures Children can come to school in traditional dress to represent their cultural identity
Tuesday 20 th May	Y6 electricity workshop at Science Creates
Thursday 22 nd May	Year 5 Preludes Concert at St Mary's Church
Friday 23 rd May	9am Diamond Class Assembly Term 5 ends
Monday 2 nd June	Term 6 starts Year 4 Multiplication Test Check

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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