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Newsletter 02.05.25– Term 5 -Week 1

What a joyous week we've had at our school! The glorious weather has brought smiles to everyone's faces, with our pupils making the most of our wonderful grounds and equipment. It's been heartwarming to see them playing together so harmoniously, reminding us all of the simple pleasures that sunshine can bring.

Our classrooms have been buzzing with activity and learning. I've had the pleasure of seeing some outstanding work from Ruby class this week. Their persuasive writing skills are developing brilliantly, and they're tackling fractions with confidence. Well done to all our little superstars!

Year 6 continues to impress us with their dedication and hard work as they prepare for their SATs. Miss Stanger has been guiding them through this important time, and we're so proud of their efforts and determination.

This week, we had the privilege of visiting the church to view the Jubilee year Icon. As always, our pupils demonstrated exemplary behaviour and respect. It was touching to hear their thoughtful reflections on how the Icon represents the Year of Hope. These moments of spiritual connection are so valuable for our school community.

Excitement filled the air as we welcomed some Bristol City players to our assembly. The pupils were thrilled to have the opportunity to ask questions and interact with these inspiring athletes. It was a wonderful experience that brought a real football buzz to our school.

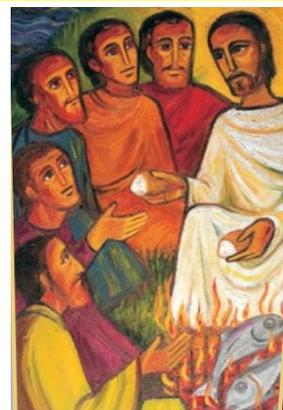
As we reflect on this week, I'm reminded of how fortunate we are to have such a vibrant and engaged school community. The enthusiasm for learning, the respect for our faith, and the joy in simple pleasures like playing in the sunshine all contribute to making St Nicholas of Tolentine a truly special place. Let's carry this positive energy forward into the coming weeks, supporting and encouraging one another in all that we do.

Reflection: John 21:1-19 (the 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year C)

St Peter gave witness to what Jesus did and who Jesus really was. Because of his witness, many people came to know and follow Jesus. Through our words, actions and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we too can be God's witnesses, through living our lives the way Jesus shows us.

Peter had denied knowing Jesus three times before the crucifixion. But now Jesus gives Peter the chance to say he loves him three times – preparing Peter to lead the Church. From this point onwards, St Peter's life witnessed to the truth about Jesus.

Choose a special way to be Jesus' witnesses – sharing and showing God's love to everyone you meet in this coming week. Perhaps you can: be kind and loving in your simple everyday words and actions; be a peacemaker; pray and ask God to make you a good witness.



**Dear Lord Jesus, please
help us to be your
witnesses by our love,
so that others will come
to know the joy of
knowing you. Amen.**

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New Mini Police Recruits

This week our new Mini Police Recruits had their first session with PSCO Nick and his colleague. They were able to ask lots of questions about the Police force and what Nick gets up to each day, great preparation for their role as Mini Police Officers. We can't wait to see all that they do in the Summer Term, we are so lucky to work closely with our local PSCO.



Bristol City Women's First Team

We had a special visit from Lia O'Leary and Jess Simpson from Bristol City Women's first team.

They spoke to the children about their careers and the children asked several well thought out questions for the players. This was followed by a signing a photo session with the players!

Hopefully this will help to inspire the next generation of St Nicks footballers, especially within our Girls' Team, who attended a Bristol City match earlier in the academic year.



Meadow in the Making

The wildflower meadow is looking stunning and we are already seeing an increase in butterflies in the school grounds. It just goes to show how quickly we can make an impact on the environment in the centre of a busy city. Well, done Green Team for caring for Creation and your Solidarity with nature.



Emerald Class Assembly

Well done to Emerald Class on a wonderful class assembly this morning. They focused beautifully on Pope Francis and helped us to continue to think about why Pope Francis was special. They taught us about the impact he had on people all over the world. It is lovely to reflect on Emerald Class at the start of the year and seeing how much they have all grown with confidence, as always, their singing was beautiful. Thank you to the parents who came along to support the children.



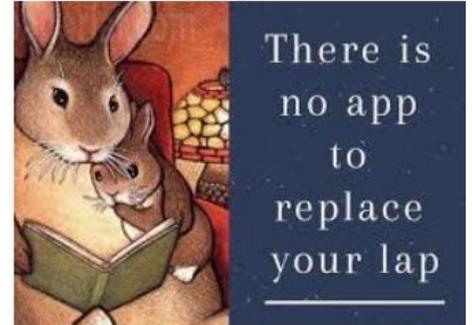
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It's Book Fair Time!

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.



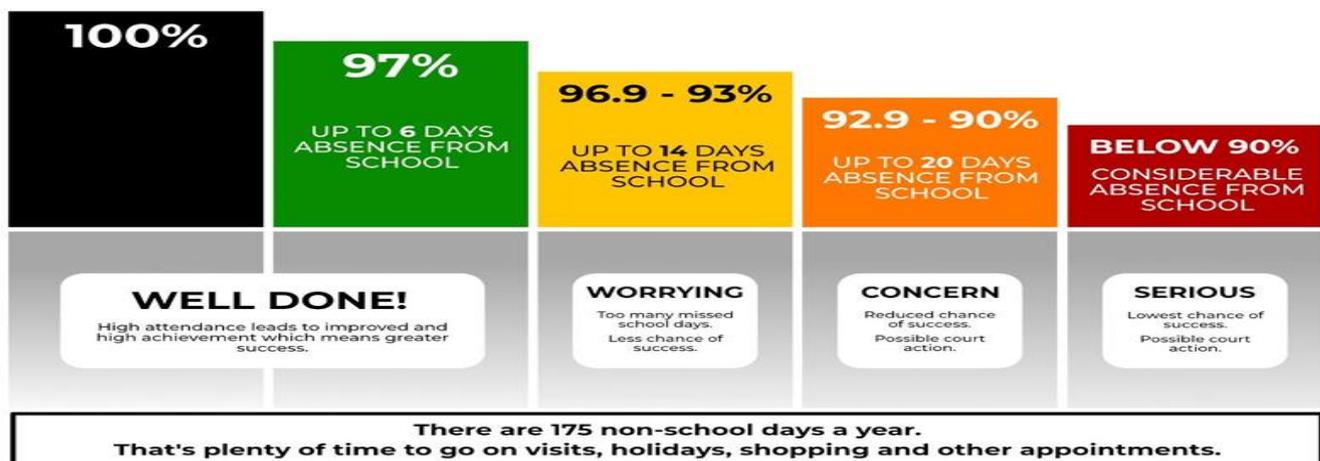
Attendance

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	86.95%	78.92%	7
Emerald Class	93.08%	95%	7
Ruby Class	92.98%	90.83%	7
Amethyst Class	95.07%	97%	8
Sapphire Class	94.65%	92.68%	8
Topaz Class	94%	96.77%	9
Total	92.79%	91.87%	46

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?





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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.

Term 5 Dates

Date	Event
Monday 5 th May	School Closed – BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 6 th May	9am Sapphire Class Family Prayer and Liturgy
Wednesday 7 th May	1.30pm – Free Family Forest Session (Pre-school children and parents)
Thursday 8 th May	VE Day 80 th Anniversary – Children can wear Red, White and Blue
Monday 12 th May	Y6 SATs week Starts
Friday 16 th May	9am – Amethyst Class Assembly (Year 4) Book Fair
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

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James



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We are thrilled to announce that we managed to raise £54.00 from your old clothes for Rags2Riches!

Thank you for all of your donations.

Children's Scrapstore
Super Saturday!

Arts, Crafts, & Play at Children's Scrapstore

Join us for **FREE** and crafty fun, aimed towards Primary School children and their families. This drop-in session runs from **10:00am - 11:30am.**

No unaccompanied Children. This session takes place in our Playroom, and can be busy, so you may need to wait for a moment in our Children's Corner if the room is full.

www.childrensscrapstore.co.uk/free-events

Join us on Saturday 5th April 2025!

BROOKESDYEWORKS

MORE THAN MUSIC

FREE music and media sessions in a fun & supportive space!

TUESDAYS | 5:30PM - 7:30PM (8-11 YR OLDS) @ DOCKLANDS

WEDNESDAYS | 6:30PM - 8:30PM (12-16 YR OLDS) @ DOCKLANDS

THURSDAYS | 7PM - 9PM (17-21 YR OLDS) @ DOCKLANDS

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The Bridge Foundation 40 years

Therapy Groups

Meet and work with parents/carers experiencing similar issues

Meeting others going through similar struggles has been helpful. Sharing experiences helped me feel less alone.

I have really enjoyed coming to the therapy group each week. This has been a lifeline.

- Small groups and safe environment
- Facilitated by highly trained therapists
- Subsidised price

Parents/carers of adolescents: **Thursdays 4:00-5:30pm**

Parents/carers of neurodivergent under 12s: **Fridays 1:00-2:30pm**

Register your interest to join our termly parent groups*

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