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## Newsletter 25.04.25– Term 5 -Week 1

Welcome back to all our wonderful pupils and families. It's been heartening to see how seamlessly our children have settled back into their routines after the Easter break, with learning in full swing across all classes.

The warm weather has certainly put a spring in everyone's step, and our playtimes have been a hive of activity. It's a joy to see our pupils making the most of the sunshine, engaging in lively games and forging friendships.

Our Year 4, 5, and 6 pupils continue to impress us with their enthusiasm for the cultural alliance workshops. The drama element, in particular, has captured their imaginations, and it's wonderful to witness their growing confidence and creativity.

I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent Rags to Riches collection. Your generosity has helped us raise an impressive £???, which will make a real difference to our school community.

A special mention goes to our Year 6 pupils, who are rising admirably to the challenge of their upcoming SATs. Their dedication is evident, and I'm particularly proud of those attending the extra revision sessions. Keep up the fantastic work, Year 6 – your hard work will pay off!

As we move further into the term, I'm filled with optimism about the learning and growth that lies ahead for our pupils. The energy and positivity I see around the school each day remind me of the incredible community we have here at St Nicholas of Tolentine.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. Here's to a successful and enjoyable summer term!

### Reflection:

These week, as a school, we have remembered the life of Pope Francis as we heard of his passing on Easter Monday. All classes have been engaged with heartfelt moments of reflection as they have thought deeply about what they will do to remember his life.

Pope Francis, will no doubt always be remembered for his legacy as one that brought the Church closer to its mission of love, mercy and justice. He was a passionate advocate of children and young people, calling them the 'joy and hope of the Church and the World!'

As part of our Mass this week in school, we used this as a time to pray for Pope Francis and for the Church as we await our new Pope. I have been impressed with the way that the children of St Nicholas have reflected this week. Let us all be Pilgrims of Hope just as Pope Francis had wished for us all.



### God in Heaven

We thank you for the gift of Pope Francis and for all the wonderful ways he inspired us to build a better world.  
Help us to continue his work by being Pilgrims of Hope, like he was.  
May he rest in your peace.  
Amen.

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### St Nick's FC news

St Nicks competed in a top of the table clash against Cathedral on Wednesday, avenging their defeat earlier in the season! With the game locked at 2-2 at half time, St Nicks showed great determination to take control of the game, eventually running away 5-1 winners! Captaining the side for the first time, Praise got on the scoresheet, as did Yuel! Player of the Match - King, who moved into the midfield for the fixture and scored a wonderful hatrick, including two half volleys from outside the box

### Attendance

Following monitoring of our Attendance, it has been noticed that our overall percentage has dopped to 93%, our target and national targets is 96.1%. When we look back over the year, we started September 2024 with attendance above national average but we have unfortunately begun to slip. We know that children become unwell, however hopefully the seasons of illness has passed and we can work together to ensure that all children are in school regularly and on time.

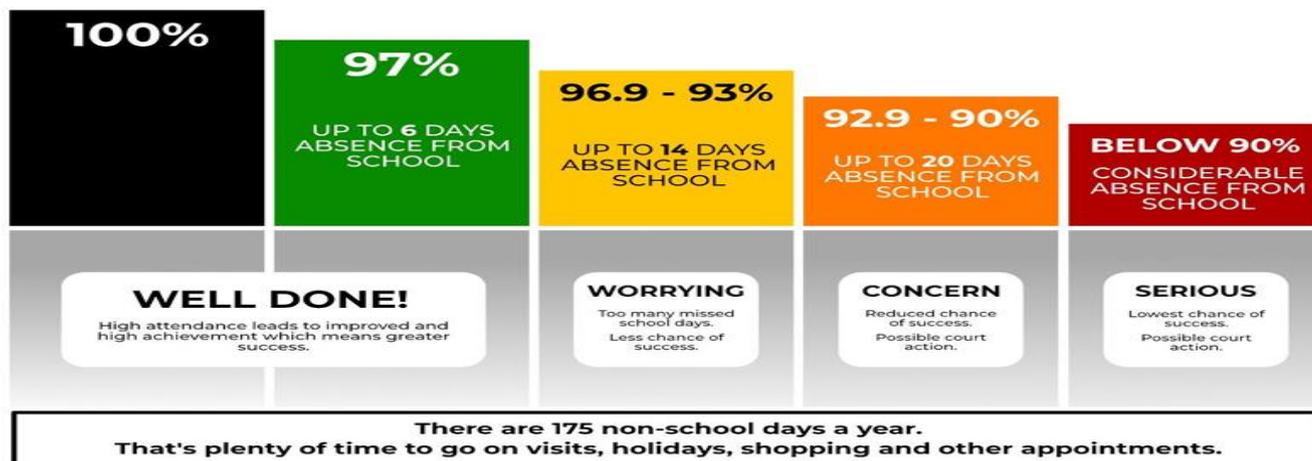
### Attendance

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	87.07%	78.68%	4
Emerald Class	93.01%	82.95%	4
Ruby Class	93.06%	90.63%	9
Amethyst Class	94.99%	94.38%	1
Sapphire Class	94.73%	90.63%	3
Topaz Class	93.76%	92.5%	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>92.77%</b>	<b>88.29%</b>	<b>27</b>

## 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
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	9am - Amethyst Class Family Prayer and Liturgy
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Bristol City Women's football player assembly for children
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	9am – Emerald Class Assembly (Year 1 and 2)
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	9am Sapphire Class Family Prayer and Liturgy
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	1.30pm – Free Family Forest Session (Pre-school children and parents)
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	VE Day 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Children can wear Red, White and Blue
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs week Starts
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	9am – Amethyst Class Assembly (Year 4) Book Fair
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	STEAM Day – Art from different cultures Children can come to school in traditional dress to represent their cultural identity
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 electricity workshop at Science Creates
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 5 Preludes Concert at St Mary's Church
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	9am Diamond Class Assembly Term 5 ends
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.childrensscrapstore.co.uk/free-events)

**Join us on Saturday 5th April 2025!**

**BROOKESDYWORKS**



**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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