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Newsletter 03.04.25– Term 4 -Week 6

As we approach the end of the Spring term, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journey we've shared. Our school has been a hive of activity, brimming with meaningful experiences that have enriched our pupils' understanding and spiritual growth.

Holy Week has been particularly special for St Nicholas, offering a time of deep reflection and connection. Our Palm Sunday service, beautifully led by our Chaplains, helped us all to pause and consider the significance of this day. It was heart-warming to see our entire school community come together to create our Path of Hope, lining it with generous donations for the Emmaus Charity. Your kindness will make a real difference to those in need. We were honoured to have Father Richard join us for our Passover re-enactment. This whole-school experience brought the ancient tradition to life, deepening our pupils' understanding of this important celebration. The week came to close with our moving Stations of the Cross, where our teachers guided the children through each station, with Father Richard offering a poignant reflection at the final cross.

I'd like to extend a warm 'Eid Mubarak' to all our families who have celebrated this week. Your diverse traditions enrich our school community, and we're grateful for the opportunity to share in your joy. As we look ahead, please note that we will return to school on Tuesday, 22nd April.

I want to express my heartfelt thanks for your continued support. Your partnership is invaluable in creating a nurturing environment where our pupils can thrive. I hope you all have a lovely half term break. Take this time to rest, recharge, and create wonderful memories with your loved ones. We look forward to welcoming you back, ready for another exciting chapter in our St Nicholas journey.

Reflection: John 8:1-11 (the 5th Sunday of Lent, Year C)

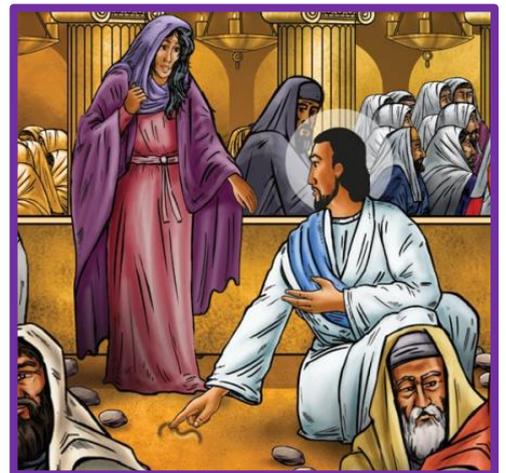
This Sunday's Gospel reveals the depths of God's mercy and compassion and the need for each one of us, in our own way, to make a new start with God.

Regardless of our past, each day we are given an opportunity to make a new start. Jesus just waits for us with the gentleness and patience of God. Lent is traditionally a time for making a new start

*"Let us allow God's constant help to make us new people."
Pope Francis*

God is always ready to help us to start afresh. As Easter approaches, are there any new starts that we can make with our family, friends or with God?

Perhaps we can: remember to start each morning with a prayer and thank God for each new day and for each other; make a new start with church; follow Jesus' example in this Sunday's Gospel by being merciful to others.



**Dear Lord Jesus, please
help us to be more
understanding and always
ready to make a new start
with you and with each
other. Amen.**

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Ruby Class Assembly

Last week Ruby class transported us to the Rainforest with their wonderful class assembly. They taught us all about their topic and it was clear that this topic was one that they had all thoroughly enjoyed. They finished with a thought-provoking song which had us all close to tears with the reflective lyrics and beautiful voices. Thank you to the parents who came along to watch.



St Nicholas FC

St Nicks 1st team football carried on their excellent league form with an outstanding 6-1 win over Brunel Field. Kebba put in a wonderful performance in the midfield, which inspired the players around him, following missing a lot of first half chances! But once we scored, the team grew in confidence with Acher bagging a brace and other goals from Kebba, Praise, Yuel and Peace in his final appearance for the team!

Player of the match - Bilal, who made several acrobatic saves and used good communication to organise his defence. He also saved a penalty! He really is St Nicks number one!



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RAGS2RICHES COLLECTION: Our next collection date is Friday 25th April! If you have any unwanted clothing items then please donate!



Family Prayer and Liturgy

We invite you to join your child's class for Prayer and Liturgy, this will be run by the children. Prayer and Liturgy takes place each Tuesday morning and is a time for reflection and prayer. Please join us from 09.05am

Tuesday 29th April – Amethyst Class Prayer and Liturgy – Year 4
Tuesday 6th May – Sapphire Class Prayer and Liturgy – Year 5
Year 6 will follow after SATs



Arbor

Parent Portal
and App

Five good reasons to download the Arbor Parent App

1. Receive important information from school
2. See your child's praise points
3. View your child's attendance
4. Check your child's timetable
5. Access your child's report (when available)

In the next couple of weeks every parent/carer will receive a welcome email from Arbor inviting you to activate your parental account. This will soon be our first point of contact for all communication. There is also a parent portal app for easy access that can be downloaded through your app store.

Attendance

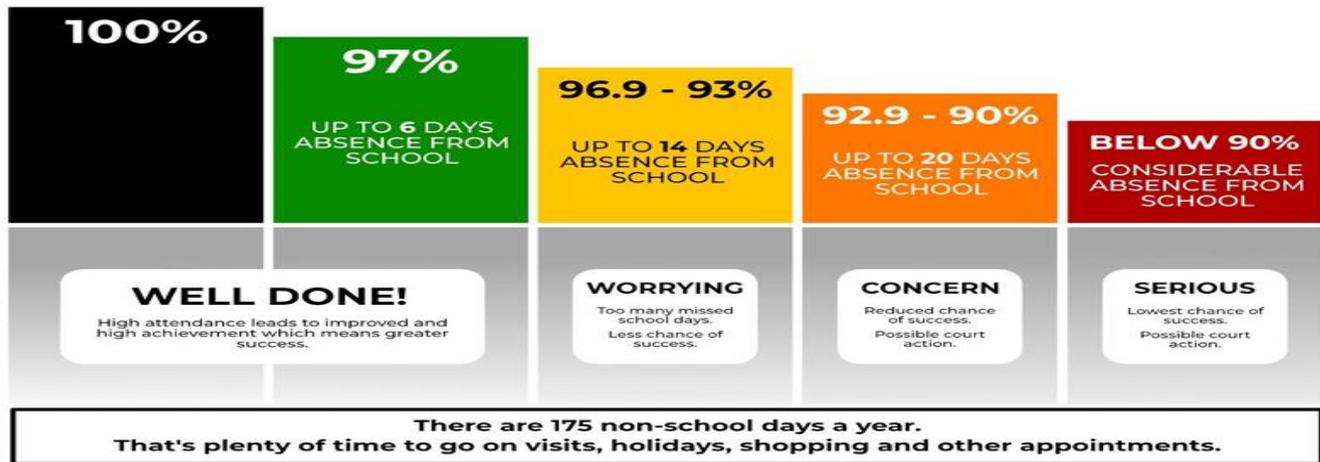
Thank you to those children who attend school regularly and on time. We will continue to monitor closely, if attendance continues to be a concern, we will send out an earlier letter than the end of term. The target for all pupils is set at **96.1%** and any figure below is a concern.

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	87.37%	79.41%	4
Emerald Class	93.34%	75%	7
Ruby Class	93.14%	87.5%	8
Amethyst Class	95.01%	87.5%	2
Sapphire Class	95%	85.5%	6
Topaz Class	93.8%	93.5%	5
Total	92.94%	84.74%	32

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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.

Term 5 Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 22 nd April	Term 5 Starts
Wednesday 23 rd April	St George's Day – Wear Red
Friday 25 th April	Rags to Riches collection
Tuesday 29 th April	9am Amethyst Class Family Prayer and Liturgy
Friday 2 nd May	9am – Emerald Class Assembly (Year 1 and 2)
Tuesday 6 th May	9am Sapphire Class Family Prayer and Liturgy
Monday 12 th May	Y6 SATs week Starts
Friday 16 th May	Book Fair
Tuesday 20 th May	Y6 electricity workshop at Science Creates
Friday 23 rd May	9am Diamond Class Assembly Term 5 ends

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James

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MOBE TIAN 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

**GET IN TOUCH ON;
INSTAGRAM @ACE_CIC
WHATSAPP 07342369623
EMAIL INFO@ACECICTEAM.COM**



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!

BROOKESDYWORKS



EASTER HOLIDAY

play, hangout & have lunch

FREE Outdoor play sessions
10:30am - 2:30pm
Hot lunch for children 🍽️

Monday 7th April - Pasta
Monday 14th April - Pizza

We bring lots of play to the green space:
Outside Oldbury Court Children's Centre, BS16 2QS




Children aged 8 and over can come on their own if they are allowed out unsupervised. They will be free to come and go as they please, so they need to be responsible for themselves. Under 8's need to be with an adult.

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No need to book, just come along. Scan for details or call 01179 14 3002



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*

www.bridgefoundation.org.uk
info@bridgefoundation.org.uk | 0117 942 4510



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PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



BURGER KING

From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.

BILLS

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

ZIZZI

Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main. (excludes Saturdays)

CAFE EIGHTY NINE @ THE RANGE

Kids eat free Sat 5th April - Mon 21st April 2025

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (monday - friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids eat for £1.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.

TRAVELDGE & PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

PREZZO

Kids receive a free, 3 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo between 31st March - 27th April 2025

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025

PIZZA HUT

Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, until 3pm daily with a £10 spend

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.