

'Where charity and love are, God is there'

Newsletter 21.03.25– Term 4 -Week 4

As we journey through the season of Lent, I'm filled with pride and joy at the remarkable achievements and experiences our pupils have been part of recently. It's a time for reflection, growth, and drawing closer to God, and I've been truly impressed by how our school family has embraced this spirit.

Our Year 6 pupils have embarked on their eagerly anticipated camp, creating memories and forging bonds that will last a lifetime. Meanwhile, our Reception class has continued to show tremendous care and responsibility in looking after their class chicks. It's been heart-warming to see their nurturing instincts blossom, and we're grateful for the valuable lessons in empathy and stewardship this experience has provided before the chicks return to their farm home this week. In RE, Years 1 and 2 have delved into the significance of the Last Supper, exploring this pivotal moment in our faith with curiosity and reverence. Their engagement with this topic has been truly inspiring. Year 4 has been a hive of activity as they prepare for their upcoming class assembly. I'm eagerly looking forward to seeing their hard work come to fruition.

This week also saw our pupils tackle their assessments with determination and resilience. I'm immensely proud of how each child gave their very best effort, demonstrating the growth mindset we strive to cultivate at St Nicholas of Tolentine.

As we continue our Lenten journey, I encourage our entire school community to use this time for personal growth and spiritual reflection. Let's embrace this opportunity to develop further as individuals and draw closer to God, embodying the values that make our school such a special place.

Reflection: Luke 13:1-9 The 3rd Sunday of Lent, Year C

Lent is a time of change and each new day is an opportunity for us to change. God has 'planted' us on this earth to produce the good fruits of love, joy and kindness in our lives. Jesus helps us to keep growing in faith and goodness – to change the world and make it a better place.

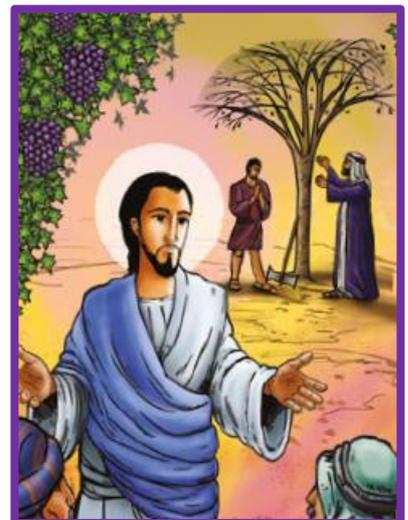
In this Sunday's Gospel, the fig tree represents God's people – it represents all of us.

We are all called to change: to grow and so enrich the world around us – to love as Jesus loved. That is what being fully human means! Jesus is like the gardener. He is patient with us, nurtures us and helps us to change for the better.

"Lent helps us fight against any of our faults. We all can improve and change for the better." Pope Francis

"To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often." St John Henry Newman

Our Mission this week: How can we bring about positive change during Lent?



Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for your patient care for us. Show us where we need to change – to grow more in our love for you and for each other. Amen.

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Year 6 Camp

What an incredible adventure our Year 6 pupils have had on their recent camp! It's been an absolute joy to hear about their experiences, and I'm bursting with pride at how they've represented our school. From the moment they arrived, our Year 6s threw themselves into every activity with gusto. They conquered the zip wire, scaled climbing walls, explored rivers, and even took a leap of faith! But it wasn't just about the adrenaline-pumping activities. Our pupils shone in talent shows and even engaged in spirited hoop competitions.

The instructors were thoroughly impressed by how our pupils supported one another and showed impeccable respect throughout their stay. It's clear that our St Nicholas values travelled with them, far beyond our school gates. I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Miss Stanger, Mr Ford, Miss Logan, and Miss Berrymoore for giving up their time to accompany our pupils. Your dedication has given these children memories they'll cherish for a lifetime. It's obvious that our Year 6s had the most amazing time, and we couldn't be prouder of them. Well done, Year 6!



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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 25th March – Emerald Class
Prayer and Liturgy – Year 1 and 2
Tuesday 1st April – Ruby Class Prayer and
Liturgy – Year 2 and Year 3
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

RAGS2RICHES COLLECTION:

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

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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.

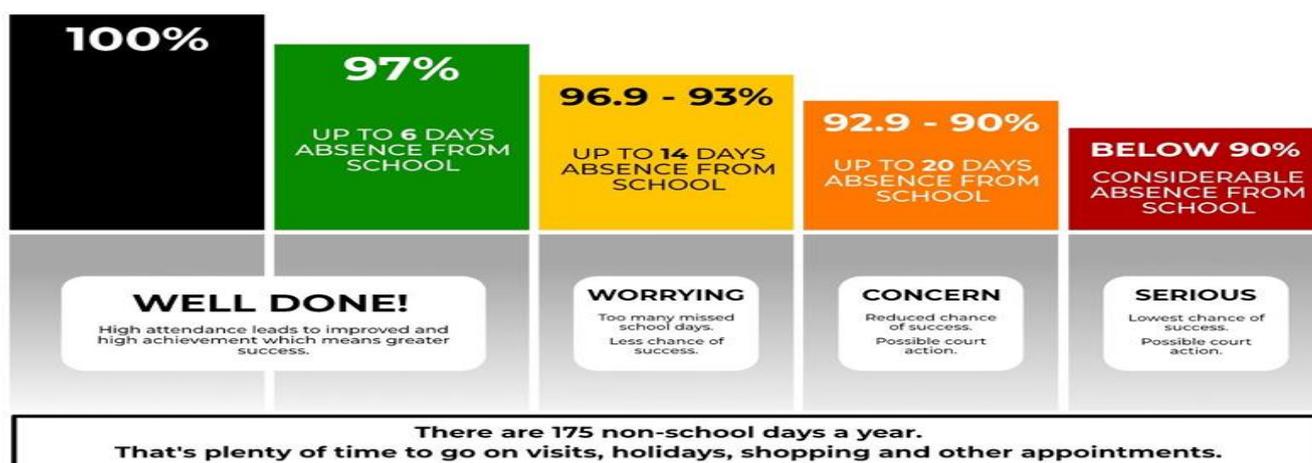
Attendance

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 | 87.67% | 88.13% | 9 |
| Emerald Class | 94.43% | 92.92% | 10 |
| Ruby Class | 93.32% | 92.5% | 5 |
| Amethyst Class | 95.34% | 94.29% | 1 |
| Sapphire Class | 95.18% | 96.44% | 8 |
| Topaz Class | 93.78% | 98.33% | 3 |
| Total | 93.29% | 93.77% | 36 |

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 4 Dates

| Date | Event |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Tuesday 25 th March | 9.05am – Emerald Class Family Prayer and Liturgy |
| Friday 28 th March | 9am Ruby Year 2/3 Class Assembly |
| Sunday 30 th March | Dance Club perform at Stages |
| Tuesday 1 st April | 9.05am – Ruby Family Prayer and Liturgy Selected Y5/6 for Kinball Competition |
| Wednesday 2 nd April | World Autism Day |
| Thursday 3 rd April | Last day of Term 4 |
| Friday 4 th April | School Closed INSET day |
| Tuesday 22 nd April | Term 5 Starts |

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James