

*'Where charity and love are, God is there'*

## Newsletter 07.03.24– Term 4 -Week 3

### Reflection:

Jesus tells us that the first commandment is to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. The next is to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Lent is a time for us to reset and reprioritise these two commandments in our lives. As we make space each day to reflect on God's word, and to listen more attentively to what is being asked of us, we may also become more aware of others around us.

Loving God is not something that we keep just to ourselves, but is shown each day in all that we do and in how we treat others.

On this International Women's Day, we think especially of all those women across the world who do just this. Guided by their love of God and love for their neighbour, they are building communities and creating change, so that our world better reflects the Kingdom of God.

**Gracious God, we pray for women throughout the world who are building up their own communities. As we love you, may we love our neighbour, and support one another to reflect your kingdom here on earth. Amen.**

### St Nick's FC news

In their match, against Bristol Cathedral St Nicks showed great team spirit and enthusiasm. Winning the game 6-1 from our goal scorers Adrian, Sami and Kebba. Player of the match goes to Leo for showing a phenomenal performance showcasing great defensive skill through the whole game also showing compassion to the other team when they were hurt from tackles he'd check to see if they were okay.



### Year 5 and 6 Netball

Last Friday, our Year 6 Netball Team entered a tournament at City Academy. They made our community proud by not only winning the event, but winning ALL 5 GAMES! A huge congratulations to all the children involved.

St Nics has now qualified for the county finals!

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### St Nick's Watch Bristol City

On Saturday our Football first teams attended Ashton Gate to watch Bristol City play against Cardiff! Unfortunately, Bristol lost the match but it was a great experience for all, and for many it was their first live game!

Our children were amazing, and we will be looking to provide more opportunities in future!

Thank you to Mr Ford for arranging such a great experience, and to Miss Watson, Miss Berrymore and Mr Taijan for helping on the day.



### Reception Class Assembly

Wow! I can't believe reception performed their first assembly today.

We all love your 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' story film, your beautiful singing and how confident you are all turning out to be – well done!



### Year 6 Forest School

This week Year 6 got to experience learning outside in the forest area with Miss Logan.

The sun shone while they learned to tie knots, make a frame and play some games. Bring on camp!

### We have chicks!

This week Diamond class had a very special delivery of 10 eggs! They have been patiently awaiting the arrival of our baby chicks. This week all 10 have hatched.

Diamond class are going to spend the next few weeks caring for the chicks, what a great way to demonstrate our Catholic Social Teaching of Stewardship towards God's creations.



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On Thursday, the whole school came together to celebrate World Book Day. There was a real buzz about books in school, with children dressing up, designing book covers, painting and talking about their favourite books. It was great to hear about a real mix of books, including classics such as Harry Potter and Paddington as well as more recent authors such as Tom Percival and Tom Gates. Children loved visiting Foyles and browsing all of the wonderful books on display. Please do pop in to the bookshop next time you're in Cabot Circus with your child! We're so lucky to have it on our doorstep!



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# REMEMBER!

## Scooters and Bikes

We know that lots of children ride or scooter to school. Unfortunately, another child's scooter seems to have been taken. If your child has come home with a scooter that does not belong to them, please return it. *I would like to remind parents that scooters and bikes are left at your own risk.* There are railings where bikes can be secured with a chain should you wish.



**Bushcraft in Nature:  
After School Club**  
AT THE TRINITY CENTRE

3:30PM - 5:00PM EVERY MONDAY  
BETWEEN 15/01/24 - 25/03/24

Free sessions with activities available for  
8 - 11 year olds

Campfire cooking, arts and crafts,  
Nature Play, making friends

Snacks provided, often sourced  
from the garden

All wet weather kit provided and indoor  
space available if needed

'Walking bus' available from Hannah More to  
Trinity Centre at 3.15pm for each session  
(Via St Nicholas of Tolentine at 3.25pm)

THE TRINITY CENTRE  
TRINITY RD, ST JUDES  
BRISTOL, BS2 0NW

Any queries, call on  
0117 9351200  
and ask for the Youth Team

Find out more:  


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## Walking Bus:

We are really fortunate that we are able to offer a walking bus. We have noticed this week that some children are not on time. Here is a reminder of the times

**First stop 8.10am – 8.15am (St Mattias House)**  
**Second Stop - 8.20am – 8.25am (Haviland House)**

**Breakfast Club – 8am – 8.30am.**

Please can I remind parents if children are requiring breakfast they must attend before 8.30am. Breakfast will not be served after this time. Children waiting until after 8.30 are missing key learning time.

**Please use the QR code on the leaflet to book your child's after school club place. Leaflets are available in the school office also.**

## Class Assemblies – Round Two.

We are so excited to welcome you to more of our class assemblies!  
Reception – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

## Uniform

A reminder that Jewellery is not permitted as part of school uniform. This is a health and safety reason, necklaces and larger ear rings can catch on the equipment that children use. Small stud earrings are permitted but not hoops or dangling ear rings. Children will be asked to remove them.



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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	92.5%	98.3%	2
Emerald Class	92.8%	91.4%	17
Ruby Class	93.4%	91.8%	10
Amethyst Class	92.5%	90.9%	10
Sapphire Class	92.1%	90.4%	11
Topaz Class	93.4%	91.1%	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>92.8%</b>	<b>91.9%</b>	<b>59</b>

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

## Dates for your Diary - Term 4

<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 4 trip to Roman Baths – need volunteers
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 3 Trip to MShed & Bus Tour – need volunteers Y5 forest school session – will need out door clothes
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Marcy</b>	Year 6 Camp!!!
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Wear Green for St Patrick's Day
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Y4 forest school session – will need outdoor clothes 3.30pm – 6pm Parent's Evening
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	3.30pm – 6pm Parent's Evening
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	STEAM day Engineering
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	1.30pm – Family Forest School
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Last Day of Term

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James