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## Newsletter 26.01.24– Term 3 -Week 3

### Reflection: Mark 1:21-28

Jesus starts to teach in the temple, where the Jewish people went to pray. The people are surprised and impressed with the way he teaches. The people in the temple believe what Jesus says and they trust him, more than the teachers they usually listen to. Jesus teaches the people through the stories he tells. But he also teaches them - and us - through the things he does. He lives out what he is teaching.

Teachers are very important; they help us to learn about all sorts of things

In our Wednesday Word this week, we thought about teachers who have an impact on us, I talked about the teachers I could remember and why they were my favourite.

We are fortunate to have a team of wonderful staff, who all help to teach our children each and every day. This week we reflected on this and saying thank you to the staff we have and appreciating them through the respect we show.

**God of hope, through your Son  
Jesus you teach us to love and care  
for all our brothers and sisters  
wherever they are in the world.  
Help us to work together with  
others to make sure that all children  
have a chance to go to school and  
dream of a brighter future. Amen.**



### Year 5 Class Assembly

Year 5 blew us away this morning with their class assembly. They were so confident with their speaking. It was impressive how each group put together their contribution, from live music, art and PE.

Well done Year 5 – you are going to make a great year 6 class.



### St Nick's FC News

Both our boys and girls' year 5/ 6 football teams took Easton on Monday. It was goals galore, with 23 goals scored in total over both games!

The girls, for some of which it was their first game, ran out 6-2 winners. Alaya netted 4 superb goals, which was added to by Cherry and Martina. Jade also put in a wonderful display, grabbing 3 assists!

The boys had a tough game but showed good heart to keep going until the end, eventually losing 9-6. Kebba put in a player of the match performance, scoring 2 goals and bossing the midfield. There were also goals from Renato, Sami, Adrian and Ibrahim.

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### Healthy Schools

This year, Mrs Barker is working towards achieving our Healthy School's award. Last week we announced we had achieved Gold for our breakfast club. There is more good news, as we have been awarded the Healthy Schools Essentials Award. We are so proud of everyone and the recognition for the hard work from the whole team.

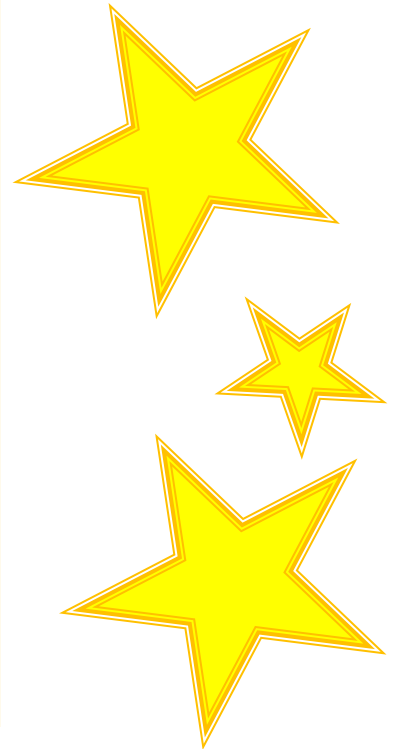
*"St Nicholas of Tolentine Catholic Primary School have demonstrated commendable practice across a range of health and wellbeing topics.*

*The school employs a variety of strategies, including forest nurture groups, mentoring, one-to-one music sessions, play therapy, art therapy, and SPARKS mentoring, to identify and support students who may be at risk or already displaying signs of poor health and wellbeing.*

*After starting their work on the Healthy Schools award, the school developed a Wellbeing Squad (children's group) who now work alongside the Senior Mental Health Lead. The school also invests in creating CPD opportunities for its staff including Thrive training, staff wellbeing training, and senior mental health leads training. Among other initiatives to support staff mental wellbeing, they ensure that there is an open-door policy where staff can talk to SLT and regularly share mental health resources with staff and include these on the weekly memo.*

*They showcased their commitment to taking a cross-curricular approach to PSHE topics. This included examples such as incorporating drama into English lessons to understand how characters feel, carefully selecting books that are representative of children and communities, and implementing science/STEAM workshops, among other strategies.*

*Well done St Nicholas of Tolentine Catholic Primary School, keep up the good work!"*



### Attendance

I am writing to ask for your support with our attendance. As you know as a school we have been working hard towards our developments from our last OFSTED report. An area still causing significant concern is our attendance. We are below national and local averages. I am currently meeting with families where attendance has dropped below the expected. We understand that children do get sick and appreciate your support when they do need to stay at home, however we are receiving a large number of absence request forms and lots of incidents of illness where children could be in school. Unfortunately, in line with our school policy, leaves of absence only be authorised in exceptional circumstances (not just visiting family), these must be made at least 4 weeks in advance. Such requests are likely to result in a Penalty Notice. There are a number of children who are off regularly and this is having a detrimental impact on their learning. This is an area we can work together to improve, if you do need support around attendance please do not hesitate to contact me.

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# REMEMBER!



**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:  


**TRINITY:**

### 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)**



Could I ask parents if you are dropping off your children to school, please do not leave younger children unattended in your vehicles. Children can be dropped at the gate and walk round to breakfast club if you are unable to come onto school site.

**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.**

### 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.

### Class Assemblies – Round Two.

We are so excited to welcome you to more of our class assemblies!

Year 4 – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Year 3 – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Year 1 and 2 – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Reception – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

### St Nicholas has Talent!!!

Thank you for your understanding when the Talent show had to be rearranged last term.

The new date is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 1.30pm. The children are very excited to showcase their talents.

Please do come along and see how amazing our children are!

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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	91.6%	81.5%	0
Emerald Class	92.6%	92.7%	14
Ruby Class	93.1%	88.6%	7
Amethyst Class	92.4%	88.3%	9
Sapphire Class	91.8%	94.3%	12
Topaz Class	93.1%	92.9%	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>92.5%</b>	<b>90.5%</b>	<b>41</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 3

<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	3.30pm – Y6 Camp information session 3.30pm - Year 3 and 4 football fixture away @ Easton
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	9.00am – Y4 Class Assembly
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	3.30pm - Y5/6 Home League Football Fixture v Cathedral
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Last Day of Term 9.00am – Y3 Class Assembly 1.30pm – KS2 Talent Show – all welcome to watch

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James