

'Where charity and love are, God is there'

Term 1 Newsletter 10.10.25

These past two weeks have been wonderfully vibrant and meaningful at our school. Last week, we dedicated our time to celebrating Little Way week, focusing on the inspiring teachings of St Thérèse of Lisieux. Each morning, our pupils engaged in beautiful reflections about the little acts of kindness they could perform, embodying the spirit of compassion and community.

We were delighted to welcome a photographer to our school who captured the essence of daily life at St Nicholas. From bustling classrooms to melodious music lessons and energetic playtimes, he beautifully documented the vibrant moments that make our school special. The children looked absolutely smart and were wonderful representatives of our school community.

Our dedicated Green team continued their fantastic work, organising the Rags to Riches collection. This initiative demonstrates our pupils' commitment to helping those less fortunate, showcasing the empathy and social responsibility we strive to nurture.

We were also privileged to welcome Mrs Land, the Trust's RE SIP lead, who spent a day immersed in our Religious Education environment. She explored RE lessons, reviewed pupils' books, and met with Mrs Rosolek-Field. Her visit was another opportunity to celebrate the remarkable achievements we have collectively accomplished.

As we approach the end of Term 1, I'm incredibly proud of how everyone has been working diligently to continue improving life at St Nicholas. The energy, commitment, and enthusiasm of our pupils, staff, and community never cease to inspire me.

Luke 17:11-19 The 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

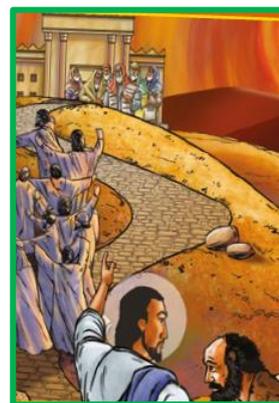
On his way to Jerusalem, Jesus went into a village. Ten men with leprosy, a terrible skin disease, stood a long way off. They shouted, "Jesus! Master! Take pity on us." Jesus said, "Go and show yourselves to the priests as the Law teaches us." As they went on their way they were all healed. But only one of the ten, a Samaritan, turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. Jesus said to the man, "Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you."

Thankfulness strengthens our relationship with God and with each other. This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that making the right response to God's kindness, with praise and thankfulness, brings great joy into our lives.

"Be thankful for the smallest blessings, and you will deserve to receive greater blessings." Thomas à Kempis

Remembering to say 'thank you' to God regularly throughout the day helps love to grow in our hearts.

This Week's Mission: Who else will you remember to thank this week?

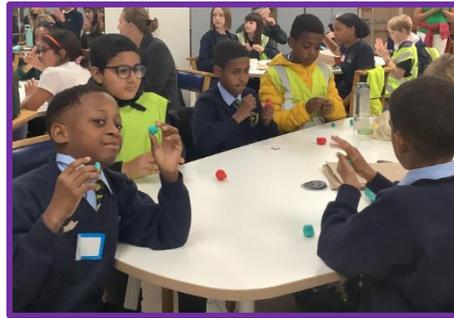


**Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for blessing us in so many ways. Help us to be always thankful to you and to show our thankfulness by loving those around us.
Amen.**

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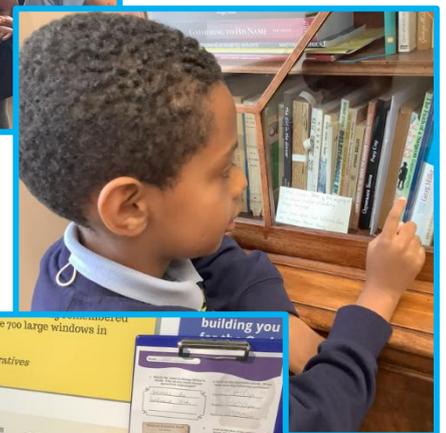
Year 5 Visit Sparks

Year 5 attended SPARKS for the Earth Day Heroes awards. The children had a tour of the department store, taking about sustainable practices. They then had a talk from Naomi Wilkinson, a CBBC presenter, about her amazing life travelling the world to experience different wildlife. Aardman Studios then ran a workshop, where the children were able to create their own Gromit made from plasticine.



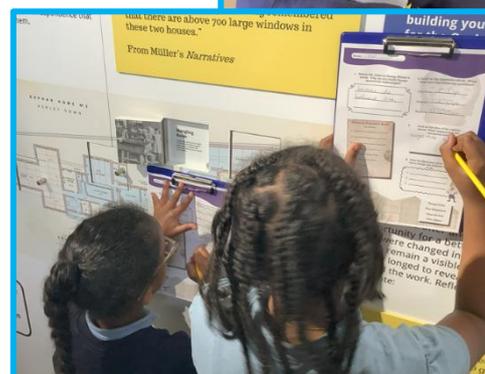
Rags to Riches

Thank you for all your donations towards our Rags to Riches collection. We love knowing that our unwanted clothes are going on to help those in need.



Amethyst visit the Muller Museum

Amethyst Class had an amazing time at the Muller Orphanage Museum on Wednesday. We found out so many interesting facts about the inspirational work of George Muller, who provided a home for over 10,000 children in Bristol throughout his lifetime. Year 3/4 represented St Nicks with their enthusiasm and curiosity! Highlights included dressing up, handling mystery artefacts and ringing a very loud old school bell!



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Uniform

We are all so proud to be a part of St Nicholas school, and we have all seen first-hand the improvements made within the school. This year we are focusing on uniform, all children MUST wear correct uniform each day.

- Grey/black trousers, tailored shorts or skirt
- Pale blue polo shirt or shirt (ties to be worn with shirts)
- Navy blue jumper/cardigan
- Plain black shoes

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- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black/grey jogging bottoms or shorts
- Navy Jumper
- No Sports Sets
- Trainers or daps

All children have been provided with 1 free school jumper to support us in maintaining high standards of uniform.



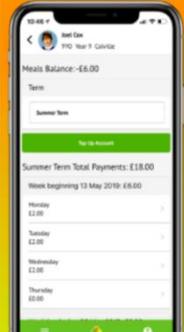
We are now using Arbor as the main source of communication for parents, at the moment we only have 49% of parents signed up. Please ensure you have signed up to be able to access all communication.



Check on your child from anywhere



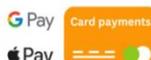
Make payments on the go



 **Arbor** App & Portal

- View your child's Timetable, Clubs and Attendance
- Pay for School Meals
- View your child's Guilford Golds!
- Update your details
- Receive instant messages
- Sign up to trips and after-school clubs

No more forms!



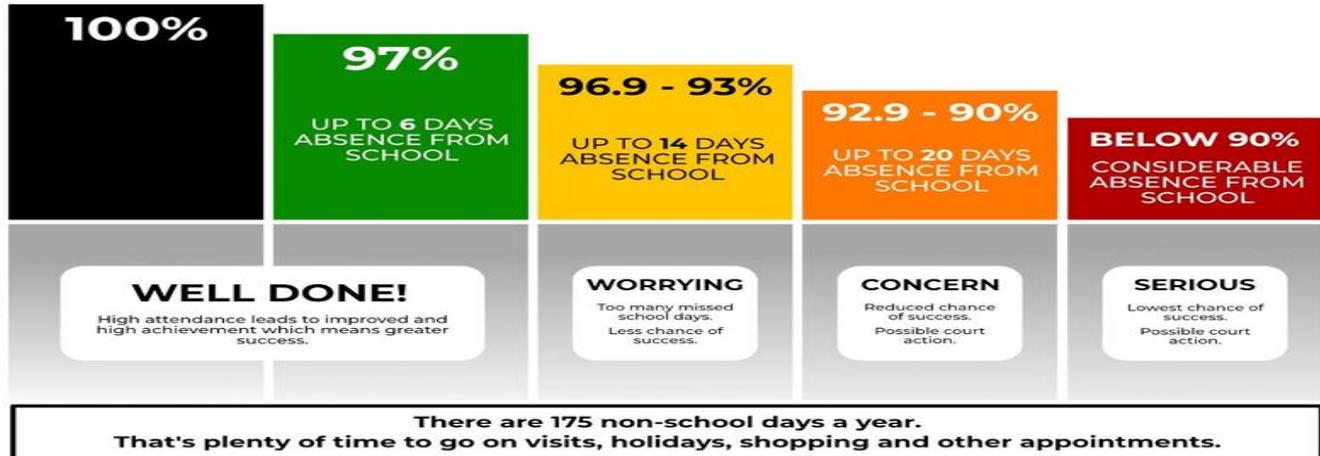
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Thank you to those children who attend school regularly and on time. We will continue to monitor closely, if attendance continues to be a concern, we will send out an earlier letter than the end of term. The target for all pupils is set at **96.1%** 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	98.43%	99.21%	2
Emerald Class	85.19%	86.5%	10
Ruby Class	95.35%	96.4%	12
Amethyst Class	93.72%	91.7%	12
Sapphire Class	97.62%	97.1%	0
Topaz Class	94.85%	96.1%	18
Total	94.22%	94.58%	54

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 1 Dates

Date	Event
Monday 13 th October	3.30pm St Nicks V Cathedral – Home
Wednesday 15 th October	Cross Country – Selected children
Friday 17 th October	2.30pm – Diamond Class Stay and Play 2.30pm Parent, Sharing Learning – come and see your children's books
Monday 20 th October	Nasal Flu Vaccine 3.30pm – St Nicks V Hannah Moore – Away
Thursday 23 rd October	3pm – St Nicks V St Bons – Away
Friday 24 th October	Y5 Trip to Ashton Gate 2pm – Black History Month Assembly Term 1 Finishes
Monday 3 rd November	INSET Day – School closed to children

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James