

'Where charity and love are, God is there'

Term 1 Newsletter 24.10.25

What a wonderful term we've had! I'm delighted to share some highlights from our past few weeks.

Our pupils have been exceptional this term, demonstrating smart uniform presentation and working hard towards demonstrating respectful behaviour in their lessons. It's been inspiring to see their commitment and dedication.

We've had an incredibly busy fortnight filled with fantastic activities. Our pupils participated enthusiastically in cross country events and football games. We also celebrated our harvest assemblies, which were deeply meaningful. Our new lunchtime prayer club has been a wonderful addition to our school life, and our pop-up prayer spaces have provided special moments of reflection.

I was pleased to welcome Mrs Collet, our chair of governors, who conducted a monitoring visit. She spent time speaking with our pupils about their learning in Maths and English, which was a valuable opportunity for our children to share their educational experiences.

We concluded the term with a remarkable whole school Black History Month assembly on Friday. I was immensely proud of how confidently all our children presented. Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating this important occasion.

As we look forward to the next term, I encourage everyone to maintain the high standards we've set - particularly in maintaining our smart uniform and continuing our respectful approach to learning. Wishing you all a restful break.

Luke 18:9-14. (The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

There were some people who thought they were better than everyone else. One day Jesus told them a story. "Two men went into the Temple to pray. One of them was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, 'I thank you, God, that I am not greedy, dishonest, and unfaithful like other people, and particularly that I am not like this sinful tax collector here. I fast twice a week and always give money to the Temple.' The tax collector stood some distance away, not even daring to raise his eyes to heaven, but he bowed his head and said, 'God, have mercy on me, for I am a sinner.'" Then Jesus said, "It was the tax collector who was pleasing to God, not the Pharisee. Those who praise themselves and think they are better than others will be humbled, but if you humble yourself then you will be praised by God."

"When we live humbly, God takes our small efforts and creates great things." Pope Francis (Pope from 2013-2025)

God is pleased with those who are humble. A humble person knows that all good comes from God and that any talents we have are gifts from God.

This Week's Mission: How can we use our gifts to help someone?



O my God, I thank you for the gifts which you have given to me. Help me always to serve you humbly and use my gift to make the world a better place. Amen.

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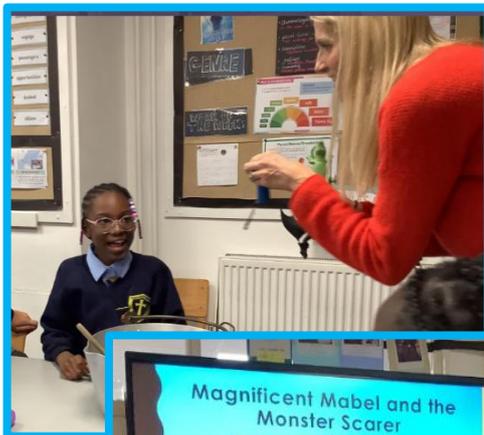
St Nicks Runs!

Well done the runners who represented our school at the East Bristol Cross Country event. This was a long-distance running event, not for the faint hearted. All of our runners finished and some have been chosen to take part in the county event coming up next month. We really do have some talented children at our school!



St Nicks V Cathedral

St Nicks started their football league campaign with a quite fantastic 8-4 victory against Cathedral school. In his first game as captain, Aiden scored 4 goals, alongside a star performance. Rafael scored a hatrick on his debut and Abdou rounded off the scoring, dribbling it in from the wing. What a great start to the season!



Ruth Quayle Author

The whole school was treated to a visit by Author Ruth Quayle. KS1 and Reception class were immersed in a story telling session, where they were transported to the world of stories – they all enjoyed it immensely and were so respectful when listening. KS2 children were treated to a creative writing workshop. She shared some of her writing and some of her ideas to inspire the classes. They were generating story ideas and writing a revolting spell to get rid of monsters under the bed! We had so many imaginative writers within the school.



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Harvest Assembly

Thank you to our wonderful Chaplains who led the whole school assembly around the importance of giving at Harvest time, really helping us to reflect on helping those less fortunate than ourselves. We are so fortunate to have such spiritual leaders within our Chaplaincy Team.



St Nicks V Hannah Moore

Our football first term showed great determination in our football match at Hannah More. Trailing 7-3 at half time, they staged a comeback to level the game at 9-9 at full time. Unfortunately, they lost the game on golden goal, however we are very proud of their attitudes. Very in keeping of St Nicks spirit.

Creation Pop Up Prayer Space

This week all children were invited to the Pop Up Prayer Space, a chance to reflect on our topic of Creation and our Catholic Social Teaching theme of Caring for Creation. Thank you to our Chaplains, Trainee Chaplains and Mrs Rosolek-Field for deeply spiritual and reflective day. It was heartening to witness the children thinking deeply about their missions about how they can make a difference in the world today.



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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.



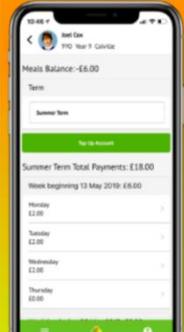
We are now using Arbor as the main source of communication for parents, at the moment we only have 49% of parents signed up. Please ensure you have signed up to be able to access all communication.



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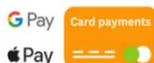
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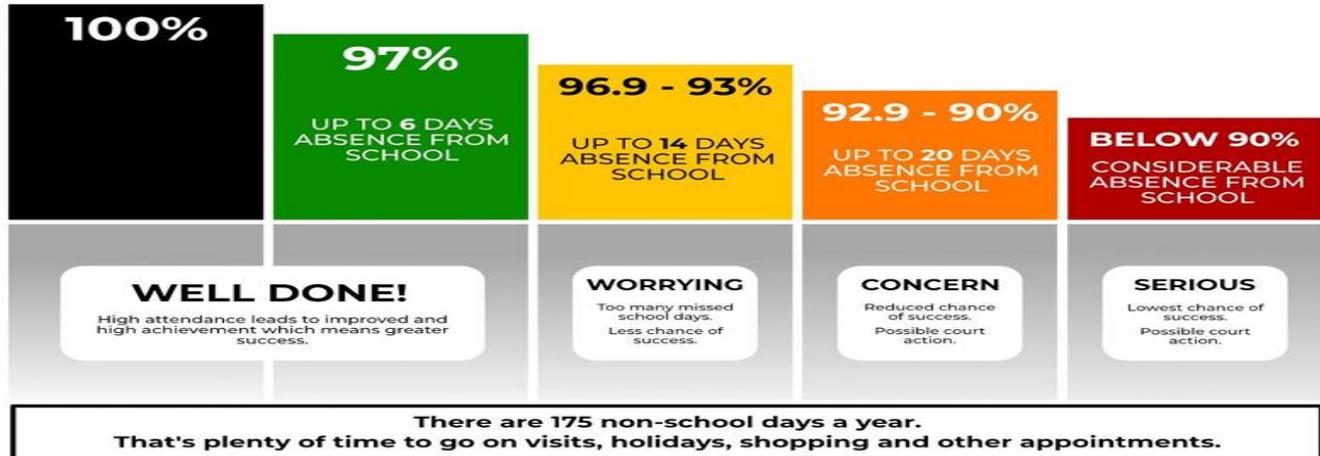
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Thank you to those children who attend school regularly and on time. We will continue to monitor closely, if attendance continues to be a concern, we will send out an earlier letter than the end of term. The target for all pupils is set at **96.1%** 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	99.8%	100%	3
Emerald Class	85.9%	88.1%	16
Ruby Class	96.2%	98.4%	18
Amethyst Class	96.1%	95.1%	16
Sapphire Class	98.3%	100%	5
Topaz Class	94.3%	90.7%	18
Total	95.07%	95.3%	76

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 2 Dates

Date	Event
Monday 3 rd November	INSET Day – School closed to children
Monday 10 th November	Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day
Wednesday 12 th November	Author visit for KS2 – Jasbinder Bilan
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need – Yellow/Spotty and Cake Sale after school
Friday 21 st November	Individual School Photos Jubilee Year of Hope Celebration
Tuesday 25 th November	3.30pm – 6pm Parents Evening
Thursday 27 th November	3.30pm – 6pm Parents Evening
Friday 28 th November	STEAM DAY

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James