

'Where charity and love are, God is there'

Term 3 Newsletter 30.01.26

Our governors recently visited, spending valuable time with our pupils. They conducted a thorough review of our reading curriculum, explored our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) classrooms, and participated in an Ethos walk with our Chaplains.

Our Year 5 pupils have been thoroughly enjoying their Health Squad workshops delivered by Bristol Sports Foundation. Meanwhile, our Year 6 pupils embarked on an educational journey to the M Shed, where they engaged in an immersive World War 2 workshop.

Creativity has been flourishing across our classrooms. Ruby class has been producing some fantastic pottery work, and Sapphire class has created beautiful art pieces inspired by the book *A Story Like The Wind*. To celebrate these artistic achievements, we're hosting the St Nicholas Art Gallery on Monday, 9th February after school. I invite all families to come and admire the wonderful work created by our pupils.

I would like to draw attention to our attendance. We've noticed a slight dip, particularly in parent communication. Please ensure you contact the school office if your child will not be attending school.

On an exciting note, Diamond class is preparing for their upcoming farm trip next week. The pupils are buzzing with anticipation and can't wait for their adventure!

Matthew 5:1-12 The 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

Out of his great love for us, God created us to be happy with him forever.

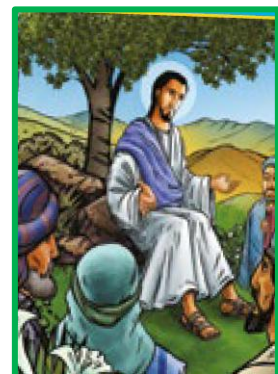
"The Beatitudes are Jesus' way of life and they are the way of true happiness."

We all want to be happy, to have a sense of well-being and inner joy. Jesus' Sermon on the Mount teaches us how to discover the true happiness for which we were created. Living in the way that Jesus taught us, knowing that we are loved forever by God our Father and responding to that love by loving others, is the path to everlasting happiness – to live forever with God.

"The goal of our life is to experience God's own happiness - a gift to every person."

Adapted from the Catechism of the Catholic Church (nos 1718-1719)

Our mission this week: How can we make others happy?



Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for showing us how to be truly happy. May our family be filled with the happiness which comes from following your ways, so that we can share it with others. Amen.

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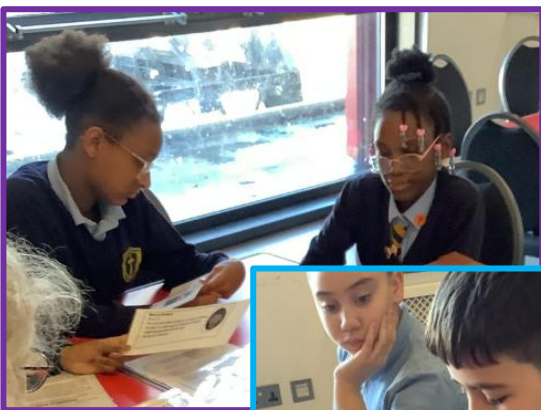
Year 5 Health Squad!

Year 5 are lucky enough to be taking part in the Health Squad programme until the end of term, working closely with our regular sports coaches, Nick and JP, who are trialling this programme with the class. They were given Health Squad study books, which include record sheets to tally and track their own fitness journey over the coming weeks. The children are really looking forward to what's ahead. This week, they were in and out of the classroom, taking part in basketball-based games and activities outdoors while also learning all about fitness indoors. The sessions have been active, engaging, and fun, with pupils showing great enthusiasm throughout.



Year 6 Visit the MSHED

Year 6 had an exhausting but wonderful day at the MShed learning about how Bristol was affected during World War 2. They explored lots of artefacts to find out more about people living in Bristol at the time. After lunch, they explored the rest of the museum before walking back to school. They had a great time and represented St Nick's wonderfully!



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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

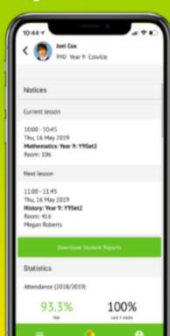
All children have been provided with 1 free school jumper to support us in maintaining high standards of uniform.



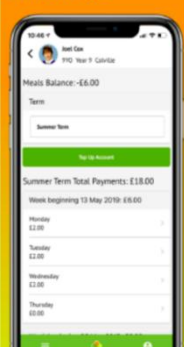
We are now using Arbor as the main source of communication for parents, at the moment we only have 49% of parents signed up. Please ensure you have signed up to be able to access all communication.



Check on your child from anywhere



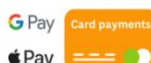
Make payments on the go



 **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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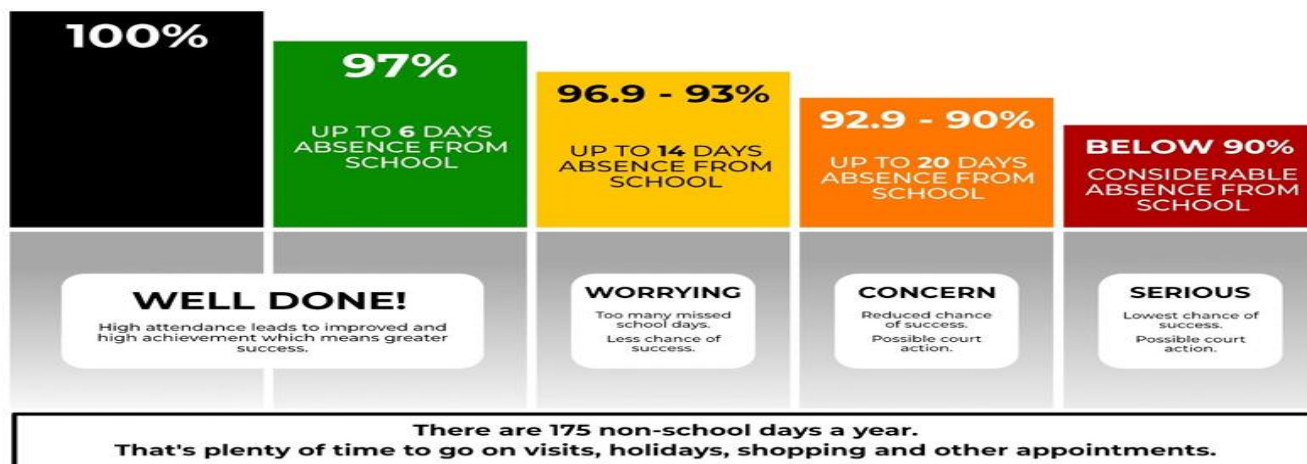
Attendance

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	94.24%	91.85%	1
Emerald Class	84.11%	81.05%	5
Ruby Class	94.93%	96.89%	6
Amethyst Class	95.06%	92.44%	9
Sapphire Class	97.4%	98.94%	2
Topaz Class	93.45%	93.06%	8
Total	93.5%	92.9%	31

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.

Term 3 Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 3 rd February	EYFS Bath City Farm
Wednesday 4 th February	1.30pm – Free Family Forest Session



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Friday 6 th February	NSPCC Number's day – children can come to school dressed in numbers
Monday 9 th February	3.30pm St Nicholas Art Gallery
Friday 13 th February	2.45pm – Parents Sharing Learning – come and have a look at your child's books
Monday 23 rd February	Term 4 starts

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James