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Term 3 Newsletter 13.02.26

As we wrap up another busy term at St Nicholas of Tolentino, I find myself filled with immense pride and gratitude.

Our children continue to be remarkable ambassadors of our school, demonstrating resilience, kindness, and a genuine love for learning. This week has been particularly vibrant. Our governors completed their monitoring visits, observing teaching and learning across our classes. Their observations were incredibly positive, reinforcing the exceptional work happening within our school walls.

We were delighted to welcome parents into our classrooms, providing an opportunity for them to explore their children's learning journey by looking through their books. These moments of shared discovery are truly special and help strengthen our school community. On Wednesday, we hosted a meaningful Pop Up Prayer Space centred around the Catholic Social Teaching theme of "We All Matter". This initiative provided our pupils with a reflective space to consider the value and dignity of every individual. Alongside this, our pupils have been actively engaged in Children's Mental Health Week. Through carefully planned class activities and assemblies, we've been supporting our pupils' emotional well-being and helping them understand the importance of mental health. I do want to address an important matter: our school attendance. We've noticed a slight dip in attendance and punctuality this term. I'm reaching out to our entire school community - parents, carers, and pupils - to work together in improving these areas. Regular attendance is crucial for consistent learning and progress. Our dedicated staff continue to inspire and support our pupils every single day, and for that, I am incredibly thankful.

Matthew 5:17-37, The 6th the Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not imagine that I have come to destroy what the Law or the Prophets taught. No, I have come to make them complete – to show you what they meant. I tell you truly, until heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke of a pen, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practises and teaches these commands, will be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

"The true teacher is within; Christ is the inner teacher of every soul."

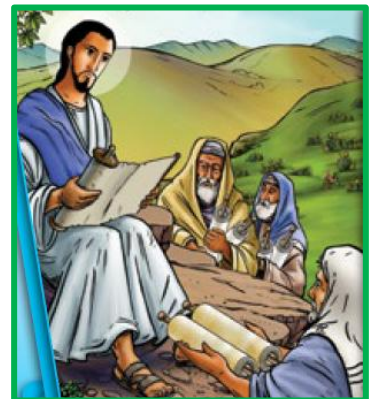
St. Augustine of Hippo

"The family is where parents become their children's first teachers in the faith. The family's strength lies in its capacity to love and to teach how to love."

Pope Francis (Pope from 2013-2025)

It's important to have good teachers. Parents are the first and foremost educators of their own children – others can also teach us so much about what really matters in life.

Our Mission: How can we show our appreciation to all those who teach us?



Dear Lord Jesus, please bless all the people in my life who teach me. Thank you for being my friend and teacher. Please help me to learn and grow in your love. Amen.

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EYFS Visit the farm

Our Reception class enjoyed a lovely visit to Bath City Farm. The children helped feed the goats, pigs, and alpacas their breakfast and were so excited to collect fresh eggs from the chickens. Despite the rainy weather we had a great day full of fun and new experiences with the animals.



Pop Up Prayer Space

This week our Chaplains led our termly Pop up Prayer Space for the whole school, with a focus on our Catholic Social Teaching theme of We All Matter. They explored the theme with reverence and maturity, also reflecting about who and what they are thankful for in their lives. These sessions are always so well received by the children.



Lunchtime Reading Club

Our Year 5 and 6 Librarians have been running our Tuesday lunchtime Reading Club this term. A space for children to relax and enjoy a good books. Every week they also take feedback from the children attending to see how it can be improved. It has been wonderful to see so many children enjoying books! Well done Librarians.



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St Nicholas FC News – Wednesday 4th February

Coronation Cup match review.

St Nicks played Waycroft in the second round of the coronation cup.

St Nicks showcased a brilliant performance in end-to-end game against Waycroft putting 100% all the way through the match as they were 2-0 down five minutes before halftime Aiden and D'shaden lead the team to bring St Nicks level 2-2 before the break. Second half began and the game was still level Noah in goal for making numerous great saves defending his goals however sadly St Nicks journey through the Coronation cup ended as it was approaching full time Waycroft scored two more goals winning the game and knocking St nicks out.

Player of the match was Noah for making huge saves which kept St nicks in the game fighting to try and win.

Parent Sharing Learning

Thank you to the parents who were able to come to school today to spend some time looking through the work the children have been doing. These sessions provide an opportunity to celebrate their achievements and to look at the targets they are working on.



St Nicholas FC News – Monday 9th February

St Nicks travelled to Easton primary for their end of term football match derby both the boys and the girls played in the match.

Girls were up first; their first match of the year and they played amazing encouraging and lifting up each other spirits from start to finish. The first goal of the game went to St Nicks as Lataiah on her debut got herself a solo goal dribbling through Easton's defence helping St Nicks take the lead before half time. Second half under way and Easton scored straight away levelling the game 1-1. With great efforts from Chizzie creating a pass from defence to Ivana who then scored for St nicks to lead the game 2-1 shortly after Easton broke through our defences and scored a second goal bring the game back to deadlock. All the girls continued to support each other and push themselves to get the win over Easton. Two minutes before the end of the game also on her debut Zuzia scored with a pass from Ivana breaking deadlock and St Nicholas won the girls derby against Easton ending 3-2.

It was the boys turn next. The boys had their heads held high and got the match underway with a brilliant strike from jahkai making St Nicks take the lead early on in the match. Tough end to end first half and Easton managed get two goals before the end of the first half. Second half underway St Nick's showing fighting spirit and wonderful team play. Noah making amazing saves keeping St Nicks still in the game and saving a penalty! However, Easton managed to get the rebound and scored St Nicks were trailing 3-1 until Jahkai again scoring a St Nicks second goal of the evening making the game 3-2 and St Nicks were one goal behind then Dshaden our senior players scores levelling the game 3-3. St Nicks kept showing determination to win the game for St Nicks however in the closing minutes of the game lost 8-3.


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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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Attendance

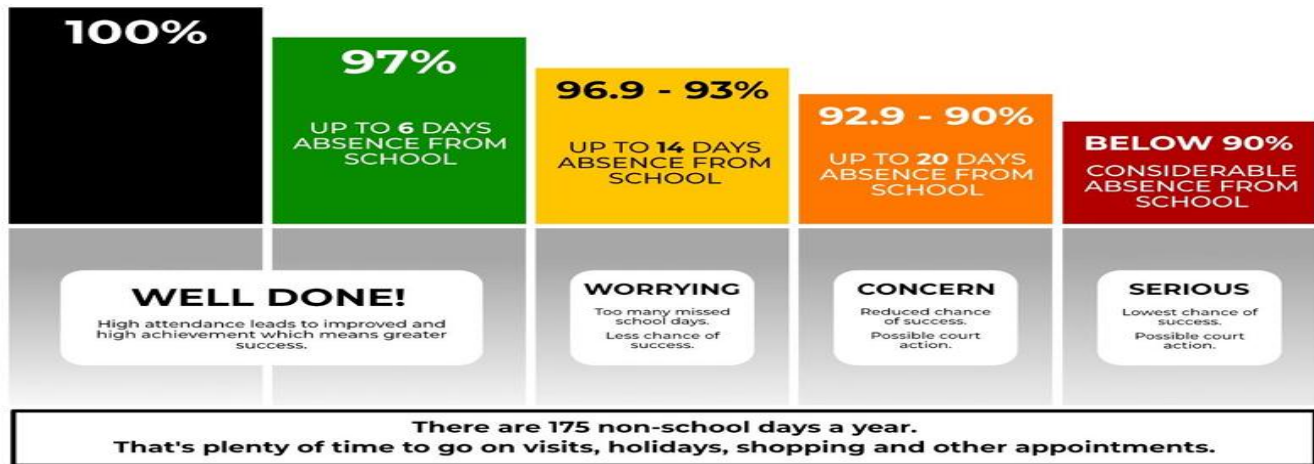
Thank you to those children who attend school regularly and on time. We will continue to monitor closely, if attendance continues to be a concern, we will send out an earlier letter than the end of term. The target for all pupils is set at **96.1%** and any figure below is a concern.

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	94.6%	99.4%	2
Emerald Class	83.4%	72.9%	7
Ruby Class	94.9%	93.2%	9
Amethyst Class	95%	93.6%	12
Sapphire Class	97.4%	97.1%	0
Topaz Class	93.6%	94.6%	16
Total	93.5%	92.3%	46

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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 4 Dates

Date	Event
Monday 23 rd February	Term 4 Starts
Tuesday 24 th February	3.30pm Y5 Parent meeting
Wednesday 25 th February	Rags to Riches Collection 9.30am Ash Wednesday Mass – All Welcome
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 18 th March	1.30pm – Family Forest Session
Friday 20 th March	Ruby and Amethyst Trip to Roman Baths
Monday 23 rd March	Ruby Class Preludes Trip
Wednesday 1 st April	9am – School Nurse Coffee Morning
Thursday 2 nd April	INSET DAY – Term 4 finishes

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James