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'Where charity and love are, God is there'

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Welcome back to St Nicholas of Tolentine! I hope you all had a wonderful half term and managed to make the most of the beautiful sunshine we've been blessed with lately.

It's been wonderful to see our school community come back with such energy and enthusiasm. Wednesday morning was a perfect example of this – Mrs Barker and her running group started the day with brilliant energy, setting a fantastic tone for everyone. There's something special about beginning the week with that kind of positive momentum.

Our Fun Friday at breakfast club has been a real highlight. We've been dancing in the sun, singing our favourite hymns, and beginning our day with a joyful energy that's infectious. If you haven't joined us yet, I'd love to see more of our families there next Friday at 8:30am. It's a wonderful way to start your day together and be part of our school community.

Ruby class had an exciting outing to Pizza Express this week, where they made their own pizzas and enjoyed eating them in the sunshine. It's these experiences that bring learning to life and create such special memories for our pupils.

On the sporting front, our girls football team had their first match this week. Well done to all the players involved – more details will follow next week, but we're incredibly proud of their commitment and enthusiasm.

This term, our school will be reflecting deeply on our Catholic Social Teaching theme of rights and responsibilities. Our mission for the term asks an important question: how can we be responsible? This is something we're exploring across the whole school, and it's at the heart of everything we do. I'm impressed by how our pupils are engaging with these values and thinking about what it means to be responsible members of our community.

Our Year 6 pupils are busy bees at the moment, preparing for their SATs tests which take place in two weeks. The whole school is behind them, and I want to say how proud we are of the work they are doing. They're showing real determination and resilience, and we're confident in their abilities.

There's so much happening this term, and I'd encourage you to look at the dates list included in this newsletter for all the activities and events coming up. It's shaping up to be a busy and exciting term, and I look forward to sharing more updates with you in the weeks ahead.

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John 10:1-10 The 4th Sunday of Easter, Year A

Jesus told a parable to his disciples to help them understand that he was the Good Shepherd who they should follow, but they did not understand. So Jesus said, "I am the gate of the sheepfold. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: they will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. Whoever tries to climb into the sheepfold some other way is a thief and a robber who wants to steal and kill. But I have come so that everyone can have the fullness of life."

When we really know Jesus and how much he loves us, it's natural to want to follow him. By following Jesus, we too can help others to know and love God – to experience the fullness of life, to live in God's love - here and now!

"It is for each of us to learn the path by which Jesus requires us to follow him, and to follow in that path." St Katharine Drexel

We can follow Jesus in the simple things we do in our lives every day, and make life better for all the family and everyone around us.

Mission this week How can we follow Jesus the Good Shepherd this week?



Dear Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who knows us by name and guides us through life. Please help us to hear your voice and follow you always. Amen.

Ruby Class become Chefs!

Ruby class took on the role of Pizza Chefs this week. The class walked to Pizza Express, put on their chef hats and aprons and were given the opportunity to make some delicious pizzas. They stretched and kneaded the dough to the right size, spread some passata and added a delicious helping of cheese. They had a great time and represented the school brilliantly. On the arrival back to school they sat in the glorious sunshine and enjoyed their hand made pizzas. Well done Ruby Class.



Catholic Social Teaching – We are responsible

This week the children have been introduced to our Catholic Social Teaching theme for the term, where are focusing on being responsible. Thinking about how we can make a difference to others through our responsibilities. What actions could you take to be responsible as God wants us to do?

Leaders in Faith – Bronze Award

This week in celebration assembly we recognised 4 children who have achieved their Bronze Level within our Leaders In Faith programme. Well done to Ivana in Year 5; Zion, Firaol and Adam in Year 1 who have demonstrated great commitment to faith life at St Nicholas. Please do speak with your children about the activities they are working on.

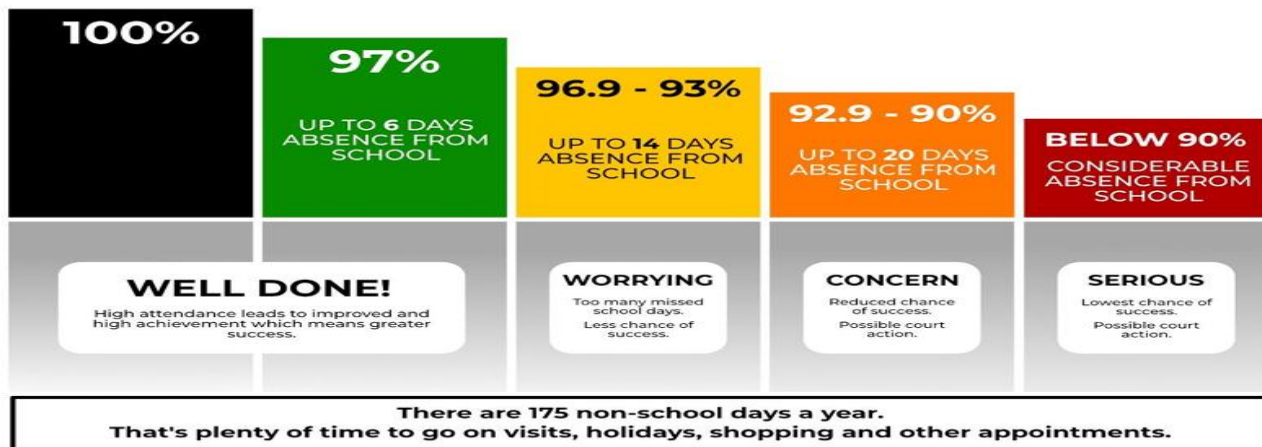
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Attendance

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.

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



Class	Yearly Attendance	This week's attendance	Late sessions this week
Diamond Class	94.6%	100%	
Emerald Class	83.22%	81.9%	
Ruby Class	94.6%	98.7%	
Amethyst Class	94.5%	94.7%	
Sapphire Class	97.7%	99.5%	
Topaz Class	92.6%	93.5%	
Total	93.1%	95%	

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 5 Dates

Date	Event
Monday 27 th April	Clubs Start this week
Tuesday 28 th April	9am – Ruby Class parents invited for class Prayer and Liturgy
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed



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Tuesday 5 th May	9am – Amethyst Class parents invited for class Prayer and Liturgy
Wednesday 6 th May	EYFS Nempnett Pasture Farm trip 9am – Sweet Dreams Parent Support from School Nurse 3.30pm – St Nicks FC V May Park – Away game
Monday 11 th May – Friday 15 th May	YEAR 6 KS2 SATS
Friday 15 th May – Friday 22 nd May	Book Fair in school
Monday 18 th May	Rainbow Run – Sponsored Run raising money for Cancer Research 3.30pm – Dodgeball – St Nicks V Easton – Away
Tuesday 19 th May	9am – Sapphire Class parents invited for class Prayer and Liturgy
Friday 22 nd May	INSET DAY End of Term 5

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James