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'Where charity and love are, God is there'

Term 5 Newsletter 07.05.26

What a busy and wonderful two weeks we have had at St Nicholas of Tolentine! There is so much to celebrate and share with our community. First, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Miss Stanger and Miss Logan, who have worked tirelessly to prepare our Year 6 pupils for their SATs next week. The dedication and care they have shown our children has been truly inspiring, and we are so proud of all the pupils for their hard work and commitment. I do want to remind parents and carers that it is essential all Year 6 children are in school on time next week to ensure they do not miss any of the papers. Your support in getting them here promptly is greatly appreciated.

Last week we were treated to our Poetry Slam, and it was absolutely AMAZING! Every class performed, and we had the privilege of hearing all the winners from each class showcase their talents. The confidence and ability our pupils displayed was truly remarkable – we have such talented performers here at St Nicholas, and it was wonderful to celebrate their achievements in such a vibrant and engaging way.

Our Early Years pupils have also been making wonderful memories this week with their visit to a working farm. They got to feed the animals and even enjoy a ride on a tractor – the kind of primary school experiences that children treasure for years to come. It was lovely to see their joy and curiosity as they explored and learned in such a hands-on way.

As we move through May, I want to reflect on the significance of this month for us as a Catholic school. May is known as the Month of Mary, a time when we honour Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in a special way. It is a period dedicated to prayer, reflection, and devotion, as we give thanks for Mary's example of faith, love, and trust in God. As a school community, we look to Mary as a role model, inspiring us to show kindness, compassion, and service to others in our daily lives. We have been blessed to receive Rosary Beads for every child, and our Chaplains have been delivering wonderful workshops teaching the pupils how to pray the Rosary. It has been particularly special to see pupils independently leading prayer at lunchtimes – these calm, reflective moments during our busy days are so valuable for our community. I do encourage you to check the dates for when parents are invited in to celebrate prayer and liturgy with your child's class. These are meaningful opportunities to share in our Catholic life together.

Once again, good luck to Year 6 next week – the whole of St Nicholas is behind you.

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John 14:15-21 The 6th Sunday of Easter, Year A

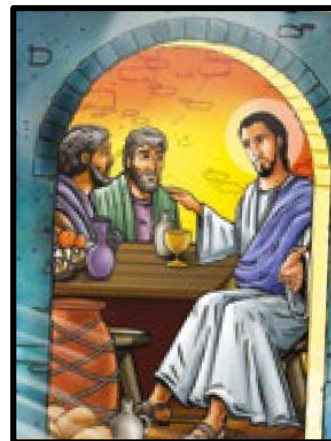
In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that, when he returns to heaven, he will ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit to be their helper. The Holy Spirit is God's loving gift to every believer, helping us understand Jesus' words and reminding us that God is always close to us.

Jesus said to his friends, the disciples, "If you love me you will keep my commandments. I will pray to the Father and he will give you a Helper (the Holy Spirit) to be with you forever. I will not leave you alone. I will come back to you. I am going back to the Father now, but you will see me because I am alive. And because I live, you will live too. Anyone who loves me keeps my commandments. And those who love me will be loved by my Father. I will love them, and they will see me as I truly am."

*"Happy the person whose words come from the Holy Spirit."
St Anthony of Padua*

We can ask the Holy Spirit to guide and help us to do and say the right thing.

Mission this week: How can we help spread the Holy Spirit?



**Dear Lord Jesus, please send
your Holy Spirit into our lives to
be our helper
and to guide us, so that we can
be a great help to those around
us. Amen.**

St Nicholas Girls FC V Westown Lane

An Away fixture for the girls in their cup match against Weston town lane academy ended up in a 4-0 loss. No matter the score the girls kept their head held high showing an amazing display of courage and team work as they kept pushing for a goal until the final minutes Reign was the player of the match making great decision making, amazing throw to give us chances and showed great defending attributes when it came to marking the other players

St Nicholas FC V St Bons FC

St Nicks played St Bons at home a rivalry between trust. St Nicks played with heart and courage D.M (year 6) made some great chances during the match. St Nicks ended the match with a 3-0 loss in our league fixture but that didn't break our played during the match they continued to seek for many opportunities to get back in the game no arguing just pure team spirit and showcased a positive attitude. Player of the match Abuzar he stepped up in goal and made amazing and was applauded for his team mates not only but the parents from both teams gave a big clap after all his saves.



Book Fair

The travelling Book Fair is returning
From the 15th until the 21st May, the book fair will be open in the school hall selling some very exciting new books!
It will be open after school from 3:15pm every day (and also at breakfast club on Mon 18th - Thu 21st)

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Poetry Slam

Our St Nicholas Poetry Slam was a wonderful celebration of creativity and teamwork, with the powerful theme "We are." Every class collaborated to write a shared poem, developing both their ideas and their performance skills along the way. The event showcased a rich variety of poetry styles and confident performances, truly highlighting the talent across the school. A special well done to the winners from each class who took to the stage with such confidence and flair. We are especially proud of Ivana in Year 5, who has been invited to perform her poem live on the radio—be sure to tune into Ujima Radio on Saturday 23rd May at 10am to hear her fantastic work. Thank you to Miss McAllister for organising such a great writing and performance event for our children. Thank you to all the parents who joined us to support the children and enjoy the performances.



**POETRY
SLAM**



EYFS Visit Nempnett Pasture Farm

Our EYFS children had a wonderful adventure at the farm this week. They enjoyed an exciting tractor ride, learnt all about animal lifecycles, and even had the chance to feed the cows and lambs. A big highlight was jumping and playing in the hay bales. We had so much fun!



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St Nicks rainbow



run!



Monday 18th May

**All children are invited to wear
rainbow colours to school to run
in.**

**We are raising money for Cancer
Research UK.**



**Children (and staff!) will be
running as many laps as they can
round the KS2 field.**

**Sponsorship money to be returned
to the school office by Thursday
21st May.**

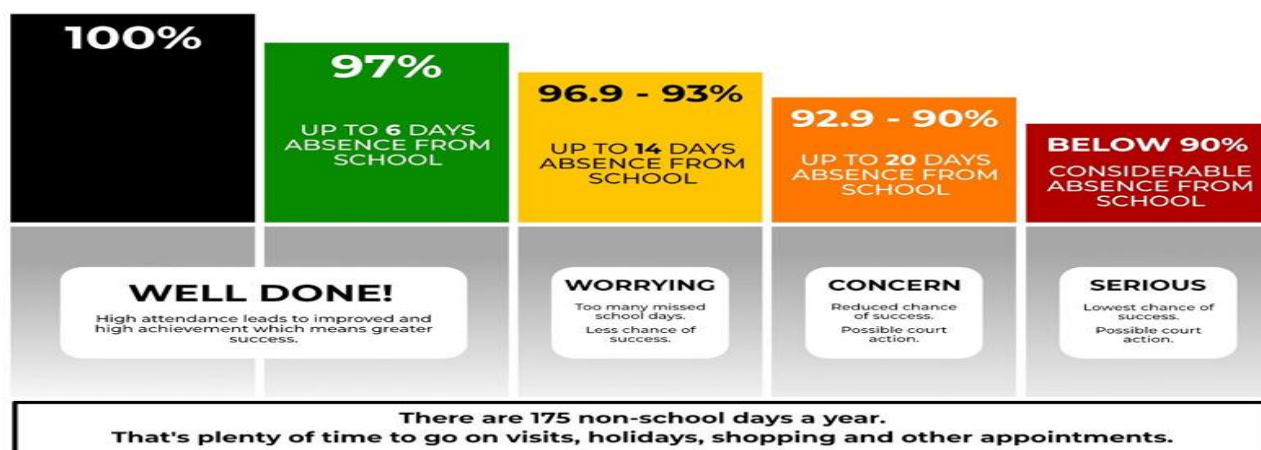
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Attendance

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	94.48%	97.22%	2
Emerald Class	83.38%	78.29%	3
Ruby Class	94.52%	92.31%	6
Amethyst Class	94.89%	97.92%	11
Sapphire Class	97.42%	95.24%	4
Topaz Class	92.65%	94.79%	7
Total	93.14%	92.9%	33

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 11 th May – Friday 15 th May	YEAR 6 KS2 SATS
Friday 15 th May – Friday 22 nd May	Book Fair in school

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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
Thursday 21 st May	Cultural Celebration Day – come dressed to represent your culture
Friday 22 nd May	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN

Term 6 Dates

Date	Event
Monday 1 st June	Term 6 Starts – all children in school Multiplication Check starts for Y4
Tuesday 2 nd June	9am Diamond Class parents invited for Prayer and Liturgy
Monday 8 th June	Y5 Visit to St Bede's Phonics Screening starts for Y1
Tuesday 9 th June	9am Topaz Class parents invited for Prayer and Liturgy 4pm New Reception Parents introduction meeting
Thursday 11 th June	Y6 Peers Reduce Fears workshop @City Academy
Monday 15 th June – Wednesday 17 th June	Y6 CAMP
Friday 19 th June	Y6 Leavers Mass @Clifton Cathedral
Wednesday 24 th June	Nurture trip to Nempnet Pasture – Selected Children
Friday 26 th June	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN
Monday 29 th June	Sports Day – KS1 morning, KS2 afternoon
Wednesday 1 st July	Free Family Forest Session
Monday 6 th July	Rags to Riches
Monday 13 th July	Meet new teachers – Shuffle up
Tuesday 14 th July	1.30pm – Y6 End of Year Play
Wednesday 15 th July	End of Year Mass – All welcome
Monday 20 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 22 nd July	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James