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What a wonderfully busy term we've had at St Nicholas of Tolentine! As we approach the end of this short but action-packed period, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on all that our school community has achieved together.

I must begin by celebrating our Year 6 pupils, who have completed their SATs with such impressive dedication and professionalism. Every single pupil arrived on time each day, and they sat their papers together as a year group, showing real resilience and determination. This is a testament not only to their hard work but also to the tireless preparation and support provided by Miss Stanger and Miss Logan. Thank you to both of them for their commitment to ensuring our pupils were as ready as they could possibly be.

Beyond the classroom, we've been fortunate to welcome some wonderful visitors and experiences into school. Our Book Fair brought such excitement, with pupils and families alike exploring the shelves and discovering new stories to take home. It's always heartening to see that love of reading celebrated across our community.

We were also privileged to host the young Climate Warriors for a special assembly. Their visit gave us all an opportunity to reflect on how we can care for the world that God gave us. This message resonated throughout the whole school and has sparked important conversations about our environmental responsibilities.

Our Rainbow Sponsored Run was another highlight of the term. With the brilliant support of Mrs Barker, our pupils ran their socks off, and I was so proud of their enthusiasm and effort. The money raised will go towards Cancer Research UK, and it's wonderful that our community continues to support such meaningful causes.

In our Religious Education learning, Diamond class had the opportunity to visit our local church, where they were able to explore the building and sketch some of their favourite features. These real-world experiences bring our curriculum to life in such a special way.

We concluded the term on a high note with our Cultural Diversity Celebration day. Seeing our entire school community come together, dressed to represent their cultures, was truly special. It reminded me just how fortunate we are to have such a rich tapestry of cultures represented at St Nicholas of Tolentine. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported this wonderful celebration.

As we move towards half term, I want to extend my gratitude to all of you for your continued support. Please note that tomorrow is an INSET day, and we will welcome you all back on Monday, 1st June.

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John 20:19-23 (Pentecost Sunday, Year A)

In the evening, the disciples were gathered in a room. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the people who had crucified Jesus. Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said to them. He showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord. "Peace be with you," Jesus said to them again. "As the Father has sent me, so I now send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said to them. "If you forgive the sins of anyone, then they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

This coming Sunday the Church celebrates Pentecost. This is the feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church – a gift which we now receive at Baptism, Confirmation and at Mass.

Pentecost is not just a historical event. The Holy Spirit is alive and active today. As the Church prepares to celebrate Pentecost Sunday, let's be open to receiving the many priceless gifts which the Holy Spirit offers to enrich our lives.

*"The extraordinary outpouring of Pentecost continues. The Holy Spirit transforms us and wants to transform the world."
Pope Francis (Pope from 2013-2025)*



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.

Young Climate Warrior Assembly

Last week we had a special Young Climate Warriors assembly, where we found out the effects of greenhouse gases on our precious planet. We thought about changes we can make to Care for Creation, saying "because we love our planet, we can make some changes. Little by little a little becomes a lot."

EYFS visit the St Nicholas Church

Reception class are currently exploring what makes a church special. During today's visit, the children took clipboards into the church and carefully observed and sketched their favourite features.



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Cultural Diversity Celebration Day

The school was awash with colour as pupils and staff came dressed to represent their cultures and heritage, creating a vibrant and joyful celebration of our diverse community. It was wonderful to share and learn about each other's traditions, strengthening our understanding and respect for one another. At St Nicholas, we are proud to be a school where everyone is welcomed, valued and celebrated, and this special day truly reflected our commitment to inclusion and belonging for all.

Rainbow Run

On Monday, the whole school came together for a vibrant Sponsored Rainbow Run, raising money for Cancer Research UK. Pupils and staff showed fantastic teamwork and determination as they ran laps of the field, supporting one another every step of the way. Through this event, we lived out Catholic Social Teaching by working for the common good and showing solidarity with those affected by illness, demonstrating how our collective efforts can make a real difference. Well done, Team St Nicholas!



Service in Honour of Mary

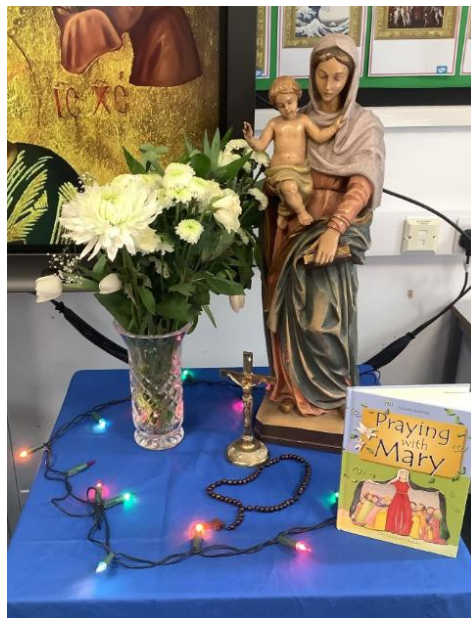
Our Service in Honour of Mary was a beautiful reminder of a centuries-old tradition in the Catholic Church, where we celebrate Mary as Queen of Heaven. Through our procession and the offering of flowers and floral crowns, we showed our love and respect for Mary, the mother of Jesus, just as countless people have done for hundreds of years. During the service, we reflected on how, despite not being a princess or a queen, Mary was chosen by God for this most important mission because of her humility, faith and trust. Together, we asked Mary to pray with us and for us, bringing our intentions before God. We were also encouraged to think about how we can live out Mary's virtues in our daily lives—showing kindness, patience, courage and obedience to God. It was a prayerful and joyful occasion that brought our community together in faith and reflection.



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Pop Up Prayer Space

Our Pop-Up Prayer Space in celebration of Our Mother Mary provided a calm and reflective opportunity for pupils to deepen their faith. Through a variety of thoughtful activities, including praying the Rosary, pupils considered how they can follow Mary's example in their own lives. They reflected on intentions they wished to offer in prayer, explored words to describe Mary's qualities, and discussed what her life teaches us about faith, kindness and trust in God. The space encouraged quiet reflection and meaningful discussion, allowing everyone to engage in their own personal way. Well done to our Chaplains for leading another wonderful and inspiring prayer session.



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

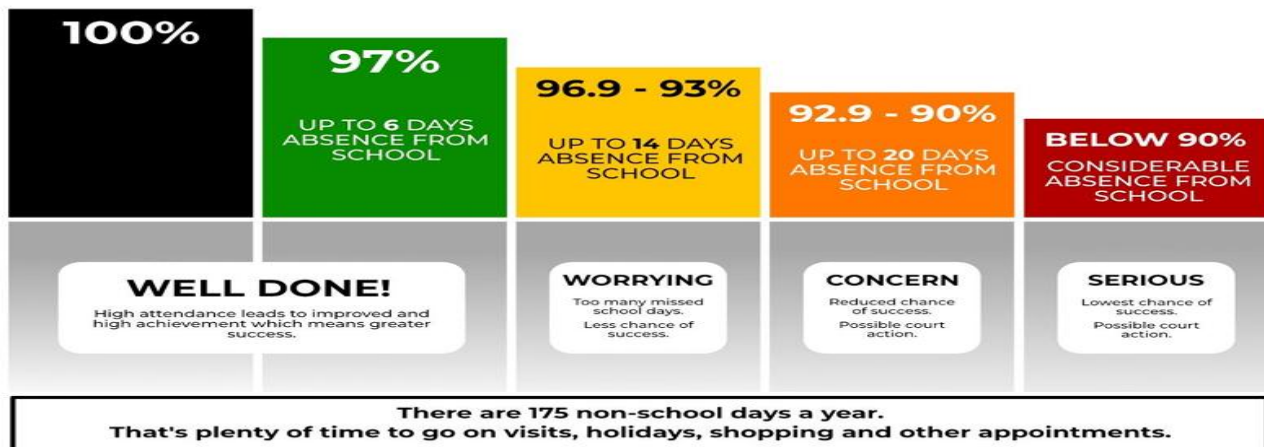
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Attendance

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	94.5%	99.3%	1
Emerald Class	83.4%	76.3%	7
Ruby Class	94.5%	89.5%	4
Amethyst Class	94.7%	89.5%	11
Sapphire Class	97.3%	95.2%	4
Topaz Class	92.8%	90.6%	11
Total	93.1%	90.1%	38

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.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James