St Nicholas C of E (VA) Primary School and Nursery



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Our Value this half term is Service

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Sports Day! Thank you to all of you who were able to come and support our Sports Day today. We hope you enjoyed it as much as the children did. Congratulations to St Francis House who won and to St Andrew who came second and St Clare and St Catherine who came joint third. Please see the Sports Ambassadors' speeches on the following page. We are proud of all the children who all gave their best as they took part and were great at supporting each other.

Maths Shed We no longer use Mathletics as an online platform but now have Maths Shed which can be accessed by the children at home or school using the same password they use for Spelling Shed. There are some amazing resources on there so please do have a look at it with your children and encourage them to do some of the activities.

Safety message Please can we ask parents and carers to set a good example by crossing Six Hills Way via the underpasses and **not over** the road. It is such a busy road and there have been a few near misses where cars have had to break hard to miss pedestrians. It is a notorious black spot so please do not endanger yourself or your children.

Free School Meals Hertfordshire County Council have advised us that some of our children could be eligible for benefit related free school meals. The county council identified children who may be eligible, but aren't claiming, using data from the Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) as part of the Household Support Fund project.

To check if your child is eligible please apply at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.

If successful, your child will get a free school meal every school day and a £60 food voucher for the Summer holidays (subject to funding still being available).

For every eligible child, your school also gets over £1,000 from the government which can be spent on education and support for children entitled to free school meals – this is called pupil premium.

Achievements

Each week we focus on a learning behaviour and one or two children who display this behaviour in each class will receive a certificate in celebration of this. Our learning behaviour this week has been **Independence**.

Congratulations to: **YR**: Alfonso; **Y1**: Alfie; **Y2**: David; **Y3**: Poppy; **Y4**: Rinia & Noah W; **Y5**: Andy; **Y6**: Ethan.

Next week we will be focusing on Listening.

Sporting Achievements

The **Y6 Netball Team** won a fantastic 15 – 3 against Woolenwick School yesterday; a huge well done to you all. They are playing again this afternoon against Roebuck School at home.



Giving your child their first mobile phone? The BBC Own It app has been designed for children who are getting their first mobile device, to help them to make considered choices, feel more confident, and have positive online experiences. It gives children and young people advice in real-time as they type or go online. For example, it will tell them if they type a comment which might be unkind.

Nursery places We still have a few places in our Nursery for September. Please call the Office if you have a child born between 01.09.20 and 31.08.21 and you have not yet applied for a place.

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Collins

Sports Day Speeches

A special thank you to our Sports Ambassadors for helping to keep everything running smoothly this morning; you all did a fantastic job. The Sports Ambassadors from each House said a few words after the trophies had been presented; here is what they said:

St Francis

"On behalf of all of the green team, well done to everyone who took part today. There was an excellent effort from everyone. Well done to our House, St Francis, for winning and to everyone for taking part in Sports Day."

St Andrew

"Congratulations to St Francis for winning the 2024 Sports Day. Hopefully St Andrew's will win next year and we hope everyone has had a good time."

St Catherine

"First of all we want to say a big well done to St Catherine's for participating in today's sports day. Even though we didn't win, we still tried our best and I know that we will come first in one of the upcoming years. Congratulations to St Francis."

St Clare

"Well done to green team for winning sports day. It's been fun having egg and spoon, dress up races, relays and more. Keep trying for next year and well done."

Diary Dates

- Monday 1st July Y3 & Y4 Visit to Mountfitchet Castle
- Thursday 4th July –Y5 & Y6 Visit to a Hindu Temple
- Monday 8th July Y2 Trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park
- Thursday 11th July Moving up day
- Monday 15th July Year 6 Production
- Tuesday 16th July Year 6 Production
- Thursday 18th July pm Leavers' Service in church
- Friday 19th July Last day of term Early finish 1:30pm No After School Club
- Wednesday 4th September Back to school!