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



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# Our Value this half term is Compassion

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Welcome back to a new and exciting term. It's been lovely meeting some of our new families and chatting to you and your children and sharing stories of the Summer.

**The School Day** A reminder of the school day timings:

Children can come onto the playground from 08:35. They enter their class at **08:45**.

The children in the **Infants** finish the day at **15.15** and our **Juniors 15:20**.

School Milk Milk can be ordered for children via Dairylink. Parents are required to register and order via their online ordering system. Children under 5 years old are entitled to free milk each day, however, you will still need to register with Dairylink in order to for them to receive it. Please register on the below link if you would like your child to receive school milk. (Orders have already been placed for children entitled to Free School Meals) Order milk today | School Milk | DairyLink UK Ltd

Are you entitled to *Free School Meals*? Children in receipt of FSM also receive additional funding to support their learning for the next 6 years of their education, including support with trips and music lessons. Please check your eligibility and apply: <a href="mailto:freeschoolmeals@hertfordshire.gov.uk">freeschoolmeals@hertfordshire.gov.uk</a>

**For Year 3 children** - If your child was already in receipt of Free School Meals in KS1, please note that *you will have to make an application again* now that children have moved in to Year 3.

**We are a Nut Free school** Due to the increased severity and number of children with allergies, we are a nut free school. Please ensure that products containing nuts do not come into school.

**School snacks KS1 children** receive a piece of fruit or veg every day to eat mid-morning. **KS2 children** can bring in a piece of fruit or vegetables to eat at break time. **No sweets** or other snacks allowed to encourage healthy eating.

Birthdays We enjoy celebrating your childrens' birthdays but please do not send them in with sweets or anything else to share with their class. Unfortunately we are unable to hand out any food due to the range of allergies and intolerances and sending in other items can put pressure on other families unintentionally. There is no expectation for families to do anything but if you would like to mark their birthday in school, you could buy a favourite book to donate to their class and we will put a sticker in it saying that it has been donated on behalf of your child, to celebrate their birthday. Thank you for your understanding.

**Secondary Schools** will be holding Open Evenings over the next few weeks. Dates have been sent to Year 6 families; please do visit to find out more about them.



We want to keep you as up to date and as informed as possible about how to keep you and your family safe online, so we are introducing a weekly SOS message. While online safety messages are often far from simple, we will do our best to keep the messages short and will provide links where appropriate for further details.

Did you know that at the bottom of our school's website home page you will find a button that takes you directly to the CEOP Report page? This is where you will find advice and support if you are worried about how someone is communicating online and where you can confidentially report online sexual abuse or inappropriate online communications that involve you or someone you know.

#### **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 next week will be *Independence*.

Have a great weekend. Mrs Collins

Learning, Loving, Living in God's Family

# Diary dates

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September Years 1, 3 and 5: Meet the teacher curriculum chat in classrooms
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September Years 2, 4 and 6: Meet the teacher curriculum chat in classrooms
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September Individual School Photos
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September Harvest Service in school
- Monday 13th Friday 17th October Y5 Cycle Training (for those who have booked it)
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October Parent and Carer Consultation Evening
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October Parent and Carer Consultation Evening
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October Flu immunisations in school
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October Occasional Day School Closed
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October Half Term
- Week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> November APDR meetings
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November Drumming Workshop in school
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November second round of Flu immunisations in school
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November Film night (t.b.c.)
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Fete after school (t.b.c.)
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Nativities (times t.b.c.)
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December Key Stage 2 Carol Service
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December Pantomime in school
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December School Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December Christingle service in school
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December Last Day of Term Early Finish 1.30pm No After School Club
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December INSET Day School Closed
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 Back to School