

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

'Love one another as I have loved you'

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Virtue to Live By:
Perseverance and Resilience

Dear Parents and Carers

We continue to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection in this Easter season, as the Church's Sunday readings remind us that Christ is risen and that we are called to live as his people of hope, peace and joy. Eastertide is a time of celebration that continues for 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, and it is a beautiful reminder that the light of Christ remains with us in our daily lives and in the life of our school community.

We ended last term with our wonderful Easter production from Years 3 and 4, which retold the story of Holy Week with great reverence and impact. The singing was beautiful, the acting was expressive and thoughtful, and the performance gave us all a powerful opportunity to reflect on the events of Holy Week and the gift of Easter.

The whole school then came together for our Stations of the Cross walk around the school grounds, which was a moving and prayerful experience for children and staff alike. It was a special occasion which helped everyone to reflect more deeply on the journey of Jesus and the meaning of Holy Week in a very memorable and prayerful way.

Summer Uniform: Summer term has begun with some lovely sunshine and a reminder that children may now wear their summer uniform. Full uniform information can be found on the school website. Please also remember that children need to return their pumps to school as soon as possible.

Lost Property: We also have a large amount of lost property in the chest in the shelter on the Key Stage 1 playground. Please do take a look if you are able. The items will be laid out on display next week in the hope that we can reunite as many belongings as possible with their owners.

St George: It has been a joy to see our Year 1/2 celebrating the St George assembly this week. The children did a wonderful job with their reading, acting and storytelling, and it was a lovely way to bring history and tradition to life for the school community.



This is a very short term of only five weeks, so there is much to look forward to. Please note that school will be closed on **Monday 4th May** for the Bank Holiday. We will make the most of the weeks ahead with a full and exciting calendar of activities and events.

Feathery Visitors: Reception have had some very exciting visitors in the form of duck eggs, which have now hatched into ducklings. They have been a delightful addition to school life and have provided the children with a wonderful opportunity to observe life cycles first-hand.

Year 6 will be taking part in the **SATs national tests** during the week beginning **11th May**. It is extremely important that all Year 6 children are in school every day that week and arrive on time so that they can take part in the tests fully and calmly. A letter regarding a free breakfast club during SAT week will be coming out shortly. This is a great way to let the children settle and relax before the school day begins.

The week beginning **18th May** is our **Sports Week**, and our annual Sports Day will take place on **Wednesday 20th May**, weather permitting. A more detailed letter will follow with the necessary arrangements and timings.

Year 3 will also be going on their trip to **Mission Out** on **Friday 22nd May**. School will then close for the half-term break at **3.30pm** on that day.



The Hive: We are thrilled that our after-school provision, **The Hive**, opened last week and the children seem to be having a fantastic time. The Hive provides a safe, engaging and inclusive environment where children can relax, play and learn at the end of the school day. Our aim is to offer high-quality wraparound care that supports busy families and reflects the Catholic ethos and values of our school.

We are committed to providing high-quality, well-organised sessions, ensuring children's safety, wellbeing and happiness, offering a range of fun age-appropriate activities, maintaining clear communication with parents and carers, and operating in line with school, local authority and national safeguarding expectations. Standard sessions run from the end of the school day until **4.45pm**, extended sessions run until **6.00pm**, and on Fridays the extended session ends at **4.45pm**. If you would like your child to attend, either regularly or from time to time, please contact the school office for more information and a registration form.

Finally, we would like to share a staffing update. **Mrs Churlish** will be beginning her maternity leave on **Friday 8th May**. We wish her every joy and blessing as she prepares for this special time with her family. We are also delighted to welcome **Mr Coimbra** to the team, and I am sure you will join us in making him feel very welcome at St Nicholas.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

With best wishes,

Mrs Burns

Headteacher