

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

'Love one another as I have loved you'



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Virtue: Courage

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a joy it is to share all the wonderful happenings at St Nicholas with you this week. In last Sunday's Gospel for the Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (Matthew 9:36–10:8), we heard how Jesus looked upon the crowds with compassion, seeing that they were *'harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd.'* He then sent his disciples out to share their gifts with the world, reminding them, *'Freely you have received; freely give.'* This message sits at the very heart of life at St Nicholas. Each day our children are encouraged to look out for one another with kindness, to recognise the talents God has given them, and to use those talents generously in the service of others. It has been a real delight to see this lived out so beautifully this week – from our oldest pupils caring for our youngest, to children dreaming about the people they might one day become.

A Glorious Sports Day

After the disappointment of having to postpone our first attempt, the sunshine finally arrived and our rescheduled Sports Day was an absolute triumph! It was wonderful to see so many of you lining the field, picnic blankets out, cheering on every race with such warmth. The children gave their all – running, jumping, throwing and, most importantly, encouraging their teammates every step of the way. The teamwork, determination and good sportsmanship on display were a credit to them all. Thank you to everyone who came along to make it such a special, sun-filled day – and to the weather, for finally playing its part!

All Aboard! Year 6 Rail Safety Trip

Yesterday our Year 6 children swapped the classroom for the railway as they travelled by train from Crossgates to Leeds. It was a fantastic afternoon of learning, with the children taking part in a range of hands-on workshops all about staying safe on and around the railways. A particular highlight was the train driver simulation, which gave them a real taste of what it takes to be in the driver's seat. The children represented our school impeccably and came back buzzing with everything they had learned.

Welcoming Our Reception 2026 Children

This week we were delighted to open our doors to our newest children – our Reception children starting in September 2026 – along with their parents. Through a series of gentle transition activities, the children began to find their feet, explore their new surroundings and make those all-important

first friendships. It was an absolute pleasure to meet them all. We were especially proud of our Year 5 children, who have made a wonderful start as Buddies. It is a role they cherish and look forward to enormously as part of their journey into Year 6 – and they have already shown such care, patience and kindness in helping our youngest children feel right at home.

Transition Meeting – Current Reception Parents

Our current Reception class: we will be holding a transition meeting on **Monday 29th June at 2:45pm**. This is a valuable opportunity for staff to talk you through the changes ahead, as life in Year 1 looks rather different from Reception. We do hope you can join us.

An Exemplary Safeguarding Audit

On Monday we welcomed the Leeds Safeguarding Team into school for a Safeguarding Audit. This is a thorough and rigorous process, examining everything from safer recruitment and the role of our safeguarding staff, to our policies and procedures – and even speaking directly with our pupils. We are thrilled to share that the report and feedback were outstanding, with many areas of the audit judged to be 'exemplary'. Our staff work tirelessly to maintain the very highest standards of safeguarding, and it is a real privilege to see that dedication recognised so warmly. The safety and wellbeing of your children will always be our greatest priority.

Careers Week

We have an exciting week ahead as Careers Week gets underway! A highlight will be our 'Takeover Day', when successful Year 6 applicants step into important roles for the day – including Headteacher, and working alongside our caretaker and office staff. During the week, children are warmly invited to come to school dressed as their dream job, future role or chosen profession – we cannot wait to see the doctors, engineers, footballers, artists and astronauts arrive! Our Reception children have a real treat in store, with 'Little City' arriving on Friday – an interactive, hands-on world of different jobs to explore. A heartfelt thank you to the many parents and members of our community who volunteered to come in and talk about their careers – we were absolutely overwhelmed by your generosity, and it is a wonderful chance for the children to see just how many opportunities lie ahead of them.

Catenian Cup Football

Our footballers will be in action all day tomorrow at the annual Catenian Cup, hosted by St Theresa's. Many Catholic schools from across the Diocese take part, and it promises to be a brilliant day of football, friendship and fair play. We wish our team the very best of luck – go on, St Nicholas!

A Sunny Reminder

With the weather finally beginning to warm up, please could we ask that your child comes to school with **sun cream already applied, a sun hat and a named water bottle**. A few small steps help us keep everyone happy, cool and protected while they enjoy the sunshine.

Buddy Assembly- Change of date

Our Reception children will be leading the Buddy Assembly on **Thursday 25th June at 2:45pm**, as a thank you to their Year 6 Buddies who have looked after them so well all year. Parents are welcome to join us

As ever, thank you for your continued support and for the wonderful community we share at St Nicholas. We wish you all a restful and sunny weekend.

With every good wish,

Mrs J. Burns

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