

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

'Love one another as I have loved you'



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Newsletter 2

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OUR VIRTUE FOR THE TERM: RESPECT & COURTESY

This week, respect looks like forgiveness – choosing to let go of a squabble, say sorry, and start afresh with a kind heart, just as Jesus asks of us in this Sunday's Gospel.

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

In yesterday's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus how many times he must forgive someone who wrongs him, and Jesus answers not seven times, but seventy-seven times – in other words, without limit (Matthew 18:21-35). It is a message that sits at the very heart of our school family. Children fall out over small things most days – a turn not taken, a game misunderstood – and what we try to teach them at St Nicholas is not that disagreements shouldn't happen, but that forgiveness and a fresh start always can. It feels especially fitting this week, as our older children settle into new classes and routines and our newest children continue finding their feet, that we hold on to this same spirit: patience with one another, and the courage to begin again.

We are keeping the same virtue on our banner this week – Respect & Courtesy – because true respect so often shows itself in the small, forgiving choices our children make with one another every single day.

PE Kits

A reminder that children should come to school already wearing their PE kit on the two days their class does PE. This should be a full black tracksuit, with no badges, brands or logos, please. PE days for each class are below:

Class	PE Days
Reception A & B	Monday & Friday
Year 1 – Mr Coimbra	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 1/2 – Mrs Littlewood	Monday & Thursday
Year 2 – Miss Causey	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 3 – Miss Kavanagh	Monday & Wednesday
Year 3/4 – Miss Chatt	Wednesday & Thursday
Year 4 – Miss Mountain	Wednesday & Thursday (Wednesday is also swimming – see note below)
Year 5 – Miss Newland	Wednesday & Friday
Year 5/6 – Miss Hayden	Monday & Thursday
Year 6 – Mrs Medley	Wednesday & Friday

A special note for Year 4: Wednesday is also swimming day. Please send your child in their PE kit as usual, with their swimming kit packed separately in a bag – children should not wear their swimming kit to school.

Year 6 – High School Applications

Parents and carers of children in Year 6 are warmly invited to join us on Tuesday morning at 9:10am, when we will be on hand to discuss High School applications, help with the forms, and offer any advice you need. Please enter via the school office.

Year 4 Residential – Herd Farm

The Year 4 children had an amazing time at Herd Farm last week on their residential trip. Thank you to all the staff who accompanied them and helped make it such a memorable experience. Please take a look at Instagram for some wonderful pictures of the activities.

Starting This Week

Forest Schools sessions and Year 4 swimming both begin this week – we hope the children enjoy them.

Key Stage 2 will also be taking part in an assembly led by Mindmate, who do wonderful work around mental health and wellbeing. This session will focus on transition and new beginnings in classes, which feels especially timely as the children continue to settle into this school year.

Parent Information Sessions

Over the coming weeks we will be running our first parent information sessions, showing you how English and maths are taught in the different classes and how you can support your child's learning at home. Further information, including dates, will be sent to you shortly.

The Hive – Breakfast & Afterschool Club

We currently have places available at The Hive, our breakfast and afterschool club. Please contact the school office for more details or to book a place.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We are delighted to invite you to our annual MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25th September, from 9:00am to 10:30am in the school hall.

This much-loved event is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a school community while raising vital funds for Macmillan – a charity that provides essential care and support for those affected by cancer.

We would love for as many of you as possible to join us for a warm cup of coffee, a slice of cake, and some friendly conversation as we support this important cause.

To help make the morning a success, we would be extremely grateful for donations of cakes or baked goods – homemade or shop-bought buns, cupcakes, cakes or cake bars are all very welcome. Donations can be brought to school from Monday 21st September onwards, and we sincerely appreciate your generosity.

Prayer Intentions

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition... present your requests to God." (Philippians 4:6)

At St Nicholas, we value taking time to pray, reflect and be still. We warmly invite you to share your prayer intentions with our school community by scanning the QR code below. Every intention will be placed in our Prayer Intention Box and prayed for during our daily Celebration of the Word.



If we receive enough contributions, we also plan to hold a children's cake sale at lunchtime on Friday 25th September. If your child would like to take part, please send them with a small amount of money in a clearly labelled envelope, with their name and class.

Thank you, as always, for your incredible support. We look forward to welcoming you to the coffee morning and, together, making this another successful event for such a worthy cause.

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support and partnership – together we make St Nicholas such a special place to learn and grow.

With warm regards and every blessing,

Mrs Burns

Headteacher

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