



St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

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St Nicholas School is committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Lead: Miss K Reynolds

Deputy Child Protection Leads: Mrs D Sparkes & Miss C Lowry

Named Governors for Child Protection: Mrs F Dennehy and Mr J Cookson

Living and Learning in Spirit and in Truth

Head of School's News

Well done to all of the children of St Nicholas school who participated in our fantastic sports' day event this morning. It was wonderful to welcome parents and relatives back into school to be part of the event and we were so lucky with the weather- only a few drops of rain! Many parents complimented the organisation of the event and shared how much they enjoyed being able to watch their children join in different activities alongside their peers. We were joined by young leaders from St Luke's who helped us to keep the event running smoothly. The staff were all very grateful for their support and we would like to say a massive thank you to them! I would also like to thank all of the staff for their involvement today, with a special thanks to Miss Frost who organised the whole thing brilliantly! The results are as follows:

- 1st place with 3,639 points: St Andrew
- 2nd place with 3,588 points: St George
- 3rd place with 3,583 points: St David
- 4th place with 2,847 points: St Patrick

Please remember that all photos and videos taken during the event should be kept for private use and not shared on social media. This is in line with our safeguarding policy.

Information

Important Dates:

7th and 8th July	Transition Days
13th July	Yr 3/4 World Cup football tournament
14th July	Yr 5 and 6 performance 2pm and 6pm in school
15th July	Yr 6 Leavers Mass
21st July	End of term. Summer Holidays
5th September	Children return to school and can wear summer uniform.

Information and News



Yr 6 News

This week, Year 6 enjoyed their second singing workshop with Mr Balletto from the music department at St Peter's. This time he also brought with him 3 Year 10 students who had also starred in their recent musical, Grease. We enjoyed learning how to breathe properly and getting the most out of our voices! It was a jam-packed session but we are incredibly grateful for their support, enthusiasm and encouragement!

Kilve



Year 6 have now hopefully recovered from their residential at Kilve where they enjoyed getting involved in a huge range of activities and were superb ambassadors for our school. They all earned disciples of the week for their courage and resilience. Well done Year 6!

Nut free School

Just a reminder that we are a nut free school. No items containing nuts should be brought into school for snacks or in lunch boxes to protect the children who have severe nut allergies.

Nursery

We still have some September (Autumn term) spaces in our Nursery for 3 and 4 year old children. We offer the local authority 15 hours funding as well as the extended 30 hour funding for eligible families. We would be delighted to show prospective parents our Nursery in action and to answer any questions they may have about joining our school community. Please contact Mrs Brocksom (abrocksom@stnics.uk / 01392 445403 option 4) to arrange a visit or to find out more.

Uniformd

We still have summer uniform on sale on our new platform [Uniformd](#) including dresses and shorts. Summer uniforms can be worn until October half term. If you have any items you can donate please bring them to the office. Please make sure that you clearly mark any purchased items with your child's name - if found unnamed they may go back on sale!

Diarrhoea and Vomiting (D&V)

D&V in Devon schools is increasing and we have seen a number of cases in school recently. Please note that children **MUST** be off school for at least 48 hours after their last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting and they must be well enough to return.

Governors

Governor's Day

We held a Governor's Day this week where Governors came in to carry out a number of monitoring visits. It was a chance for them all to see the school in action and to meet with teachers and pupils.

Fran Dennehy, one of our Foundation Governors commented:

I spent the day at the school on Tuesday talking to staff and pupils in school and on the playground. The pupils all said that they enjoyed school, and were well supported when they needed any help. They were very happy with the changes OPAL has brought to the playground. It was lovely to see all the children engaged in so many different kinds of play. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves whether in large or small groups and I couldn't see anyone who seemed unhappy or left out.

The staff are managing a lot of change as the school continues to push to improve for the children. They all said without hesitation that the best thing about their job was the children and how amazing they all are.

Sarah Osbond, Parent Governor:

I had the opportunity to spend the day in school this week and was delighted to find myself so warmly welcomed by children and staff.

I joined Reception and Year 1/2 for lunch. As the children ate and chatted happily with their friends, they were keen to tell me all about their recent science trip and pond dipping experiences, an exciting maths lesson that had them being detectives to solve clues, and how they are learning how to make healthy choices for their bodies.

I had the pleasure of speaking to Year 3/4 pupils about how they feel about their school and how the Gospel Values impact their wellbeing. They spoke about their opportunities to reflect through prayer, how their individual strengths were celebrated, and the opportunities they had to contribute meaningfully to their school community and beyond with WaterAid and CAFOD fundraising projects. The children gave many examples of how they look after one another every day, and how they expect their teachers and visitors to the school to treat them too.

The playground was a hive of industrious and creative play! The new OPAL materials have transformed playtimes and everywhere I looked I saw children showing ingenuity, resourcefulness and resilience. It was fantastic to see such great problem-solving and communication skills!

I very much look forward to visiting again!

We will have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor in September as one of our Governors, Angela Bosley has reached the end of her term of office. She has been a member of our Governing Body since 2015. We thank her very much for the significant contribution of time and effort she has made over the last 7 years.

If you are interested in becoming a Foundation Governor and wish to find out more please contact Mrs Brocksom (Clerk to Governors) by emailing abrocksom@stncls.uk.

Prayer

God,
Please enlighten my mind with truth,
in flame my heart with love,
inspire my will with courage,
enrich my life with service.
Pardon what I have been, sanctify what I am,
and order what I shall be.
Amen.

