



Motto: *Growing together in our Love of God, Learning and Life*

Vision and Values rooted in scripture: "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

School Vision: Pupils at St Nicholas CE Primary School are accepted and loved. They understand their worth and potential as life-long learners and as a child of God.

Our Key Values: Love, Respect, Perseverance, Trust, Courage



Hello everyone

Next week is a shorter but busy week in school. We have the raffle with lots of Easter Eggs as prizes, an Easter Lunch, a whole school visit to church and we close at 2pm on Thursday 28th March. There is no After School Club that day so please ensure all children are collected at 2pm. We re-open to all on Monday 15th April.

After Easter children are very welcome to wear Summer uniform - ie grey shorts or blue gingham dresses.

Below are snippets from each class about what they enjoyed most about Science Week in school.

Year R I liked making the marble run it was so much fun trying to make the marble go down slowly *Ashton*

I liked learning all about our planet (through time), and how Dinosaurs became extinct when a giant asteroid hit the Earth *Edward*

Year 1 I really enjoyed melting the chocolate and trying not to lick my hand when we looked at body temperature. My favourite part was when we observed the skittles and how cold and hot water changed them. They made a rainbow on the plate!! *Annabel*

Year 2 We all really enjoyed science week. My favourite part was creating a marble run. I learnt that feathers slow the marble down. *Lucas*

Year 3 We enjoyed making our marble runs. We worked well as a team and had lots of fun. *Maizie*

We also made our own Ancient Green water clocks. We had a few spills but we managed to create one. *Olivia*

Year 4 We looked at the Scientists Marie Curie and Charles Darwin's theories and our perception of time likes sundials. It was an amazing week. *Raul*

We did a big plastic count and recycled a lot of plastic. The whole week was fun. *Chisom*

Year 5 To make the Marble run, you had to use cardboard, scissors, marbles and hot glue. You had to make it the slowest out of everybody, you might use bumps to make higher friction to slow it down or you might use the runners at a smaller angle to slow it down. *Lucas*

Year 6 Last week all of the school had our science week and we were looking at time and how it passed. Year 6 were doing Charles Darwin at the time and we learnt how evolution and adaptation happened to all the animals. Evolution takes time and because of this it can take millions of years for creatures to evolve. Whilst we were studying time the school made marble runs and we had to make the marble take the most time to get to the cup as possible. In year 6 we also made fossil imprints using gummy worms as the animal and the bread as the sedimentary rock. This science week was really fun, creative and exciting. *Mack*

Have a great weekend, thank you for your support, Mr Noon.

Year 5 Visit to Towneley Park

Year 5 went to on a coach to Towneley Park in Burnley today. We learnt all about Ancient Egypt. We got to hold models from Egypt that were actually from Egypt. We got to wear some costumes the Pharaohs would wear and we even got to see a real life mummy! It was really fun and all of us had a good time.

Charlie, Y5



Speaking to children about technology. Cultural and technological changes have made the experiences of today's children vastly different to our own childhoods; it can be challenging to engage youngsters in open, honest conversation – especially about more sensitive topics. This guide provides **ten top tips for promoting open conversations with children** – helping to make sure there's someone they know they can turn to in times of need. **Please scan the QR code for more**

This Week's Awards

		Academic Award
Year R	Ava-Jae B	For fluently reading during guided reading.
Year 1	Anna K	A fantastic retelling of the Tale of the Carrot Robber.
Year 2	Adela S	For becoming more independent and becoming a spelling star!
Year 3	Deacon W	For fantastic results in his mental maths quiz.
Year 4	Anaya S	For always trying her best with every piece of work.
Year 5	Oscar K	A marked improvement in his maths assessment.
Year 6	Darcie T	For being a mathematical superstar and making amazing progress this year.

		Value Award - Justice
Year R	Nevaeh-Skye	For being kind to others and showing great perseverance.
Year 1	Isla-Grace W	For always being kind to everyone.
Year 2	George C	For showing our Values by always wanting to help!
Year 3	Tyler F	For being a good sports person.
Year 4	Evie W	For showing all of our Values.
Year 5	Coben E	For showing perseverance in his maths and reading tests.
Year 6	Lilly D	For showing amazing courage and perseverance and being an amazing Year 6 learner.

		Star Writer Award
Year R	Darcy G	For beautiful independent writing during Literacy.
Year 1	Leighton H	For working very hard all term!
Year 2	Skyla-Rose N	For always putting extra effort into her writing and developing a beautiful joined up style.
Year 3	David H	For a brilliant diary entry based on the Lancashire Cotton Mill worker.
Year 4	Marley C	A brilliantly persuasive letter as a Viking.
Year 5	Sara S	For writing a wonderful letter I role for our Jabberwocky topic.
Year 6	Darcie T	For a fantastic piece of fiction writing and making amazing progress.



Happy Birthday this week to:
 Georgia B, Tilly-Bee C and Deacon W



Absences

If your child is going to be late or absent, please phone school (01254 381875), press 1 and leave a voice message - thank you. A reason for absence must always be given. No reason given will be classed as an unauthorised absence. Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for 24 hours. A full copy of our Attendance Policy is on the school website.

No Nuts in School

Please remember to be careful when packing children's lunches and snacks sent into school. Products containing any type of nuts are not allowed due to children with nut allergies in school. Kinder Bueno and Nutella snacks contain hazelnuts - please leave these at home. Many thanks for your co-operation.



No Peaches in School

Please do not send peaches into school as there are children with allergies.



Leave In Term Time

Please note any leave during term time that is not deemed exceptional circumstances will not be authorised and a penalty notice may be issued. If you are considering leave, it is important you speak with Mr Noon.

Items Needed

School is always in need of PE kits so if you have any spare, unwanted or unworn white t-shirts, black shorts or PE pumps, please send them into school. We would also be grateful for any spare underwear/socks too. Thank you.

Headlice Alert

Please check your child's hair regularly. For further help and guidance please refer to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits>

Coats/Jackets

Please can you ensure your child brings in a coat or jacket. We play out in all weathers so children need to be prepared. Please make sure all items brought to school are clearly labelled with the child's full name.

Grapes

Please make sure all grapes are cut in half lengthways.



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PE Kits

Please ensure your child has a PE Kit in school at all times - white t-shirt, black shorts, black pumps.

Non-Urgent Medical Appointments

Please can we remind all parents to make all non-urgent appointments outside of school hours. We know this can be difficult, but please try to book dental/optician appointments in advance to avoid taking children out of school. Many thanks.

Congratulations to **Year 6** for having the highest class attendance last week.



Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.0%	97.0%	92.3%	95.3%	94.8%	96.9%	97.7%

Well done to **Tilly C, Y4**, for 100% Pupil Attendance.