



# ST. NICHOLAS C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Our Core Christian Values



This week the EYFS children have been looking at numbers up to 10 and the number line up to 10. They had loads of fun putting the number washing on the line! They have also started some work on Florence Nightingale and did a bit of acting. They have had lots of fun pretending our carpet area was a Victorian Hospital. We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday and we learnt about how to look after a book carefully. We shared our favourite books with our friends. This week the Year Ones have been looking at Florence Nightingale and how to write diary entries and in Maths they have been looking at how to solve multiplication problems involving 2s and 10s. We also celebrated World Book Day and shared some books with the other children in class.

In Pine, we have started our new topic of Nurturing Nurses. We have been looking at the lives of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. As an introduction to this topic, we had a hospital themed afternoon. We made our own lamps and practiced bandaging in our field hospital. The children enjoyed finding out about Victorian hospitals. Our English work has also been focusing on writing diary entries as if we were Florence or Mary. In Maths, Year 1 have been continuing to look at multiplication and division. In Year 2 they have been matching multiplication questions with division questions. We attended the Ash Wednesday service at the church this week where the children sang beautifully. On Thursday we had World Book Day. It was lovely to see the children dressed as their favourite book characters. We had some wonderful costumes.





Chestnut Class have worked very hard this week. We have been learning about Fair Trade and written a persuasive text all about it. In Science, we have been investigating circuits and conductors. We researched the difference between mains and battery powered electricity. We also made a circuit with a light bulb and a switch, it was great fun! In maths we have been using the bus stop method to

divide, it has been tricky but everyone has tried their very best. Well done Chestnut it has been another fantastic week!

Birch Class have had a busy week. They have been working on division in maths and learning about remainders. In English this week we have started reading 'Around the world in 80 days.' The children have been writing character descriptions and diary entries about events in the book. They have also had a wonderful time learning about Shrove Tuesday as well as cooking and eating pancakes. Well done to all the children for their excellent World Book Day costumes, we had lots of fun on Thursday talking about our favourite books and painting pictures of them.



This week Oak class have been exploring Shakespeare sonnets and working in groups to write a sonnet based on their own group ideas. We have been looking at figurative language including: similies, metaphors and personification, and seeing how these add greater depth to a sonnet. In maths we have

looked at multiples, prime numbers, factors, and short division. The children have been investigating how all these relate to each other and seeing the importance of place value. We have also looked at maths vocabulary using terminology such as, product of, multiplied by, array, groups of and divisible by. The children have also used different multiplication strategies such as, array – using rows and columns with an equal number of counters in each, equal groups – using the same number of ones in each group, repeated addition, number-line, partitioning, grid, and expanded/column methods. In RE this week, the focus has been on Judaism and charity. Students have worked on Tudor life as part of history and in art they have been painting from pictures of different places around the world as part of their free artwork. On Thursday children came to school dressed as characters from books as part of world book day.



Our Rainbow Readers are: Adam, Louisa, Mason, Millie, Jessica, Harrison E, Emily, Kyla, Roman, Thomas T

Well done to you all, you are now on your way along the Rainbow!

Don't forget to record the reading your child does on the Rainbow Reading Challenge sheet and then send it into school when you have completed the first sheet.

We understand that it is difficult to explain to children the recent world events in an age appropriate way. Below we have listed some information websites about how to help you deal with talking to your child about the conflict in Ukraine.

Supporting your child if they see upsetting content online about what is happening in Ukraine (Childnet)

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/supporting-your-child-with-upsetting-content/>

Help for teachers and families to talk to pupils about Russia's invasion of Ukraine and how to help them avoid misinformation (Department for Education)

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/25/help-for-teachers-and-families-to-talk-to-pupils-about-russias-invasion-of-ukraine-and-how-to-help-them-avoid-misinformation/>

If you wish to contact the school via e-mail, please use the following e-mail address:

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Please note, if you receive an e-mail from [StNicholasCofEPrimary@pupilasset.co.uk](mailto:StNicholasCofEPrimary@pupilasset.co.uk), please do not try to reply to this e-mail address. Although your e-mail seems to send, it does not actually come through to the school. Please reply using the [office.stnicholas@dcvst.org](mailto:office.stnicholas@dcvst.org)

### Awards

#### Golden Children

Acorn -

Mathematician Of the Week: Thea  
 Writer Of The Week: Pippa  
 Attitude To Learning: Frankie  
 Core Value of Courage: Harrison for showing the core Value of Courage as he now contributes lots more in class.

Pine –

Mathematician Of the Week: Spencer  
 Writer Of The Week: Tedd  
 Attitude To Learning: Freya  
 Core Value of Love: Anabel for showing the core value of Love towards her friends and sending them letters.

Chestnut -	<p>Mathematician Of the Week: Harrison</p> <p>Writer Of The Week: Henry</p> <p>Attitude To Learning: Siena</p> <p>Core Value of Respect: Tyson for showing the core value of respect and having a very positive attitude to all of his learning.</p>
Birch -	<p>Mathematician Of the Week: Monet</p> <p>Writer Of The Week: Jeffrey</p> <p>Attitude To Learning: Oscar</p> <p>Core Value of Respect: Lily-Rose, Alena and Esme for showing the core value of Respect during the church service on Wednesday.</p>
Oak -	<p>Mathematician Of the Week: Oliver C</p> <p>Writer Of The Week: Leo</p> <p>Attitude To Learning: Evie</p> <p>Core Value of Respect: Bella for showing the core value of respect for her good learning attitude in all of her lessons.</p>

### Red Nose Day 2022



Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> March is Comic Relief and we plan to support it by holding a PE and Quiz day across the school. The children will need to wear PE kits however if they wish to wear a Red Nose or Beanie Boppers this would be perfectly fine. The theme this year is ‘whatever you do, no matter how small, you can help people live free from poverty, violence and discrimination.’ And this includes funding organisations that are supporting people right now in Ukraine, and those attempting to cross the border. So, we will not be asking for monetary donations, this year we will be asking for donations to support the people in Ukraine. This could include:

- Coats, hats, socks, gloves (thermal is good)
- Baby essentials – nappies, wet wipes
- Toiletries
- Personal care and sanitary items

There will be a box in the school office where you can drop off your donations.

**THIS SCHOOL IS  
NUT FREE**



Please remember we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL! We have a number of children with severe nut allergies which means we cannot have any food in that contains nuts, or may contain nuts. Please can we ask that check all packaging of snacks and packed lunches before you send it in to school. This also includes any sweets or treats you send on for your child’s birthday celebrations.

Thank you for your cooperation

Key Dates	Attendance
INSET Days for 2021 / 2022	Acorn: 92.24%
24 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Pine: 94.44%
27 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Chestnut: 90.19%
	Birch: 93.62%
	Oak: 88.98%
	Whole School: 92.09%