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ST NICHOLAS NEWSLETTER

Becoming the Best We Can Be - And God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:31

PERSEVERANCE

This half term, our school value is **Perseverance**. Perseverance means keeping going when things are difficult and not giving up when we face challenges. Whether we are learning something new, solving a problem or practising a skill, perseverance helps us to grow, learn from our mistakes and achieve our goals.

We have been reflecting on the well-known saying, ***When the going gets tough, the tough get going!*** as well as the words of Philippians 4:13: ***I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.***

Together, these messages remind us that, with perseverance, we can overcome challenges and continue on our journey in becoming the best we can be.

Mrs Davies' Year 1 class has also created a wonderful display celebrating perseverance. Parents and carers are warmly invited to visit the reception area to view their work and see how our children have been exploring this important value.

Author of the Term



We are excited to announce that **Claire Freedman** is our Author of the Term.

Claire is a bestselling children's author who has written many popular picture books, including the much-loved Aliens Love Underpants series. Her stories are full of humour, rhyme and imagination, making them favourites with all readers.

Children will be enjoying Claire Freedman's books over the coming weeks and using them as a springboard for discussion, creativity and a love of reading. If you have any Claire Freedman books at home, children are very welcome to bring them into school to share with their class and recommend to their friends.

Our Governing Body

Please join us in welcoming our new Parent Governors:

Robert Wiles
Samuel Minnion

We thank them for volunteering their time and expertise and look forward to the positive contribution they will make to our school community.

Keeping Children Safe

Parenting can be rewarding, but it can also be challenging. The NSPCC offers a wide range of advice and support for parents and carers, including practical tips for every stage of childhood, guidance on keeping children safe, and help with managing difficult situations at home. For more information, click HERE

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Our Curriculum

As part of our commitment to **sustainability**, St Nicholas has mapped its curriculum against the **United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals**. Through learning about caring for plants and animals, recycling, sustainable travel and climate responsibility, our children are developing the knowledge and skills they need to become responsible global citizens. Sustainability themes are woven throughout our curriculum and will continue to grow as our school expands.

Our commitment to sustainability extends beyond the classroom. Our new school building has been designed with sustainability in mind and includes solar panels that generate renewable energy. Visitors may also have noticed the energy display in reception, which shows the positive impact of our solar panels and helps us understand how renewable energy can make a difference to the environment.

By combining learning with real-life action, we hope to inspire our children to care for God's world and understand the important role they can play in protecting it for future generations. This links closely to our school vision and the story of creation, where ***God saw all that he had made, and it was very good*** (Genesis 1:31).

Anti-Bullying Week

From the 16th to the 20th of November, we will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week and reflecting on this year's theme, ***Break the Silence***.

We will be launching Anti-Bullying Week with **Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November**. Children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks to celebrate individuality, inclusion and respect for others.

During the week, children will take part in activities and discussions that help them understand what bullying is, how our values of love and respect can make a difference, and why it is so important to speak out when something does not feel right. Anti-bullying work is closely linked to our three school rights: the right to be respected, the right to be safe and the right to learn. We want every child to know that they should never suffer in silence and that there are always trusted grown-ups in school who are ready to listen and help.

As always, we are grateful for your support in reinforcing these messages at home. Together, we can help create a school community where everyone feels respected, safe and included.

Families may also find the Anti-Bullying Alliance Parent and Carer Pack helpful, as it contains practical advice and conversation starters to support discussions. You can find it HERE.

Road Safety Week

From 13th-20th November, we will be taking part in Road Safety Week, a national campaign organised by Brake, the road safety charity, which encourages everyone to think about how we can make our journeys safer. This year's theme, **Safe People on the Move**, focuses on the importance of sharing our roads responsibly and looking out for one another. During the week, children will be learning about the hierarchy of road users and how those with the potential to cause the greatest harm have a greater responsibility to protect more vulnerable road users. They will also be revisiting the **Green Cross Code** and exploring practical ways to stay safe when walking near and crossing roads.

Road safety is a vital life skill, and we encourage our school families to continue these conversations at home. **Parents and carers can find out more about Road Safety Week and access a range of resources at www.brake.org.uk/RoadSafetyWeek.**



FONS NOTICEBOARD

School Tea Towels – Order Yours Today!

A big thank you to everyone who has already ordered our special edition school tea towels. They're a wonderful keepsake and a fantastic way to support our fundraising efforts. The booking link remains open until Wednesday 18th November, so don't miss your chance to secure yours. See poster below.



Community Spirit at Wallingford Bonfire Night

A huge well done to the FONS team for volunteering at the 1155 Wallingford Bonfire Night celebrations. This was a fantastic opportunity to connect with the community while raising funds for St Nicholas' students. Special thanks to all the parents and our enthusiastic Year 1 helper, who gave up their evening to support this event.

Reading Half Marathon – Join the FONS Team!

Whether you're a seasoned runner or looking for a new challenge, why not join FONS at the Reading Half Marathon in March? Team members enjoy a heavily discounted entry fee and the chance to raise funds for St Nicholas' children.

Register your interest HERE by Tuesday 1st December – we'd love to have you on board.

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY...

13.11.26	Road Safety Week Starts
16.11.27	Odd Sock day to kick off Anti-Bullying Week
19.11.26	Year 2 visit to Wallingford Library
26.11.26	Year 1 MCD Collective Worship - 2.35pm. Parents welcome.
27.11.26	Year 2 Trip to the Natural History Museum. See letter dated 22nd October.



We have received a request from **Francis Curtis Court** regarding parking at drop-off and pick-up times. Residents have reported that some parents are parking in the designated drop-off bay, which is reserved for their use. Please help us maintain positive relationships with our neighbours by avoiding parking in this area.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping to keep access clear and ensuring everyone can enter and leave the site safely. Thank you for your support.

Online Safety Newsletter & Video

Make sure you have a look at our online safety newsletter. The monthly video can also been found here: https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/online-safety-monthly-videos/ with the theme of *Online Grooming*

SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE TENNIS COACHING

South Oxfordshire Tennis Coaching are offering anyone, children or adults to try a coaching session for free, and if they enjoy it they get 50% off their first month with the code MY50. Families can book here: https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/NTASouthOxon/Coaching



The session will include:

* Creating Christmas themed yoga sequences to our favourite Christmas songs
* Indulging in some Christmas craft
* Making some tasty Christmas treats
* Playing some yoga inspired games
* Practicing mindfulness using our senses
* Exploring some warming breathing techniques
* Letting ourselves go in some relaxation and guided meditation.











Well done to everyone for helping us retain our top spot in Oxfordshire for active travel!

