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Newsletter – September 2026

Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a wonderful summer break. It has been fantastic to see the children return so happily this week – they have settled quickly into their new routines and classrooms. We are really looking forward to an exciting and successful year ahead together.

Welcome To FS2 Children

A very warm welcome to our new Foundation children who joined St Nicholas this week. We have been delighted to see how confidently they have settled into school life, making new friends, exploring their learning environments and embracing new routines with enthusiasm. Their smiles, curiosity and positive attitudes have been wonderful to see, and they have already had a fantastic first week. We are incredibly proud of how well they have settled and are delighted to welcome them as official members of the St Nicholas family. We look forward to watching them learn, grow and thrive throughout their journey with us.

Arbor

As we begin the new school year, please remember to download and set up the **Arbor Parent App**.
Arbor is the system we use for:

- School communications and updates
- Payments for trips, clubs and other activities
- Important information about your child

Please ensure you are logged in and receiving notifications so that you don't miss any important messages. If you need any assistance, please contact the school office.

Parking on the School Site

A gentle reminder that cars are not permitted on the school site. To help keep everyone safe, please park off-site and walk into school where possible. If you are a Blue Badge holder and require access arrangements, please inform the school office so that we can support you appropriately. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for all of our children, families and staff.

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Attendance

Thank you so much for your continued support with attendance. Last year, as a school, we achieved an excellent attendance rate of 97.1%, well above the national average. This is a fantastic achievement, and we couldn't have done it without your support. This year, we are aiming even higher – every school day really does count!

Attendance Reminders:

- ✔ All absences require a telephone call before 9:00 am each day of absence.
- ✔ You can leave a message at any time by calling the school number.

Attendance Rewards this Term:

Weekly attendance assemblies
Non-uniform Fridays
Attendance Shop for children with 96%+ attendance
Special 100% attendance prizes
Exciting attendance hampers

Punctuality Matters

Arriving at school on time helps children settle into their day, take part in important learning activities, and develop good routines. Our school day begins at **8.50am**, and any child arriving after **9am** will receive a **late mark** in the register. If a child arrives after **9:30am**, the register closes and this is recorded as an unauthorised absence, which will affect their overall attendance percentage. We appreciate that occasional delays can happen, but we ask all families to make every effort to ensure children arrive at school promptly each day. Thank you for your support in helping our children make the most of every learning opportunity.

Plastic Lid Collection

We are continuing our plastic lid collection this year! These are recycled into useful items such as our Mud Kitchen. Please keep sending them in – every lid helps!

School Uniform Reminder

Please see below our school uniform requirements. It is not necessary to have school branded uniform, however, all uniform should adhere to our policy:

- Red jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan
- White/ red polo shirt
- Black or grey trousers/shorts
- Grey or black skirt/pinafore dress (skirts should be knee length and not of a tight stretchy material)
- In the Summer term, children may wear red gingham summer dresses
- Children must not wear hoop earrings.

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School Uniform - PE Kits

Physical Education (PE) is an integral part of the curriculum, promoting physical fitness, motor skills, and overall well-being. Proper attire, including PE kits, ensures your child's safety and comfort during physical activities. We have noticed recently that we have a high number of pupils not wearing PE kits.

PE kits are designed to provide the necessary support and protection during physical exercises, reducing the risk of injury. Proper footwear, for example, offers stability and cushioning, essential for activities like running and jumping.

Changing into PE kits promotes good hygiene practices by keeping regular clothing clean and sweat-free. Additionally, wearing the designated attire instils a sense of belonging and confidence among students, fostering a positive attitude towards physical activity

PE Kits requirement:

- Black shorts and a white T – Shirt
- Tracksuit top or hoody and tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers

Please can you support us with this going forward. The children can bring their kit at the start of the half term and take home just before the half term break for washing.

Diary dates for the Autumn term will follow.

✨ Thank you for your continued support – together we'll make this a brilliant year! ✨

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