



St. Nicholas Church School

Friday 27th June 2025



This week we have explored in more depth our fourth value of Growth. We discussed the fact that growth does not look like a straight line going up, but instead often starts further up than we think, dips and then rises quickly or slowly, often depending how hard we work at something, to take us to a higher place than we started.

To illustrate this, we heard the story of Alfred the Great. As king of the West Saxons, he started in a position of power, but then the Vikings attacked and he had to flee to a hovel on a damp island on what is now the Somerset Levels. At his lowest point, as the story goes, he was scolded by a peasant woman for allowing her cakes to burn. But, from his lowest point, he did not give up and slowly managed to gather an army to himself. They defeated the Vikings at Ethandun and the kingdom of Wessex was restored, in greater peace and on a path to create a united kingdom of England.

We also began to look at the story of Moses and how it follows a similar pattern- he started as a prince in the most powerful country at the time, but as he saw his people suffering, he felt that he could no longer watch and do nothing. He killed an Egyptian guard and fled into the desert. We left him at his lowest point, with a hint that something might improve.



Top Link Festival

Well done to the children in years 3-6 who attended the top link festival at King Arthur's School this Tuesday. They braved some very wet weather and took part in a range of athletics activities and a rounders tournament against other schools, and at the end of the day were declared the overall winners!

Celebrations

	Dojo winners	Dojo runners up	Star worker	Role model
Hedgehogs	Ronny, Grace W and Maddie	Logan and Oliver	Demmi	Archie
Ladybirds	Adam and Mikey	Leo and Addison	Addison and Burak	Louis, Ana and Ava
Butterflies	Esther	Daisy	Jack	Olive
Dragonflies	Grace	Reggie	Ada, Freddie and Isabelle	Jessica and Harley



Art day

Children in Key Stage Two had an Art day on Tuesday. They spent the morning exploring different techniques, materials and mediums, then planned and made a final piece which used more than one material. Thank you to Miss Greene for organising the day and well done to all of the children for their hard work and beautiful pieces of art.



Health and safety warnings

We have received this message from the Health and Safety team: "Following a board meeting by the FSA this week, they have decided to issue a caution against children under seven from consuming Slush Puppies. This is due to the higher levels of glycerol (to stop the drink from freezing) that may cause a lowering of blood sugar levels, leading to unconsciousness".

Also, please ensure that there are no aerosols brought into school- this includes sun creams, deodorants and other forms of spray. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

National Book Tokens

National book tokens are running a competition to support reading resources and library spaces across the country. They are offering £1000 towards books for the winning school, as well as £300 towards developing the library space, and the more nominations we get, the higher the chance of winning. You could also win £100 in book tokens for yourself by nominating us. [Enter here.](#)

Bikes and scooters

We have had an increase in children riding their bikes and scooters on the playground at the start and end of the day. It is brilliant that they are able to come to school in such an active and environmentally way, but this also raises concerns around parents or younger children being hit by fast moving vehicles. Please can all children push bikes or scooters while on school grounds.

Uniform

Please remember that children must wear school uniform in school unless an amendment has been agreed with the class teacher. This is explained on the school website. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me or a member of staff. We have a good selection of nearly new uniform which can be obtained from the school office.

Village Hall Disco

Please find attached a poster for the village hall family disco taking place at the end of July.

Diary Dates

Thursday 10th July- 2.00: Sports Day

Tuesday 15th/Friday 18th July- Sports Day backup.

Tuesday 22nd July- End of Term fun day- details to follow

Wednesday 23rd July- End of term- leaver's service 2:30

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Pavey