



# St. Nicholas Church School

Friday 23rd January 2026



## Collective Worship Reflections



We have continued our theme from last week with a focus on a different story- that of Daniel, which took place many hundreds of years after the story of Moses, but also featured someone living in a different culture with different values. In the story, Daniel stood up for what he believed in with regards to what was appropriate food for him and his friends to eat, and they found that after a period of time, he and his friends were healthier, stronger and fitter than those around them. We discussed the importance of standing up for what you believe in and for what is right, even if those around you are doing something different.



### Celebrations

	Dojo winners	Dojo runners up	Star worker	Role model
<b>Hedgehogs</b>	Mikey and Toby	Summer and Oscar	Curtis	Burak
<b>Ladybirds</b>	Louie and Leah	Mia, Albert and Fi	Alfie and Leah	Louie and Marley
<b>Butterflies</b>	Charn and Daisy D	Ada and Milly	Logi	Poppy



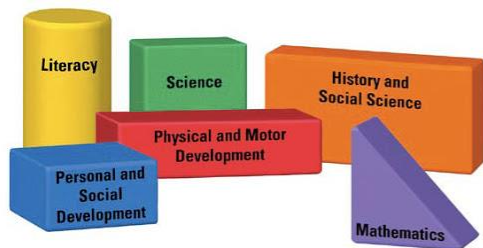
#### Attendance cup

Well done to Hedgehog Class for the highest attendance this week!



#### House Cup

Well done to Willow house for the highest number of dojos this week.



# Our Curriculum



## Big Garden Bird Watch

This weekend, the RSPB are holding their Big Garden Bird Watch. In previous years, many children have taken part in this, looking out for birds that they can see from their window and taking part in a national study. For more information, head to [It's Big Garden Birdwatch Weekend. Get counting!](#)

## World Book Day

World Book Day is coming up on the 5th March. We would like to invite the children to dress up as their favourite book character and bring a book in to share. As we approach the big day, we will let you know more details about the plans we have in school.

## Year 3 - English

Year 3 have been broadening their knowledge and skills of performance by practicing and performing poems. Well done to everybody for being brave and reading out in front of the class.



## Hedgehog Class

Hedgehog Class have been learning about persuasive techniques and how to structure a persuasive letter. They have decided on an issue that is important to them, researched who in government is responsible for that area and on Thursday we posted our letters. We look forward to hearing back!



## Every Learner Matters

## Online content

We have had a number of incidents recently in which children have been discussing and sharing things that they have seen which are intended for an older audience because of the content within them. Please ensure that you are aware of what your children are watching and what they are able to access on devices that they may use at home. If you are unsure, please speak to a member of the leadership team. Guidance is available in a number of places including [Common Sense Media: Age-Based Media Reviews for Families | Common Sense Media](#) and [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

Children's Commissioner – Digital Guide for Parents

Please do look at this new online guide shared by the Children’s Commissioner, which shares helpful information on helping children navigate our digital world [What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children’s digital lives.](#)

## Empowering Parents Programme Session Four



This 60-minute session, led by Emma Hemmings from The Essential Safeguarding Company, helps parents understand online gaming, explore risks such as chat, privacy, and spending, and learn practical ways to keep children safe and gaming responsibly.

We will also look at new and upcoming changes to restrictions on Xbox and Roblox, including age verification, parental controls, chat restrictions, and spending limits, so you are as up-to-date as possible on how best to protect your children while they play.



By the end of the session, parents will have practical tips and tools to manage gaming safely, set boundaries, and have meaningful conversations with their children about online play.

  
**Online**

  
**29<sup>th</sup> January  
2026**

  
**6pm - 7pm**

The next session in the Empowering Parents series is taking place **online on Thursday 29th January 2026 at 6.00pm**. This session will focus on **online gaming** and will explore how parents and carers can support children to engage with this popular hobby safely, positively, and responsibly.

The session will provide practical tools, insights, and strategies to:

- Understand the online gaming world and why it appeals to children
- Recognise potential risks, including online safety and wellbeing concerns
- Support healthy boundaries, communication, and positive gaming habits
- Help children enjoy gaming safely while maintaining balance

Anyone wishing to attend the session will need to register for a ticket using this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1979863381671?aff=oddtcreator>

Previous Empowering Parents sessions have been recorded and these are available by logging into the website below:

- Link: <https://www.safeguardingco.co.uk/support/>
- Username: empoweringparents
- Password: empowering2526
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### Eco tip of the week:

‘save food waste from vegetables/fruit for compost’

### Diary Dates

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January- KS2 trip to Exeter for BSO concert.  
 Monday 9<sup>th</sup>- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March- Year 3 and 4 Residential  
 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April- 2.30pm Easter Service at the Church

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Mr Pavey

