



# St. Nicholas Church School

Friday 27th February 2026



## Collective Worship Reflections

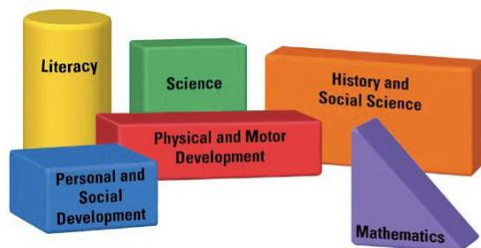


We have carried on looking at the value of growth, and the fact that it often takes courage to grow. We continued the story of Moses after a long detour through other characters from the Bible, and heard the story of the mission that he was given at the burning bush. We thought about things that we were not looking forward to, or things that worried us, and who we could ask for help for those things. We also considered that sometimes, we have to go through difficulties in order to grow and to reach a better place.



### Celebrations

|                    | Dojo winners      | Dojo runners up                     | Star worker              | Role model      |
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| <b>Hedgehogs</b>   | Chloe and Freddie | Jude and Maisie                     | Burak                    | Darcy           |
| <b>Ladybirds</b>   | Amelia and Louie  | Fi, Ivie, Oscar, Sebastian & Albert | Natalie, Adam and Archie | Harry and Louie |
| <b>Butterflies</b> | Sutton and Daisy  | Eden and Ada                        | Charn                    | George          |



## Our Curriculum



### Hedgehogs letter to Parliament

Last Half Term, Hedgehog Class wrote letters to various members of the government about issues that were important to them, with a focus on writing in a way that would persuade the ministers to come around to their way of thinking!

This week, we were happy to receive a reply from none other than Bridget Phillipson MP, the Secretary of State for Education, who responded to the children's points about homework and the length of the school day.

### **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. We are also planning to hold a book swap event, and if you have any good quality children's books that you no longer need, please do bring them in so that they might find a new home.



### **Online Safety**

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. This is especially important if your child has their own mobile phone, and we recommend 'spot checks' on the phone to check the content they are accessing, including on platforms such as WhatsApp/Messaging.

If you are unsure on how to check this, 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.](#)

### **Attendance - All day, every day, on time**

By now you will have seen our attendance tracker at the bottom of the newsletter each week. This is updated weekly to show how the number of days off school is linked to attendance percentages and how much learning is being missed. If you would like to know your child's current attendance percentage please log in to Arbor to check. You will find this information on the pupil dashboard (main page, scroll down).

We have a new Trust Attendance Policy on the website which we are now actively following. Any questions about this, please contact the office or the leadership team.

It is **essential** that you contact the school office by 9.30am if your child will not be attending school that day. This should be done on every day of absence.

### **Bladder and Bowel Educator Sessions**

Unfortunately we will no longer be having a visit from the Bladder and Bowel educator to the school, however we know that many families were keen to access this information and service. ERIC, the Children's Bladder and Bowel Charity, is an excellent service available online that covers a wide range of subjects such as constipation, withholding stools, bed wetting, frequent UTI's, toileting anxiety, toilet training etc. If you were hoping to come along to the bladder/bowel sessions then we highly recommend you take a look at the website -[Home - ERIC](#)

### **Head Lice**

We have had a few confirmed cases of head lice within the school community. Please can we ask that all families check their children's hair and treat where necessary. Can we please also remind families of the 'once a week, take a peek' principle and to check your children's hair weekly using a nit comb, treating if needed. Head Lice do not always cause an itchy scalp so children can have head lice that go undetected unless they are regularly checked. Hair below shoulder length should be tied up to help minimise 'head to head' contact in school.

**Diary Dates**

Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>- World Book Day

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

