



St. Nicholas Church School

Friday 3rd July 2026

A message from Miss Lihou

As we look ahead to September, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the fantastic support, understanding and patience you have shown as we have begun our transition arrangements early. We know that periods of change can bring uncertainty, and your partnership has been invaluable. It has enabled us to identify where additional support is needed, ensuring that we have the right provision in place for every class from the very start of the new academic year. Taking the time to do this now will help us give every child the strongest possible start in September.

I am delighted to say that, for the vast majority of our children, we have already seen immediate improvements. Classrooms are calmer, routines are becoming well established and children are settling quickly into our high expectations for learning and behaviour. It has been wonderful to see pupils demonstrating pride in their work, showing kindness to one another and engaging positively in their learning. While there is still work to do, the progress made in such a short space of time has been incredibly encouraging. One of the most exciting developments has been the launch of our new reading curriculum. There is already a real buzz around books, and children are eager to become our next Reading Champions.

Reading is the key that unlocks every area of learning. Children who read regularly develop stronger vocabulary, greater confidence and improved communication skills, while also building their imagination, curiosity and empathy. A love of reading supports success across the curriculum and is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children, opening doors to opportunities throughout their lives.

While there is much to celebrate, I also recognise and understand that, for a small number of pupils, there have still been occasions where behaviour has had an unacceptable impact on the learning of others. I want to reassure you that providing a safe, calm and purposeful learning environment remains one of our highest priorities. Every child has the right to learn without disruption, and we are committed to ensuring that this is the experience for all pupils.

Creating a calm, consistent school culture takes time. The past few weeks have allowed us to carefully assess the needs of our pupils, refine our approaches and ensure that support is targeted where it will have the greatest impact. Lasting change does not happen overnight, but we are already seeing positive improvements as expectations and routines become embedded. We remain committed to continually reviewing our provision so that every child receives the support they need to flourish.

Thank you once again for your continued support, encouragement, trust and patience. Schools achieve the very best outcomes when staff and families work together, and I am excited about everything we will accomplish in the year ahead. Together, we will continue to create a school where every child feels safe, valued, inspired and able to achieve their very best.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Celebrations

	Dojo winners	Dojo runners up	Star worker	Role model
Hedgehogs			Jude	Isobel
Ladybirds	Aubrey	Olive	William	Harry
Butterflies	Oakley & Ada	Ivy & Anaya	Poppy	Ivy



Every Learner Matters

Year 6 School Performance

The year 6 school performance will be on Tuesday 21st July, with a rehearsal in the afternoon and the main evening performance at 6pm. If the weather allows us to, we plan to have this evening performance on the school field in the sunshine and invite parents and families to bring chairs/rugs and a picnic along with them to enjoy this special performance together. If you are unable to attend in the evening, please contact the school office to arrange attending the afternoon rehearsal instead.

Library



This week we have officially re-opened our library, with all books organised, labelled and ready for our new Accelerated Reader program.

We have appointed our new librarians Mrs. Elliott and Ivie as well as our 'love of reading' champions across the whole school.

Food and Drink

Please can you ensure that your child comes to school with a bottle of water, particularly as the weather is getting warmer. Also, please remember that grapes that come into school must be halved as they present a choking hazard. Please also be aware that we are a nut-free school. This is for the safety of children who have allergies, and so we cannot have peanut butter, bars containing nuts, cereal containing nuts or chocolate spread in school. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Suncream

As the warmer weather returns this is just a reminder that children cannot bring in aerosol suncreams to school- please ensure they bring in roll on or squeeze bottles. Thank you

Once a week, take a peek

We have some confirmed cases of Head Lice within the school, so this is our reminder for all families to 'once a week, take a peek'. Reminder that all hair below shoulder length should be tied up at all times at school. Thank you.

Explorers Disco

Please see poster below for this year's Explorer's fundraiser:



Diary Dates

Friday 17th July- Sports Day

Friday 17th July- Year 6 Leaver's Disco

Tuesday 21st July- Year 6 School performance 6pm

Wednesday 22nd July- Last day of term

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Pavey