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Newsletter – September 2024

Welcome back!



We hope you had a fantastic summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new school year. We are excited to see everyone back and are looking forward to a fun-filled year of learning, growth, and exciting experiences. With plenty of activities, new challenges, and opportunities for discovery ahead, we can't wait to get started. All the staff have enjoyed meeting their new class and hearing about the adventures they have had with you over the holiday.

Welcome

We are thrilled to welcome two new teachers to the St. Nicholas family this year – Mrs. Forster, who will be teaching Year 5, and Mrs. Derrick, who joins us as the FS2 teacher. Both bring a wealth of experience, knowledge, and passion for education, and have already become a wonderful addition to our school community. We are excited to see the positive impact they will have on our children and know they will help create an engaging and supportive learning environment. Welcome to Mrs. Forster and Mrs. Derrick!

Timings for the school Day

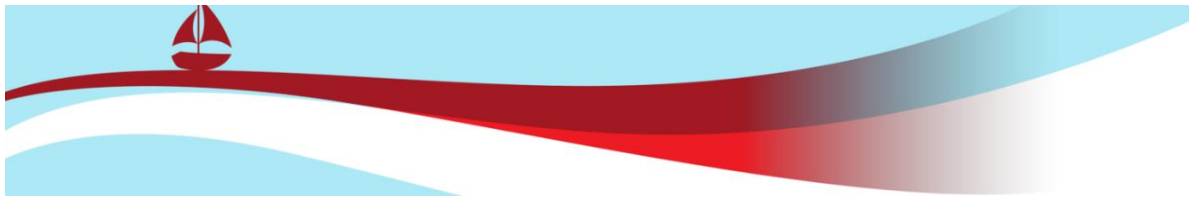
	Times
School Start Time	8.50am
School Finish Time	3.15pm



It is crucial your child is on time for school. If your child is going to be LATE, please call the school office, if possible, to advise and to book a school lunch (if needed). Please ensure you are on time picking your child up at the end of the day. Teachers are not always available to wait with your child. If you are going to be late please call the school office. If you are not here at 3.15pm your child will go into after school club and you will be charged.

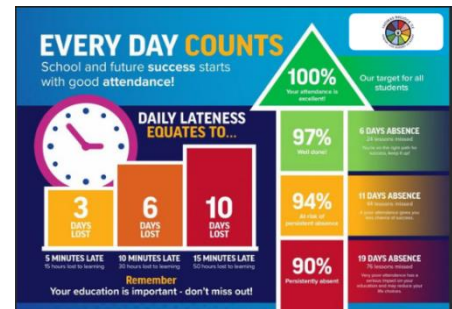
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Attendance

Attendance plays a crucial role in the academic success and overall development of our pupils. Consistent attendance helps build strong learning habits, keeps pupils on track with their education, and fosters a sense of responsibility and belonging in the school community. We are incredibly grateful for your continued support in encouraging excellent attendance. Because of your support we are pleased to say that our attendance for last academic year was 96% which is in line with the national figure across the country. Your dedication ensures that your children are receiving the best possible education, and together, we are creating a positive foundation for their future. Thank you for partnering with us to prioritise attendance and support your child's growth!



Here is a reminder of the changes to the 'Working Together to Improve School Attendance', statutory guidance, that has now come into force. Some of these changes involve an increase to the penalty notices amount payable for unauthorised absence from school.

A penalty notice is considered by a school, when, despite efforts to engage parents, and offers of considerable support to break down the barriers to school attendance have failed, and attendance continues to decline or show no significant improvement.

Here are the new changes that came into place on the 19th August 2024.

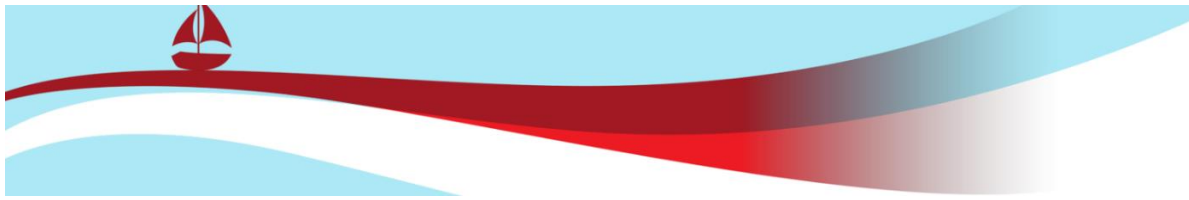
The penalty notice rates will be as follows:

- A first penalty notice issued within a 3-year rolling period will be: £160 per parent per child, if paid within 28 days, but reduced to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days.
- A second penalty notice issued within a 3-year rolling period: £160 per parent, per child, payable within 28 days. There is no option for reduction for early payment of the fine.
- Should there be further decline in attendance, and the national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions of absence within a 10-school week rolling period be met again, the school, along with the Local Authority, may consider prosecution.

The penalty notices relates to unauthorised absences due to holidays during term time, late marks after the registers have closed, and/or absences where the school have not been given a satisfactory reason for absence. The absences can be an accumulation of all three above mentioned that add up to 10 sessions for a penalty notice referral to be initiated.

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Breakfast and After School Club

As a lot of you know we offer wrap around care for the children at the school. This is available to all parents and offer a wide range of activities, such as homework club, baking, arts and craft and more.



If you are interested in booking a place on either Breakfast or After School Club please log onto school money or contact the school office.

Prices are:

- £1.50 per day – Breakfast Club
- £4.00 per day – After School Club

Start and Finish time:

- Breakfast Club – 8.00am – 8.50am
- After School Club – 3.15pm – 5.30pm

School Photographs

Individual school photographs will take place on the 18th October. Photographs for siblings will also take place during that day.



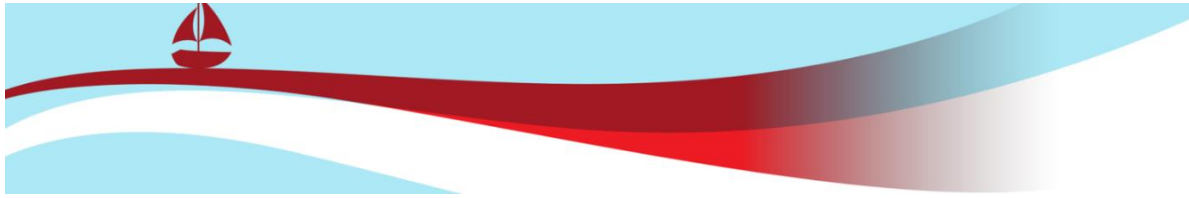
Resources Needed Please

We are excited to share that we are revamping our playground to create an even more engaging and imaginative space for the children. To help us enhance their playtime, we are reaching out to ask if any parents have toys they would like to donate. Items such as small world figures and buildings, dressing up costumes, LEGO, Duplo, or any other imaginative play resources would be greatly appreciated. Your contributions will help us create a vibrant, fun-filled environment for the children to enjoy. Thank you in advance for your support!



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Autumn Term 2024 Diary Dates

- W/C - 23rd September 2024 - Y5 Bikeability – all week
- Thursday 26th September – 2.45pm – FS2 Phonics Meeting
- Tuesday 1st October – Elizabeth Green – Author in school
- Wednesday 2nd October – 3.30pm – Y6 parents SATs meeting
- Thursday 3rd October – National Poetry Day
- Tuesday 8th October – 9:00am – Parent Forum
- Wednesday 9th October – 3.30pm – Y4 Multiplication check meeting for parents in Y4
- Thursday 10th October – Y1 Phonics meeting for parents
- Friday 18th October – School Photos
- Tuesday 22nd October – 9.00am – 9.45am – Stay and Read whole school
- Thursday 24th October – FS2 and KS1 Halloween Disco – 2.00pm – 3.00pm
- Thursday 24th October – KS2 Halloween Disco – 3.30pm – 4.30pm
- Tuesday 5th November – Parent's Evening – 3.30pm – 6.30pm
- Friday 6th December – Christmas Craft afternoon – parents welcome – 2.30pm – 3.15pm
- Friday 13th December -Christmas Fair – 2.30pm
- Monday 16th December – FS2 Nativity - 10.00am
- Monday 16th December – KS1 Nativity – 1.30pm
- Tuesday 17th December – KS1 Nativity – 10.00am
- Wednesday 18th December – Y3/4 Christmas Carol concert – 3.30pm – 4.00pm
- Wednesday 18th December – Y5/6 - Christmas Carol concert 4.15pm – 4.45pm
- Thursday 19th December – Class Christmas Parties
- Friday 20th December – 3.15pm – Break up for the Christmas Holidays

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