

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

'Love one another as I have loved you'



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Head Teacher Newsletter 1

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Virtue to Live By:
Respect and Courtesy

Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome to a brand-new academic year at St Nicholas! We hope you all had a wonderful summer filled with rest, fun and quality time together. It's been a real pleasure to welcome your children back – they've returned full of energy, smiles and a great sense of readiness to learn.

A special welcome to the new families who have joined our community – we are delighted to have you with us. St Nicholas is a nurturing and inclusive school and we're here to support you every step of the way. If you have any questions or need help settling in, please don't hesitate to reach out.

We also send our best wishes to last year's Year 6 pupils as they begin their exciting new chapter in high school. We are proud of all they achieved and look forward to hearing about their continued successes – they will always be part of our St Nicholas family.

This term we also welcome new staff members who have joined our wonderful team – we're excited about the experience and enthusiasm they bring to our school.

And in happy news, congratulations to Mrs Littlewood on the arrival of her beautiful baby girl over the summer! We send love and best wishes to the whole family.

Key Dates – Autumn 1

September 2025

- **1 Sept (Mon):** Training Day (school closed to pupils)
- **2 Sept (Tue):** Children's first day back
- **4 Sept (Thu):** Year 4 trip to Herd Farm
- **8 Sept (Mon):** Start of Year Mass
- **9 Sept (Tue):** High School Forms Session – 2:30pm
- **10 Sept (Wed):** High School Forms Session – 9:10am
- **11 Sept (Thu):** First Forest School & VR experience (KS2)
- **15 Sept (Mon):** Parent Workshop – Mindmate (9am)
- **16 Sept (Tue):** PGL Parents Meeting
- **26 Sept (Fri):** Macmillan Coffee Morning
- **30 Sept (Tue):** Buddy Assembly

October 2025

- **1 Oct (Wed):** Year 6 – PGL residential begins
- **2 Oct (Thu):** National Poetry Day
- **7 Oct (Tue):** Individual School Photos
- **9 Oct (Thu):** Harvest Celebration
- **13 Oct (Mon):** Parents' Evening & Parents' Anxiety Workshop
- **14 Oct (Tue):** Parents' Evening
- **21 Oct (Tue):** Reception – Pro Ride
- **22 Oct (Wed):** Year 5 – Pro Ride
- **23 Oct (Thu):** Year 6 – Pro Ride
- **24 Oct (Fri):** Parent Sleep Workshop & School Closes for Half-Term

November 2025

- **3 Nov (Mon):** School Reopens

Please note dates are subject to change

Reminders & Key Information:

- **PE Kits & Indoor Shoes** – Please ensure your child brings their pumps and full PE kit to school and that all items are clearly named.
- **Attendance & Absence** – If your child is ill, call the office before 9:00am on 0113 293 0318 or email schooloffice@stnicholasprimaryleeds.org.uk. This will count as your written absence note. If we don't hear from you, we'll follow up with a text in the first instance.
- **Weather-Ready Clothing** – Children go outside at break and lunch, even in light rain. Please make sure they have a coat every day, and as the temperature drops, hats and gloves too.
- **Breakfast Club** – Runs from 7:45am Monday to Friday. For more details or to book a place, please contact the school office.
- **Child Protection & Safeguarding** – Our safeguarding leads are: Mrs Burns (Headteacher), Mrs Fox, Mrs Doherty, Miss McAndrew, Miss Pearson and Miss McGoldrick. If you have any concerns about a child's welfare, please contact us straight away.
- **Walking Home** – Year 5 and 6 children may walk home alone with parental consent. A letter will be sent home for you to sign and return if this applies to your child.
- **Contact Information** – Please let us know immediately if your phone number, email, or address changes so we can always reach you if needed.
- **Milk** – Available for all children in Reception to Year 6. If you haven't already signed up, please collect a form from the school office. Milk is free for children on benefits related free school meals; there is a charge otherwise.
- **ParentPay** – We are a cashless school. All payments for trips, dinners, and other events must be made via ParentPay. If you need help getting set up, contact Miss Musson in the office.
- **Photo Permissions** – We are using the permission forms submitted last year. If anything has changed, please let the school office know.
- **School Lunches** – Our meals meet national nutritional standards and are served on a three-week rotating menu (available on the website). All KS1 children receive free school meals. For KS2, the current charge is £14.50 per week.
- **Uniform & Lost Property** – Children look fantastic in their uniforms – thank you! Please make sure everything is clearly labelled. If anything goes missing, please speak with your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us get the year off to such a positive start. We're looking forward to another fantastic year of learning, discovery and growth together.

Warm regards,

Mrs Burns
Headteacher

Loving God,

As we begin this new school year,
Fill our hearts with hope and our minds with curiosity.
Help us to learn, grow, and support one another each day.
May our school be a place of kindness, joy, and peace.
Let us always remember to **"love one another as I have loved you."**

Amen.