

Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that everyone has a lovely half term week. The weather looks good and I am sure it will be a good opportunity for your children to recharge their batteries ready for the final half term of the school year.

This week, as always, I was very proud of our Year 6 children when they showed around our new Year 3 parents. Every year, they show such a huge level of maturity and enthusiasm and I hope were very good ambassadors for our school and federation.

Celebration Worship

Due to the Pentecost picnic and service, there will be no celebration worship on Thursday 4th June.

Volunteer Readers Needed – A note from Mrs Wind-Mozley (School Governor)

Daily reading with an adult is massively important in helping children develop their skills: not just at reading, but at understanding the world around them. If you have just an hour to spare each week (or more!), you could make a big difference for children in our school community. I have been reading with children at both St John's and St Nic's for many years now and it is an absolutely lovely thing to do – you see how children grow in confidence and ability, and it is hugely rewarding. It's also a great excuse to buy fun stickers!

There is training and advice available – and if you're interested but not quite sure what it involves, please contact me: Magdalen (the lady in the hat) mwindmozley@stjohnandstnicolasschools.org.uk or stop me on the school run!

Pentecost Service and Picnic

On Thursday 4th June, we will be holding our annual Pentecost service and picnic. The children (from Years 1 to 6) will gather together on the St Nic's playground to share a picnic together at lunchtime, before all heading to St Nicolas Church for a Pentecost service. This is a lovely opportunity for our two schools to join together, which we do not get to manage very often.

St John's Year 1 & 2 children (and any St Nic's siblings) can be collected from St Nicolas Church at 2.30pm. Unfortunately, due to the number of children in the church, we are unable to invite parents to attend this service. However, those parents that can walk with the children are welcome to stay to the service.

If you are able to help with walking to the church, please let us know as soon as possible to ensure that we have sufficient adults to walk with the children. St John's children will be leaving school to walk to St Nic's at 11.30am.

St Nicolas School Share and Celebrate

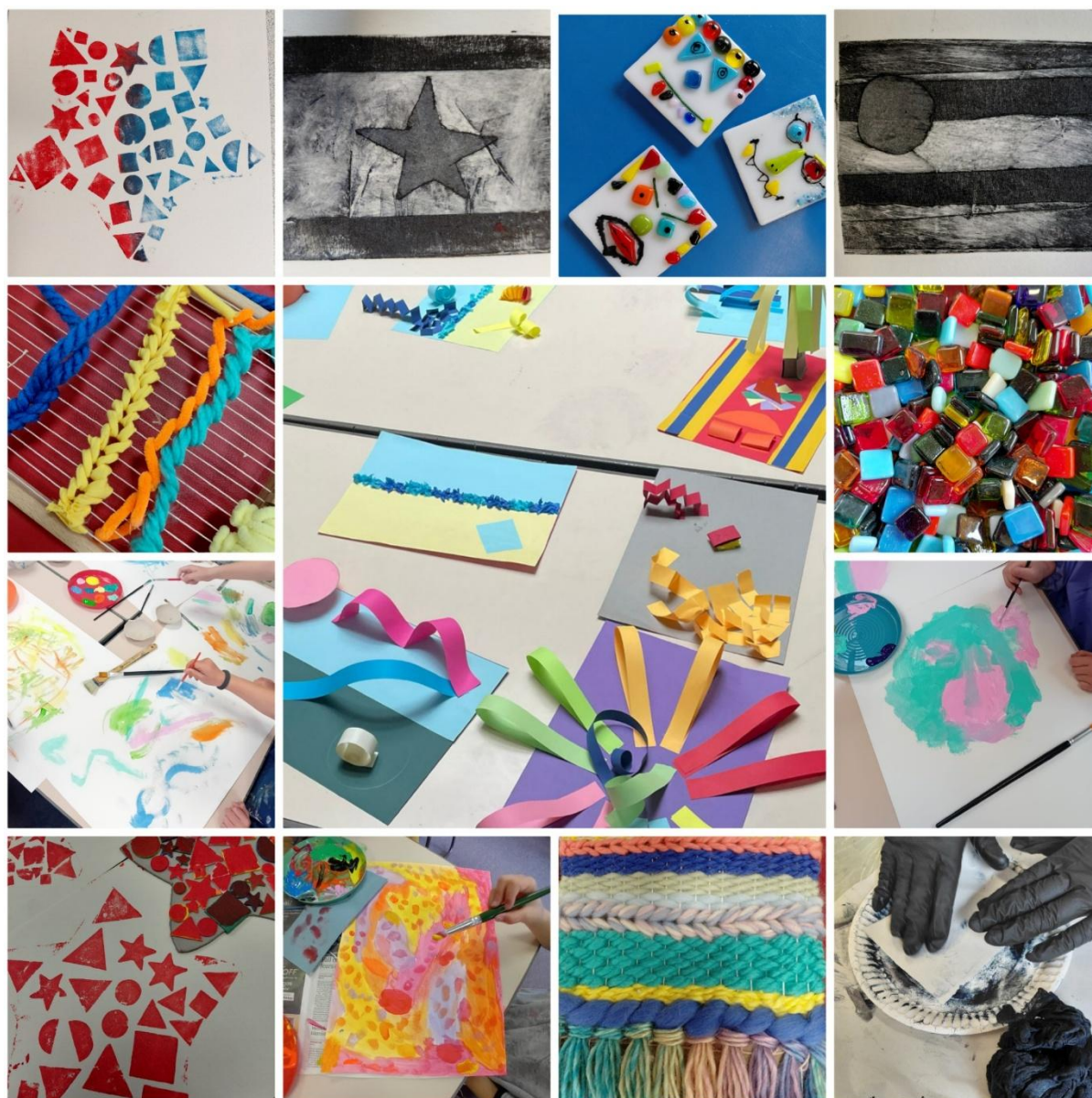
During the week beginning 8th June, we will be holding a share and celebrate for children at St Nic's. Parents are welcome to come into school at the following times:

Monday 8 th June:	Year 6 parents 9-9.25am
Tuesday 9 th June:	Year 3 parents 9-9.25am
Wednesday 10 th June:	Year 4 parents 9-9.25am
Thursday 11 th June:	Year 5 parents 9-9.25am

There will be an additional session from 6-6.30pm on Monday 8th June for any parent that is unable to make the morning times, but would still like to attend.

Art Week

The children have really enjoyed art week across both schools and, in particular, enjoyed working with colleagues from City Arts. A collage of some of the children's work from the week is below:



Friends of St John's and St Nic's Annual General Meeting

All parents, carers and friends of the schools are invited to join us for the Friends of St John's and St Nic's AGM on Monday 8th June at 7pm in St John's School Community Room. We are keen to encourage more volunteers and so hope to see you there. We are also on the lookout for a Treasurer and Secretary so please come along if you might be interested in these roles.

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Attendance

Congratulations to Poplar Class at St John's with 97.8% attendance and 6S at St Nic's with 100% attendance. Both classes have won our attendance aardvarks for this week.

Attendance at each school last week was as follows:

- St John's: 93.2%
- St Nic's 96.2%

Across the two schools, there were 29 late marks last week. Every minute that a child is late can impact on their learning. Please ensure your child is in school, on time, each day.

Writer of the Week

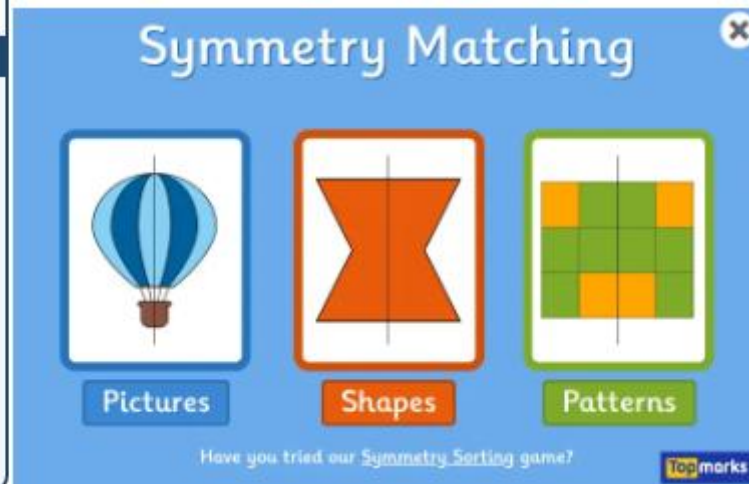
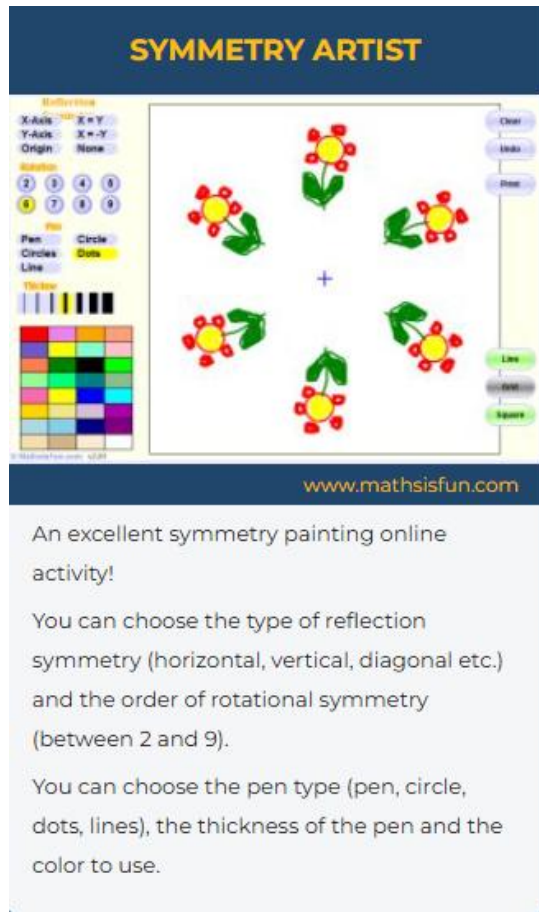
Well done to Yalini in Year 4, who was this week's writer of the week. Also, a particular well done to Iliria in Year 5 for achieving her gold reading badge. This really is amazing, as it means that Iliria has read and recorded 500 reads! She is the first person in the school to achieve this. Congratulations!

Year 2 Homework

As part of Art Week, we have linked maths to symmetry and tessellation.

Here are a few links to maths activities based on this week's theme:

<https://www.mathsisfun.com/geometry/symmetry-artist.html>



Spellings Week 6

station/nation/operation-Guide the children to notice the spelling pattern they are seeing. Explain that you drop the 'e' from the root word before adding -tion

section relation option lotion potion mention imagination question emotion fraction position caption portion pollution motion fiction faction optional national rejection vacation

Homophone-meat/meet

Phonics Books for the Week

Reception:

https://parents.fft.org.uk/viewer/?pdf=S26_Ben_Sees_a_Chick&d=Ben%20Sees%20a%20Chick
<https://vimeo.com/692012859/2646bb40ec>

Year 1: https://parents.fft.org.uk/viewer/?pdf=S62_E_for_Elephant&d=E%20for%20Elephant
<https://vimeo.com/781539636/75f9fe6e8d>

Drawing Club

Drawing Club is a way of igniting joy and a love of stories with the early years and follows Greg Bottrell's beliefs and passions. Your child will be using their imagination to create new characters, settings, and events for this story. They will be adding marks, codes, labels, and messages to their work and realising that they are writers! Each week we will choose a different story or an animation, this week our story is Mixed.



They will also be learning some exciting new vocabulary with actions. This week's vocabulary list is:
Blend; Vivid; Dazzling; Jumble; Shining; Generate; Mesmerise; Renovate

See if they can teach you the actions!

Upcoming Dates

25 th to 29 th May:	Half term break
Monday 1 st June:	Start of Summer Term 2
WB 1 st June:	Writing Week
WB 1 st June:	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Monday 1 st June:	Green Team visit to Nature Park
Tuesday 2 nd June:	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 3 rd June:	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 4 th June:	St Nic's Class Photos
Thursday 4 th June:	No Celebration Worship
Thursday 4 th June:	Pentecost Picnic and Service

Yours sincerely,

Keith Harvey
Executive Headteacher