

**Let
everything
you do**



(1 COR 16:14)

**be done
with love**

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Resourceful Challenge- have you started yet?



Resourceful

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This term our Christian Value is **Perseverance** and we will be developing our ability to pursue goals and not give up even when we find things tricky.

Our Big Idea is **Resourceful**, acting along side our Christian Value, these two themes develop our children's learning behaviours ensuring that they develop the skills of teamwork, independence and resilience which we know that children need in order to be successful life long learners.

Resourceful Challenge- There will be no Resourceful 'day' this term but rather we would like to set the children a Resourceful challenge. This runs throughout this term and also includes half term so plenty of time to have a think and plan a challenge together. Children should set themselves at least one goal and work towards completing their goal- it could be big or small but should be something that requires resilience and perseverance. They may decide to do several small challenges across the term.

Resilience is about how you *cope* when something goes wrong.

You can explain it as:

“Resilience is bouncing back when things feel hard or when something doesn’t work the first time.”

Examples children understand:

- You feel upset because you made a mistake, but you calm yourself and try again.
- You lose a game but manage your feelings and still enjoy playing.
- You don’t give up just because something feels tricky or frustrating.

Key idea for children:

Resilience helps you *handle feelings and setbacks*.

Perseverance is about how you *keep going*.

You can explain it as:

“Perseverance means keeping on trying, even when something is difficult.”

Examples:

- You practise a tricky word again and again until you can read it.
- You keep working on a puzzle even though it takes a long time.
- You don’t stop just because the task is hard.

Key idea for children:

Perseverance helps you *stick with the task*.

Example challenges:

- completing a challenging puzzle
- going on a long walk, or to the top of a big hill
- learning to tie shoe laces or to change your bedsheets
- set a new swimming goal
- building a den that 4 people can sit in
- Sudoku or a crossword puzzle

The world is your oyster. You can make this challenge as big or as simple as you like. All children should come back to school ready to talk about their challenge and have a photo to prompt discussion. In order to celebrate their achievement they will receive a 'You are Awesome' card with a special new Resourceful stamp. We will then select a variety of challenges to show in celebration worship.

Teachers will be introducing this over the next week in lesson time to begin to generate ideas and discussion and excitement.

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Is your child eligible for a Pupil Premium Grant and Free School Meals?

Is your child eligible for a Pupil Premium grant and free school meals?

Schools in England get extra funding from the Government to help them improve outcomes of children who are eligible for Pupil Premium.

Benefits include:

- Free School Uniform
- Access to one Enrichment Activity e.g Sport or Music
- Discounted Prices for school trips
- Additional focussed support in their learning
- Free School Meals + Free Milk
- Free Access to Willow After School Club to support working parents
- Free breakfast at Willow Club
- Access to digital devices to support Home Learning



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If you receive income support, tax credits or other benefits your child may be eligible, **click here to apply**

<https://parentportal.wiltshire.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/free-school-meals>

Communication-reports and parent's evening

In October I wrote to you explaining that there would be some changes to our communication moving forward.

From now on you will receive the following:

Term 2- Parents Evening (November) + Data Report (December)

Term 4- Full Report (March)

Term 6- Parents Evening (June) +Data Report (July)

Data report- will include attendance and teacher assessment for Reading, Writing and Maths. Data reports in the summer will also include any statutory assessments eg phonics, MTC and SATs results as usual.

Full Report- Will include attendance, teacher assessment for Reading, Writing and Maths, a teacher comment and targets.

Unfortunately, due to staff absence we were not able to proceed with our Term 2 data report so for this year only you will receive it in Term 3.

These changes have been made to ensure greater partnership between home and school. We want the best for your children but we can't do it without your support. The hope is that having more information at key times in the year will ensure you know how your child is doing and what they need to work on in order to **Learn Achieve and Grow**.

Lost Property

There has been an influx of lost property this term including some very lovely coats. Please come and check the box by Ms Glover's office regularly to ensure that you can be reunited with missing items.



Important Dates

The the best place to find important dates in school is on the school website which has a summary of the upcoming dates on the Home Page. We will no longer add key dates to the newsletters.

Contact Details and Learn More About St Nicholas School

We love to hear from our parents with any feedback you have for us, what you feel we are doing well and what you would like to hear more about. Please direct any questions or feedback to Office@stnicholas.dsat.org.uk

If you have any queries about finance or after school club then please email Mrs Bairstow on finance@stnicholas.dsat.org.uk

How else can I learn more about my child's school and their learning? Take a look at our website and social media!

St Nicholas Primary School

[St Nicholas Website](#)

[St Nicholas Primary Facebook page](#)

[St Nicholas Instagram](#)

We have an open door policy at St Nicholas and welcome parents to come and talk to either the teachers, Ms Glover, Mrs Waddington or myself if you ever have any questions, queries or concerns. It really is the best way for us to work together for your child and we really value the

opportunity to hear from you and to work with you. Feel free to call or email to arrange a meeting or for smaller issues just grab us at the start of the day when you see us.

