

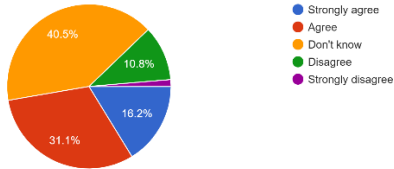
Parent Questionnaire results Spring 2024

The response to the survey was brilliant and extremely useful. There were 74 responses, with many people submitting comments too, which provides a real depth of feedback. Thank you for taking the time to reply. I know that the staff appreciated the parental recognition of the successes in 2023/24. The Senior Leadership Team have reviewed the responses and outlined actions.

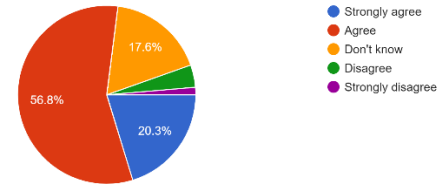
Summary of responses



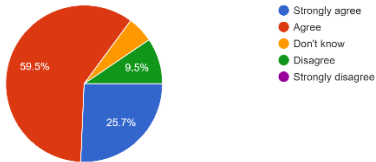
This school deals effectively with bullying.
74 responses



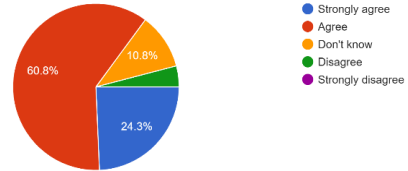
The school has high expectations for my child.
74 responses



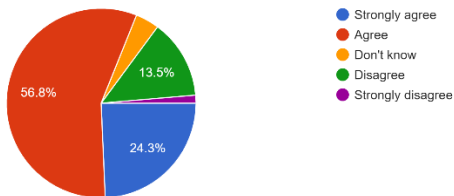
This school ensures the pupils are well behaved.
74 responses



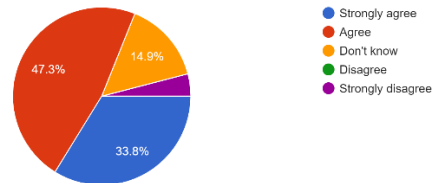
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.
74 responses



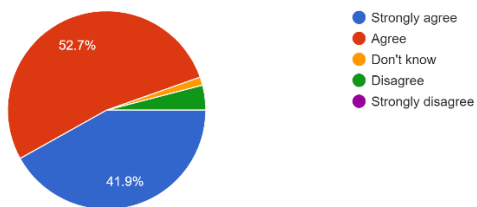
The school lets me know how my child is doing.
74 responses



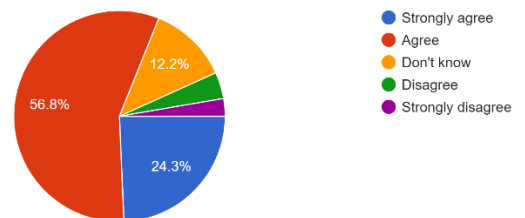
The school promotes equality and celebrates diversity.
74 responses



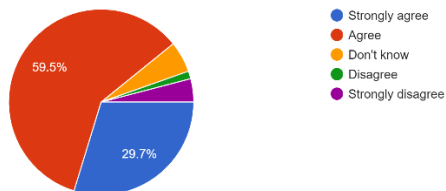
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.
74 responses



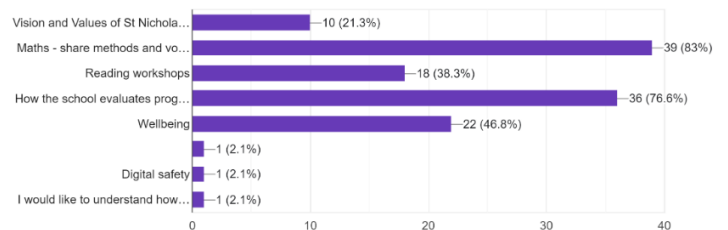
The school supports my child's wider personal development.
74 responses



I would recommend this school to another parent.
74 responses



Parent workshops: Which of the following workshops would you be interested in attending?
47 responses



Reasons for recommending the school

- St. Nicholas is a lovely community school
- Excellent school community for children and parents, caring and friendly.
- St Nicholas is a fantastic school which allows all children to grow and develop into confident young people.
- Dedicated staff with school prioritising educational development as well as well-being
- I've found the school to be very supportive, responsive to any concerns and pro-active when supporting my child with his progress.
- Warm, welcoming, excellent teachers
- My child is totally cared for and taken care of. His education is expertly delivered and he is making progress
- We find the school welcoming and a good environment for learning.
- Great sense of belonging for the children due to size and opportunities.
- Small school allowing pupils to know everyone, in other years.
- It's a lovely small school which brings many benefits to the kids
- It's a nurturing environment with family values. The School teaches principles of honesty, integrity, justice and a good grounding in the Christian faith.
- The school provides high quality education and promotes education on self-control and confidence. This school is outstanding.
- My child is happy at school and has a good circle of friends
- The children are supported well and encouraged to be the best they can be
- It's a lovely nurturing school with wonderful staff.
- The children are supported well and encouraged to be the best they can be

What went well...

- Communication with the class teacher.
- Very pleased with how happy my child is in school.
- A great teacher who provides lots of great learning and support - our child has progressed amazingly
- Miss Robertson is an outstanding teacher and truly develops and fosters a love of learning. She is a true asset to the school!
- Progress and behaviour.
- My child is a great role model.
- Developing confidence.
- Children's learning and contentedness to go to school.
- My child has developed some lovely friendships.
- My child has made progress in English with strong guidance from teacher.
- TA support is very valuable in both academic progress and as importantly with wellbeing and social development for children.
- Sports teacher provides a great level of support and guidance to the children outside of the classroom environment.
- Responsive and pro-active teachers. Excellent reading workshop run for parents earlier this year. Lovely community.
- I feel that my child is very happy at school and I think the reception teacher and TA are really excellent!
- I think my child is very happy at school and seems to enjoy herself.
- Teaching staff
- Class teacher is very good
- Friendships, sense of School Community, English comprehension, French in class and languages at lunchtime, Sports (PE and other sports available in clubs), Music lessons in class and at lunchtimes.

- Diamond class has been fantastic, our child is ready for secondary school with the teacher's firm but fair and kind approach. Her ability to offset the demands of SATS and pressured learning with humour and fun have really meant a lot to us and our child.
- Extra-curricular activities, PTA, school ethos
- The school is very welcoming and has created a lovely community for children and parents.
- Our kid is happy and is learning.
- Friendly school, caring community
- Caring and 'hands on' staff
- Values being taught, approaches to wellbeing and mental health and education.
- The teaching staff of the school supports my child, the school has a healthy environment for the all-round development of the child. Thank you so much to the assistants, who always answer questions quickly and accurately via email and help with communication with teachers and various ongoing issues.
- Letting my kid know everyone is different and has different strengths and weaknesses.
- Social side, reading and writing
- Healthy, nurturing environment and great teaching towards secondary transition.
- After school club and breakfast club seem to be brilliant. The way the Reception staff know the children so well is amazing and we are all in awe of the Reception teaching team.
- It's great they do swim so early. I love the way Mrs Crouch is so visible at the start of the school day. The assemblies and nativities are wonderful. I also think the homework is pitched perfectly and realistically.
- The values and Christian environment at the school.
- Parent network, tapestry updates and homework/reading books.
- Give children lots of encouragement and build up their confidence.
- Progress on reading and vocabulary. We also value the weekly swimming opportunities for Garnet.
- Availability and range of extracurricular activities.
- My child is very happy and loves school and studying.
- My child is happy at school and is progressing with reading, writing and maths. It is a nice small school and I like that all the children know each other.
- We have been impressed with Miss Robertson's enthusiasm, teaching and ideas this year.
- Termly letters giving more notice of key dates e.g. sports day, performances/assemblies.

Even better if

- 'Children were celebrated more. – good citizens not awarded' (1 response)
Response: Celebrating the ways in which the children demonstrate the Core Values is important. All classes will be reminded nominate children for Good citizen's award.
- 'More opportunities to get together as a school community could be a better sense of community at the school and a clearer idea of where the school is headed and aims' (3 responses)
Response: We agree that it is vital to arrange opportunities for parents to attend in order to strengthen our community. Fortunately, the 'Welcome back' picnic will be taking place in September. Several parents have requested workshops on methods used in maths, vision and direction of the school. These sessions will be held in person in the evenings to enable working parents to attend. On a Tuesday, parents are welcome to attend the weekly worship session which is held in St Nicholas church. During the Celebration session, parents can come and look at the children's books, speak to teachers and see the child's new classroom. This year the session will take place on Tuesday 9th July. At the end of each term, there is a church service. There will be an opportunity for parents meet after the service when refreshments will be served.
- 'Maybe some wider options into music lessons - this maybe our lack of knowledge' (1 response)
Response: Within the music curriculum, all children participate in weekly music lessons – covers a range of music from classical to rock and roll. Composing using tuned instruments, e.g. glockenspiel. There is also a recorder club for Year 3 children. Individual music lessons are also provided by external teachers for the piano and flute.
- 'Drop off in the morning would be perfect if the doors open at 8:35am' (1 response)
Response: The school gate opens at 8.40am in the mornings. Fortunately, there is a breakfast club option which could be explored. The club starts at 7.30am.
- How are the school rules enforced? (3 responses)
Response: Our school rules are: Be Kind, Be Safe and Be Responsible. Systems, which outlined in the Behaviour policy, are followed when a child is treated unkindly through words or actions. Children are encouraged to speak to a member of staff straight away. If a child needs support to develop personal or social skills, staff provides guidance and monitors interactions. Our Pastoral Lead also works with families to ensure consistency in approach.

As a school, we believe that working closely with parents is the best way to support children. We have an open-door policy, finding time to deal with the issues that matter to our parents – no matter how big or small. We would like to encourage parents to contact the class teachers to discuss their child's personal, social and academic needs. You can do this via the class emails or an email via admin which will be forwarded to the class teacher, or arrange a meeting after school or ask a teacher to phone you