



# St Nicholas Church School

## School Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers,

It's been a long time coming but we were so pleased to finally open the revamped library at school today! This fabulous resource will go a long way in inspiring and motivating the children to develop their love of reading. It's such a great feeling when you turn the first few pages of a brand new book and we hope as many children as possible get to experience this over the coming weeks. We also have a new mini mobile library, which will be based outside on dry days, to get even more books into the hands of children (see next page for details).

In other news, our chef Greg ventured out of his kitchen today to confirm that we are ready for another family breakfast. This will take place on the last day of term and will run in the usual way, with a booking system in place. Details will soon be available on ParentPay. If you've never been to a family breakfast before, we strongly recommend that you give it a try as it's a lovely time to spend with the children before a day at school.

Yesterday we sent out a survey to parents asking for your thoughts on the school's approach to supporting learning and behaviour at school. We would really appreciate your time in completing this, as parent's feedback is important in how we shape our policies in school. We will also be asking the children for their thoughts and to make sure that their voice is heard in the decision making process.

We finish the week by saying a very fond farewell and best wishes to Mrs Biss as she heads off on maternity leave. The children made some beautiful cards to wish her good luck and we know that we'll be seeing her back in St Nics very soon. We wish her all the very best for her time off and hope she manages to get a well earned rest from school!

Enjoy the long bank holiday weekend and let's hope the sun shines for at least some of it.

Mr Low & Mrs Simmons



★ Our Award Winners ★				
	Star	Maths Magician	Reading/Oracy	Wizard Writer
Avon	Lexie-Maigh S	Beven M	Amelia-Grace H Charlie-Beau D	Jasmine B
Mells	Lauren H	Chelsea H	Liyomi Lily T	Leo R
Yeo	Harriet VH	Nora G	Isla C Alicia P	Teddy B
Hartlake	Leo B	Henry C	Freddie B Jay R	Xavier W
Midford	Lexi-Davis W	Jaycub K	Cerys O'C Brooke DG	Caydn M

### Outside Achievements

- Well done to Nora G who has been awarded Floor Level 2 in gymnastics and has been awarded a certificate for being an Eco-Warrior!!
- Congratulations to Chloe B who has been awarded Level 3 Bars Award in gymnastics and has completed Stage 3 in swimming, brilliant!!
- Well done to Poppy B who has been awarded Floor Level 2 in gymnastics and has completed Stage 3 in swimming.
- Congratulations to Sophie C who has been awarded Stage 3 in swimming.

### NEW LIBRARY OPEN!

We are pleased to announce that our revamped library is now OPEN! Our Year 6 house captains did the official duties of cutting the ribbon this morning and every class has had the opportunity to come and spend a bit of time in the new space. A huge amount of work has gone in to sorting out the old stock of books and replacing it with a fantastic range of modern literature. A massive thank you to: the PTFA for supporting with funding; parents, carers and children for raising a significant sum of money through our run for reading event; and Miss Hinchliff and parent helper Miss Underhill who have spent hours making sure everything is labelled and in the right place! We know the children can't wait to get started on all the new books, so keep a look out for lots of book reviews and recommendations in the newsletter over the coming weeks.

If your child is a free reader and is borrowing books from the library, please make sure they look after them and return them promptly after they have finished, so that other children can make the most of this great resource.



### OTHER NEW ADDITIONS

Next week, keep a look out for 2 new additions to the outside of school. When the weather is good, we will be putting out a uniform rail and a mini library!

#### Unclaimed Uniform Rail

Please help yourself to any items on this rail. We frequently have unnamed lost property at school that is never claimed. When unnamed items are found in school, they are sent to the lost property store. If they remain unclaimed for a number of weeks, we will move them out to the uniform rail. To avoid your child's items going missing, please ensure everything is labelled clearly with their name. Named items, when found, are always returned to the child. If you have any uniform items you'd like to donate for someone else to make good use of, please pass them on to the school office.

#### Mini Mobile Library

We now have a large stock of old books from the library. We would love to see these used or go to a good home. Please feel free to borrow and return items from the mini library as you wish. It is important to keep these books separate from the new stock in the main library so please encourage children to only return borrowed items to these shelves and not back into the classroom.

## Time to Talk

<b>Cam</b>	Can you name 3 minibeasts that you found when we went to
<b>Somer</b>	What might an explorer have in their bag?
<b>Dart</b>	Who was Bessie Coleman?
<b>Avon</b>	What jobs were typical for a Tudor Apprentice?
<b>Mells</b>	Can you list the different features of a Viking long-boat?
<b>Yeo</b>	What have you learnt about air resistance?
<b>Hartlake</b>	Can you think of 5 different ways to relax when you are feeling worried or anxious?
<b>Wellow</b>	Can you spell your name backwards?
<b>Midford</b>	

## Attendance

<b>Cam</b>	<b>92.9%</b>
<b>Somer</b>	<b>97.7%</b>
<b>Dart</b>	<b>89.6%</b>
<b>Avon</b>	<b>93.9%</b>
<b>Mells</b>	<b>98.4%</b>
<b>Yeo</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>Hartlake</b>	<b>93%</b>
<b>Midford</b>	<b>87.5%</b>
<b>Wellow</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Overall attendance is: 94.9%**

## House Points

<b>Ludlow</b>	187
<b>Foxcote</b>	233
<b>Tyning</b>	153
<b>Huish</b>	203

## Diary Dates

### Tuesday 7th May

9.15am Y4 Family Event

### Wednesday 8th May

Y3 Trip To The Big Pit

12.30pm Y5 Family Lunch

### Friday 10th May

KS1 Celebration Assembly

### Monday 13th May

Y6 SATS Week

### Friday 17th May

KS2 Celebration Assembly

### Monday 20th May

Y6 Trip To The Beach

### Tuesday 21st May

KS1Sports Day & Family Picnic

### Wednesday 22nd May

KS2 Sports Day & Family Picnic

### Thursday 23rd May

Y1 Trip To SS Great Britain

### Friday 24th May

Family Breakfast

Spirit Of St Nicholas Assembly

End Of Term 5

### Monday 3rd June

Term 6

### Wednesday 5th June

KS1 Reserved Sports Day

### Friday 7th June

KS1 Celebration Assembly

### Tuesday 11th June

9.30am Reception Family Event

### Wednesday 12th June

PTFA

# Teddy Bear Hospital

Saturday 15th June at our Children's Outpatient Department B11 RUH  
Morning session: 10:00 - 12:00 | Afternoon session: 13:30 - 15:30

Bring your child and their teddy to join us for a series of fun workshops to show them what we do at hospital! The workshops are suitable for all primary school aged children.

- Dental check ups
- Handwashing
- Plastering sessions
- Preparing teddy for 'surgery'
- Meeting the ambulance team
- Arts and crafts

Snacks and refreshments will be available!



Scan here to book your FREE place:





# EGG THEATRE YOUTH CHOIR

An inclusive, welcoming, and FREE choir for young people aged 9-18 from refugee, asylum seeker or immigrant background, or those with English as a second language

Monday 19th August – Friday 23rd August

Monday 26th August – Friday 30th August

**TIMES // 10am - 12:30pm**

To express your interest, refer a young person  
or receive further information  
please contact  
[tess.agus@theatreroyal.org.uk](mailto:tess.agus@theatreroyal.org.uk)  
or call 01225823487

# 2023-2024 SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

Including INSET DAYS

<b>TERM 1</b>	
Start:	Tuesday 5th September
Finish:	Friday 20th October
<b>TERM 2</b>	
Start:	Monday 30th October
Finish:	Friday 15th December
<b>TERM 3</b>	
Start:	Wednesday 3rd January
Finish:	Friday 9th February
<b>TERM 4</b>	
Start:	Monday 19th February
Finish:	Thursday 28th March
<b>TERM 5</b>	
Start:	Monday 15th April
Finish:	Friday 24th May
<b>TERM 6</b>	
Start:	Monday 3rd June
Finish:	Tuesday 23rd July
<b>INSET DAYS</b>	
Friday 1st September 2023	
Monday 4th September 2023	
Tuesday 2nd January 2024	
Monday 29th January 2024	
Friday 12th July 2024	