



St Nicholas Church School

End of Term 4 Newsletter

Message from the Heads of School:

As we come to the end of what has been a wonderful term, we would like to take a moment to celebrate everything that has happened in term 4.

Our whole-school Holi celebration, led by Mr and Mrs Patel, was an excellent day that the children absolutely loved. We also enjoyed participating in a number of sporting events, where pupils showed fantastic enthusiasm, teamwork, and perseverance.

School trips have been a real highlight this term. Classes had the opportunity to visit both We The Curious and Butser Ancient Farm, where children engaged in hands-on learning that deepened their curiosity and understanding of the world around them. We also marked Neurodiversity Week with a whole-school assembly and a brilliant mufti day, both proudly organised by our Pupil Leadership Team (PLT), who also led a very successful bake sale last week. Thank you to Miss Boby and Mrs Clarke for supporting the PLT with their events.

Across the school, children have been working extremely hard. We have been particularly impressed with the quality of their writing and the enthusiasm they bring to it. It has been wonderful to see their confidence and creativity grow.

Another special moment this term was our parent breakfast for Reception, Year 1, and Year 2. It was lovely to welcome so many families into school and we look forward to the Year 3 and 4 breakfast next term.

We finished the term with two wonderful community events: a beautiful Easter service at the church, led by Rev. Ian, and a fantastic Easter Bingo organised by the PTFA, which brought families together for fun filled evening with delicious prizes.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone involved in making these events and opportunities possible—staff, parents, carers, volunteers, and of course, the children themselves.

We wish you all a wonderful Easter holiday, and we look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready for Term 5.

Staffing Update

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Mrs Smyth is expecting a baby and will be starting her maternity leave part way through next term. This is truly lovely news for her and her family, and we wish her a restful and happy Easter break as she prepares for this exciting new chapter.

In other staffing news, we are pleased to announce that Miss Sampson will be returning from maternity leave during next term. We look forward to welcoming her back into school and know the children will be excited to see her again.

We will communicate with parents early next term regarding the exact dates and our class arrangements for the final terms of the academic year to ensure a smooth and well-planned transition for all pupils.



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Midford:

Midford class have been learning about the stone age this term. They made stone age art to decorate their classroom and were inspired by Andy Goldsworthy to make art using natural resources. In cooking they made fruit smoothies, vegetable kebabs and burgers. Miss Morley brought some hazel sticks from her garden, and they made a bender tent - it was very weatherproof and kept out the wind and the rain!



Wellow:

Wellow class have been learning about habitats, they learnt that blue whales live at the Arctic and Antarctic and migrate to spend the winter at the equator and that ladybirds live in gardens, parks and woods (we found lots in the playground!) They made artwork inspired by the ocean including handprint fish and paper plate jellyfish. They learnt about the Easter story and made lots of things to celebrate Easter including Easter biscuits, nest cakes and Easter baskets.



Maths Measurement Length Weight Time tables	Wellow Class – Term 5 Topic Web The Journey of a Raindrop 	English Capital letters, finger spaces, full stops, commas Adjectives Question marks and exclamation marks Conjunctions Punctuation & spelling Letter formation
Art Colour mixing Ink resist Weaving Collage	PSHE Relationships Family and friends Keeping safe Trusted adults Healthy eating Keeping safe around water	Science Water cycle Rivers Rain Floating and sinking Waterproof material
Homework Reading TTs and Number Bonds Phonics and spelling	Geography Our local area Rivers Water cycle	RE Multi-faith





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Cam:

Our topic for this term has been The Circle of Life. We will also be continuing our learning into Term 5. For term 4 our learning has centred around the lifecycle of plants.

Our fictional focus has been on traditional tales that have linked to our topic. These have included Jack and the Beanstalk and The Enormous Turnip. We have enjoyed retelling these stories and sequencing them. We have also used non-fiction books linked to plant growth such as 'My Bean Diary' and 'The Lifecycle of a Sunflower'

We have been talking about the seasons and noticing signs of Spring. We explored the school grounds and used our senses to find out what we could hear, smell, touch and see. We have been using our outside area to its full advantage and have begun preparing our planters for seeds. So far, we have planted sunflowers and broad beans. We are excited to see if our beans grow as tall as Jack's! We have discussed what plants need to grow and explored seed distribution in a simple way.

This term we have also explored simple, personal timelines and compared photographs in the past and the present. We have talked about Spring traditions and the importance of the cross for Christians at Easter time.

Our writing and phonics skills are continuing to improve, and we are getting better at forming our letters too. We are beginning to use our phonic knowledge to write more complex words and reading tricky words with greater confidence.

In maths we have compared and sequenced numbers. Our focus has been on the different components of 9 and 10. We have been using 10 frames to explore patterns and numicon to visualise parts. We have learnt some names for solid shapes and looked for them in the environment. You might be able to spot some at home?

Our PSHE theme 'Healthy Me' has allowed us to explore healthy and non-healthy foods and ways to keep active. We continue to enjoy our regular football slot on a Monday afternoon.





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Somer:

We are incredibly proud of the children who took part in the recent dance sessions. Their performance at the Dance Umbrella show was absolutely amazing, and they represented the school brilliantly. It was a joy to see their confidence and enthusiasm shine on stage.

In Science, we have been exploring different countries around the world and discussing the question: Would you rather live in a hot or cold place? The children have enjoyed sharing their ideas and learning about different climates and environments.

Our English lessons have been full of creativity, inspired by the book Dragon Post. The children thoroughly enjoyed the story, and it has been fantastic to see so many of them writing their own versions at home and proudly bringing them in to share.

In Design and Technology, we have been learning about different food groups and thinking about healthy choices. The children are very excited to put their learning into practice by making their own wraps this week!

We are so proud of how hard everyone has worked this term. The progress we are seeing across both year groups is brilliant, and the children should feel very proud of themselves. We hope you all have a well-deserved and restful break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back next term!





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Yeo:

This term has been full of exciting adventures! Yeo Class explored the wonders of space at We The Curious and amazed everyone with their dance performance at the Dance Umbrella after lots of hard work.

In writing, they created fascinating reports about the world around us. They also had a fantastic time at the Holi festival workshops, making vibrant memories and trying on stunning saris. It's been an unforgettable, action-packed term!



Hartlake:

In Year 6 we have had a very busy Term 4. Highlights have included:

A jam-packed core curriculum – learning about the use of dialogue in English, shape in Maths, and how exercise impacts our health in Science.

17 of us took part in the Year 6 Cross Country at Somervale School. We have been training for this event since December and it paid off with 3rd place overall for the girls' team and 5th place overall for the boys' team. (Also a massive well done to Zander who came 1st in the boys' race.)

Designing a cuddly toy which we then made out of felt. We had to sew our cuddly toys using cross stitch and running stitch.

A visit from Mrs Stillman, who brought in lots of artefacts from WW2 for us to look at, Plus learning WW2 songs during Music.





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PTFA:

Since January, the PTFA has been busy supporting the school community through a range of events. We've helped fund memorable experiences for pupils, including costumes for the recent Dance Umbrella performances and a whole-school celebration for Holi.

We loved hosting our recent Crafternoon, which brought families together for a relaxed, creative afternoon and was a lovely opportunity to be together as a school community.

Our Easter Bingo was a fantastic community event supported by generous donations. Thank you to everyone who contributed donations, attended, and helped make a fun evening.

Thank you also for your continued support of our after-school tuck shops—they've been a great success and are always well enjoyed. Keep an eye out after Easter for more tuck shops as the weather improves!

To keep our fundraising going, we're always looking for volunteers—whether it's helping at events, behind the scenes, or contributing ideas, any support is hugely appreciated. Please email us: stnicradstock.ptfa@gmail.com

