

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH SCHOOL

TERM 5 NEWSLETTER

DATE 22.05.2026



ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 18TH MAY WAS 92.74%. THIS IS SHOWING A STEADY IMPROVEMENT, BUT WE KNOW IT COULD BE HIGHER!

WELL DONE TO SOMER CLASS WITH THE TOP ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK OF 97.24% ! YOU ARE SUPERSTARS!

HEADS OF SCHOOL UPDATE

This has been a fantastic term, and it's hard to believe how much we have managed to fit into just five weeks! There have been some wonderful experiences for the children, including visits to the Big Pit and the Bath & West Food Festival, as well as an exciting Year 5 Greek Visitor Day.

We were also delighted to welcome so many families to our brilliant Year 3 and 4 parent breakfast – it was lovely to see the children sharing their learning with you.

A massive well done to our Year 6 pupils, who approached their recent SATs with a marvellous attitude. We couldn't be prouder of their effort, resilience and positivity.

We ended the term with a fantastic Sports Day for EYFS and Key Stage 1. The children were incredible, showing great enthusiasm and teamwork throughout. A special mention goes to our older pupils, who supported the younger children so well and helped make the day such a success.

Thank you also to all the parents who joined in with the races – although we're fairly sure there may have been a little "creative interpretation" of the rules during the egg and spoon race! We have rescheduled the new date for KS2 Thursday 11th June, with further details to follow nearer the time.

Please remember that we have an INSET day on Monday 1st June, and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 2nd June.

We hope you all have a wonderful half term and enjoy the sunshine that is forecast.

Cam

This term the reception children have been learning all about lifecycles. We have been very busy in our garden area, planting lots of seeds and talking about what they need to grow. Our sunflowers are getting really tall and our vegetables are looking very healthy too.

Part of our learning for this term involved a trip to Carymoor Environmental Centre. We enjoyed taking part in lots of activities, including a mini-beast hunt and pond dipping. We even found a newt hiding under a log!

One of the most recent highlights has been watching the children taking part in sports day. They all performed brilliantly and considering it was their first time did an amazing job of cheering their team mates on and giving 100% in every event they tried. A great illustration of perseverance and resilience. Well done Cam Class!



Somer

Year 1 and Year 2 have been focusing on the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. During their school trip, the children explored seeds and germination, linking their learning to the story theme. All the children were very excited to see a vole.

In Year 1, pupils have been working on Phase 5 phonics sounds and tricky words, as well as developing their maths skills by learning to tell the time to half past the hour.

In Year 2, children have been completing spelling units, writing about their school trip, and continuing to develop their understanding of telling the time.

Avon

This term year 3 enjoyed both their school trips to The Big Pit and Field for Food. They loved going down into the mines and finding out about where our food comes from. Both trips were a great success and having two in one week definitely tired the children out! In Art Avon class have been looking at 3D sculptures and had a go at building their own which was inspired by the artist Athony Caro. The children enjoyed using cardboard to create different shapes and textures. This week the children finished off their persuasive letters to a family member of their choice. The aim was to persuade them to take them somewhere where they haven't been in a while. We got some brilliant writing from it. Next term we are excited to carry on with our ukelele sessions and perform to the parents. Hope everyone has a lovely break!



Mells

Year 4 really enjoying ukulele lessons this term, we will send out details of a final performance for parents to watch soon.

In English we have been developing narratives with imagination into portal worlds.

We have also been exploring the Viking history and finding out the truth about them

The whole class have settled in to our new classroom and enjoying have more space.

I look forward to welcoming eveyone back after half term.

Yeo

This term has been full of exciting and creative learning adventures for our Year 5 children! We've had a fantastic time exploring the world of writing, focusing on entertaining our readers with vivid descriptions and thrilling recounts. We even wrapped up the term by crafting short suspense stories.

In History, the children delved into the fascinating question: "What is the legacy of the ancient Greek civilisation?" To bring their learning to life, we hosted an interactive workshop that truly made history memorable and engaging.

Music has also been a highlight, with the children getting the chance to learn how to play the ukulele. They've been strumming away with enthusiasm, creating lovely melodies and enjoying every moment of making music together. Additionally, the children put on their chefs hats and tried their hand at cooking. They made their own delicious bolognese sauce — many for the first time cooking on a hob! It was a wonderful hands-on experience for them all!



Hartlake

Year 6 have had another busy term. We all have worked really hard. Highlights of this term include:

- Our hard work and resilience during SATs week. The Year 6 staff were really impressed by how calm we all were.
- Our trip to the beach. We all had lots of fun, even though the weather wasn't the best. Everyone enjoyed the ice cream and most children enjoyed the ferris wheel!
The children worked really hard to create a sand river.
- Helping KS1 with their sports day was lots of fun. We enjoyed running the events in the morning and helping with the races in the afternoon.
- As the sun has started to come out we have started to learn how to play rounders, which we are really enjoying.



Wellow & Midford

The Resource Base have been learning about water cycles this term. We have learnt about why water is so important and what it is used for. We've learnt about how rivers are made and how we can help keep them clean, including carrying out some litter picking. In Wellow Class we have done water themed art and learnt about Monet, who loved to paint water, including the water lilies in his pond. In Midford Class we learnt to colour mix to paint our own landscapes. We learnt about Noah's Ark and looked for rainbows. We built boats and submarines and tested them for buoyancy.



PTFA Update

As we come to the end of another busy term, we'd like to thank everyone for their continued support of our PTFA events. We've enjoyed running lots of successful tuck shops providing refreshments, and had a fantastic time at Sports Day yesterday – it was wonderful to see everyone enjoying the day!

Looking ahead, we're excited to invite you to our Craft Afternoon, taking place after school on **Monday 15th June**. Children and adults are invited to come along and make a craft to keep for themselves or gift to someone special. Refreshments will also be available to purchase, and tickets can be booked now via Arbor School Shop.

Please also save the date for our **Summer Fayre on Thursday 25th June** in the afternoon – more details to follow, but do get it in your diaries!

Finally, we are always looking for volunteers to help support our PTFA events, whether regularly or occasionally. Your help makes a real difference in raising funds to provide wider experiences and opportunities for our children. If you'd like to get involved or find out more about volunteering, please get in touch with us at: stnicradstock.ptfa@gmail.com

– we'd love to hear from you.

SCHOOL TERM & HOLIDAY DATES 2026-2027

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 Bank Holiday

 School Holiday

 Term Time

 - Inset days