



St Nicholas Church School

School Newsletter

20th October 2023 Term 1 Newsletter 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic end to the term and have been so proud of all the children have achieved already this year. It is wonderful showing new people our school because the children are always displaying excellent learning behaviours and are incredibly polite and welcoming. It really shows the kind and caring place our school is.

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evening. However, if you didn't manage to book a slot, or couldn't attend, please contact your child's class teacher who will try to arrange another time.

Last week, we sadly said goodbye to Mrs Bowell who has worked at St Nicholas for many years. She started an exciting new job this week working in a residential children's home. We wish her lots of luck as she begins this new chapter.

As always, we have finished the term with our Spirit of St Nicholas celebration. It was wonderful to hear all of the marvellous speeches from the teachers explaining why the children are so deserving of the award. We also had a St Nicholas first, with not one, but two sets of siblings receiving the award! Well done to everyone.

This evening you will receive your child's visit letter for the year and Mrs Williams will set up instalment plans for all of the visits on Parent Pay when we return. We have selected visits that supplement our curriculum and will provide exciting opportunities for the children. We have tried to keep the overall cost as low as possible but unfortunately, the cost of transport has increased which has a knock on effect to our visit costs. If you have any difficulties paying for any visits, please contact the school office.

Next term, sees the start of the Christmas fun, which begins even earlier this year as we finish on the 15th December. During next term, we will be hosting our annual Christmas decoration making family event and Winter Fayre. We will also begin some of our Family Lunches. Look forward to seeing you at these events.

Have a fabulous half term, whatever you and your family are doing. See you on Monday 30th October!

Take care and have fun.

Kirsty Biss and Will Low

Our Values

Years 2 and 3 have been celebrating Diwali. They dressed up and made some super Rangoli patterns. They were also told some stories and wrote some poems about the exciting festival. Diwali always falls some time between October and November, but the exact date varies each year as the Hindu calendar is based on the Moon. In 2023, Diwali is on **Sunday 12 November**. Diwali is known as the 'festival of lights' because houses, shops and public places are decorated with small oil lamps called 'Diya's'. Super RE everyone, well done.



Attendance

Cam	96.1%
Somer	84.8%
Dart	95.4%
Avon	92.3%
Mells	94.7%
Yeo	94.2%
Hartlake	88.3%
Midford	95%
Wellow	86.7%
Overall attendance is	92.3%

Spirit of St Nicholas

Cam	Zak M	Somer	Austin R
Dart	George L	Avon	Oliver L
Kennet	Aaron S	Yeo	Sienna U
Hartlake	Ella T	Midford	Jaycub K

Diary Dates

Monday 30th October

Term 2

Tuesday 31st October

Individual Photos

Friday 3rd November

KS1 Celebration Assembly

Friday 10th November

KS2 Celebration Assembly

Monday 20th November

Y1 Trip To The Wild Place

Tuesday 14th November

3.30pm PTFA Meeting

Wednesday 29th November

3.00pm PTFA Christmas Fayre

Thursday 30th November

2.30pm Whole School Family Christmas
Decoration Making

Time To Talk

Cam	Do you know your address?
Somer	What have you learnt about grouping animals?
Dart	What are the differences between reptiles and amphibians?
Avon	Can you write a secret mirror message to your family?
Mells	Think back to our ICT lesson. On what websites is the content subject to copyright?
Yeo	What do you remember about our new book Friend or Foe? What has been the most interesting part of the story so far?
Hartlake	What did you learn from bikeability?

Peg Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been awarded peg awards this week:

Red— Austin R, Lennox D, Ivy- Grace R, Joseph H, Jacob D, Pixie-Rose H, Keisha M, Kayla M, Fabian D, Teddy F, Izzy S-B, Grayson W, Freya B- G, Nevaeh-Jade H, Thea T, Wynter-Rose M, Ezra C, Enzo J, Ada H, Isobel M, Zachary C, Caydn M, Harrison J, Lucas C, Sophie C, George, Oliver , Aaron S, Molly J, Teo, Reuben H, Archie H, Lily T, Isla T, Logan S, Zander H, Maisy P , Freddie B, Amelia B, Harry B, Harrison G, De'Alla N, Sharusha R, Jay R, Elsie T, Ella T.

Yellow- Ivy B and Luna L.

House Points

Foxcote: 182

Tyning: 178

Huish: 196

Ludlow: 202

St Nics PTFA

Don't forget, after half term (7th November, from 4pm) we will be holding our AGM! This is the perfect opportunity for you to come along and find out what we do, and how you can help. We are always looking for new members, and new ideas of how we can raise vital funds to enrich our children's school experience.

Please do come along, and if you have any questions before the day, please either message our Facebook page, or email us on stnicradstock.ptfa@gmail.com

Last year we held a pop up second hand Christmas clothing sale. Would you like us to do this again? If you would, please bring any old Christmas clothing to the office, and we will set a date to hold another pop up café and sale.

Message from BSW School Aged Immunisation Team

Dear Parents,

We have Community Clinics running over half term and after for any parents that still require their children to receive the nasal or inactivated flu vaccination. This will be if you missed our flu consent link, or your child was absent and you haven't yet made an appointment with us. We also do offer the inactivated (injected) flu for any children that cannot receive the live nasal flu vaccine.

Please follow the link below to book your appointment:

<https://schoolimms.hrcgcaregroup.com/flu/2023/book>

Many thanks

BSW School Aged Immunisation Team

Lunchtime Football

Mrs Smith will be running lunchtime football next term. Please bring in spare kit from home: top, shorts/joggers and boots or spare trainers. No PE kit.

Monday—Y3 & Y4 boys

Wednesday—Y5 & Y6 boys

Friday—Y3-Y6 girls

Message from Somer Valley

Foodbank

I just wanted on behalf of Somer Valley Foodbank to thank you and the teachers/staff at your school for agreeing to donate this years Harvest Festival collection to our Foodbank. In particular please pass on our thanks and appreciation to all the parents and children for their kind donations.

I am delighted to let you know that St Nicholas School collected a total of 67.20kgs of food and other products. I assure you this kind donation makes a significant difference to us and our ability to help those people in need in our local community.

Thank you again

Mark Siddons

Somer Valley Foodbank Warehouse
Manager

2023-2024 SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

Including INSET DAYS

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



Stnicradstock.ptfa@gmail.com

Dear Parents/Carers

Friends of St. Nic's PTFA will be holding its AGM on 7th November 2023, at 3:40pm in the school hall.

We would love to see as many of you as possible there, everyone is welcome, and there will be colouring to keep children occupied while we hold the meeting.

All members of our school community are automatically a member of the PTFA, and we welcome new ideas, and new faces, at all of our meetings, so please do come along and get involved. You don't have to commit to giving up lots of time, the more of us there are, the further the load can be spread! Even if you are unable to attend meetings, there are many other ways to be involved, whether its through contacting us on facebook (Friends of St. Nic's PTFA) or via email to suggest events you think might work well, donating items for our raffles and stalls, or giving up a couple of hours to help with preparation work or run a stall at an event, it is all appreciated.

If you want to become a member of the committee, you can do this by attending the AGM, or by contacting us at the email address above.

At the AGM we will be discussing the events we have held, our accounts, and future plans, as well as making any changes to the structure of the committee that are deemed necessary, and electing members to the named roles.

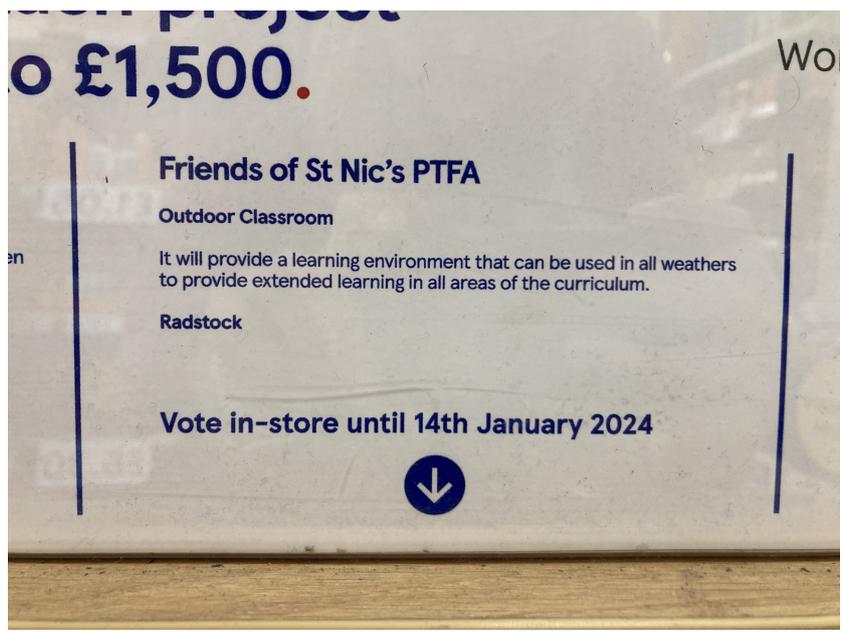
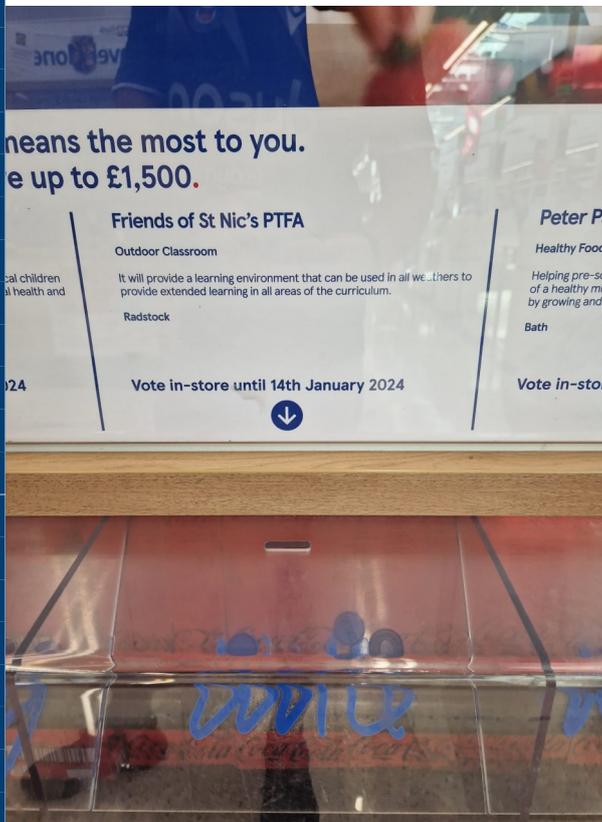
After the AGM, we will begin our planning for this year's Christmas events. We will be sending home information after the Half Term holiday about how you can help out, and when we will be meeting for Planning sessions.

We hope to see you there!

Kind regards

Amy Pritchard

Chair



If you are shopping at Tesco, make sure to grab a few of their little blue tokens to add to our box! We are hoping to win some money to put towards the refurbishment of the Quiet Garden, to create a lovely outdoor learning space for the children. Make sure you tell all your friends and family! You will also find our box in Tesco Express stores around the local area.

Thank you
Friends of St Nic's PTFA



Dear Parents/Carers

After half term, the children will be taking part in a sponsored event. This will take place on Thursday 9th November, during the school day. Every child will have the opportunity to take part, and earn a medal celebrating their fundraising efforts.

The school is currently updating their reading schemes, and therefore need to purchase many new reading books, which will be at a significant cost to the school.

Friends of St. Nic's PTFA have decided to organise a Sponsored event, "Run for Reading", where every child will be given the opportunity to raise much needed funds towards purchasing these books. This will benefit every child in the school, as the new reading schemes will be rolled out throughout the year groups.

Please see attached a sponsorship form, you can either sponsor your child per lap, or sponsor them a set amount. As we are a registered charity, we can also claim Gift Aid on your sponsorship if you are a UK taxpayer – all you need to do is put your house number and postcode down, and we can claim an additional 25%!

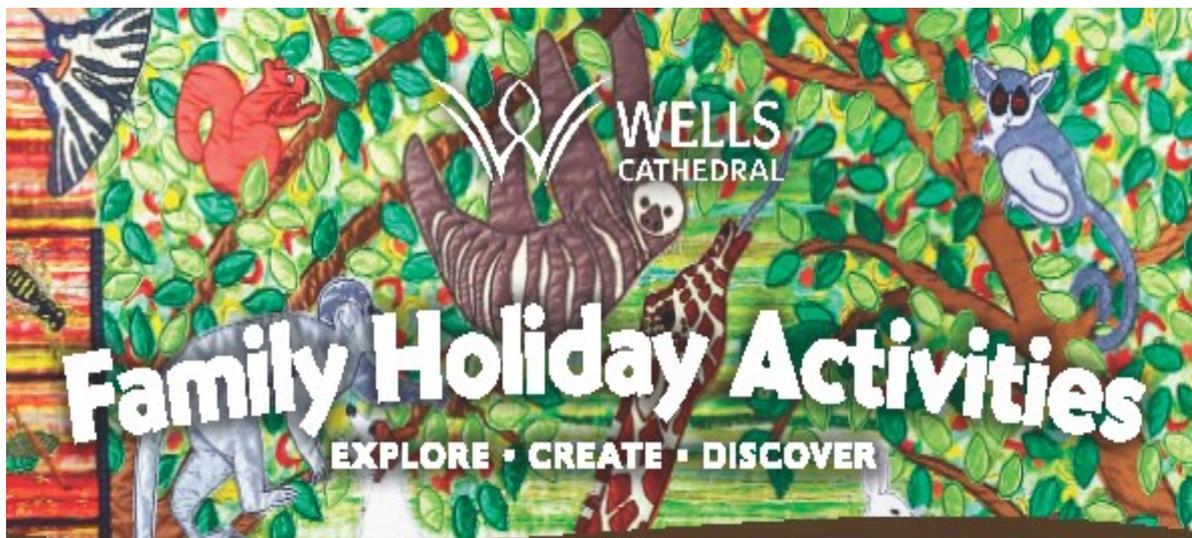
We appreciate that money is tight for everyone at the moment, but please do ask if any family members, work colleagues and neighbours are willing to sponsor your child, as every penny we raise will help the school to purchase more books to help your children.

Thank you for your support!

Kind regards

Amy Pritchard

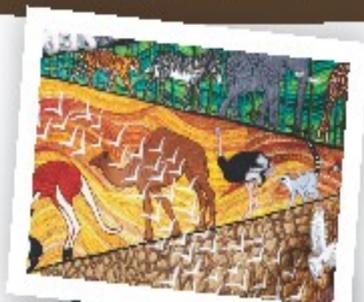
Chair – Friends of St. Nic's PTFA



Family Holiday Activities

EXPLORE • CREATE • DISCOVER

Book online at wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays



Threads through Creation

October 2023

Creative workshops for children inspired by the stunning 'Threads through Creation' exhibition. Take time to see the wonderful, supersized fabric panels before your craft session; pick up a free family trail leaflet and explore the kaleidoscope of colours, shapes, patterns – and of course many, many different creatures!



Felted Worlds Monday 23 October*

Make a mini felted Earth to hang at home, complete with your message for a better world.



Spectacular Spirals Tuesday 24 October*

Take inspiration from spirals in the exhibition and in nature. Try circular weaving or create a snazzy snake mobile.



Fabric Creations Wednesday 25 October*

Stitch a mini textile panel or use fabric and glue to create a colourful creature collage.

**Sessions at 10.00 a.m., 11.15 a.m., and 2.00 p.m.*

Scan to book:

Or drop in on the day (subject to availability)

£2.15 per child / £1.10 if eligible for free school meals; Accompanying adults FREE

Please note that Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and no dogs are allowed at family activities.





LEAP is a free programme for families of children and young people who are above a healthy weight*

1-1 face to face support for 5-10 year olds and a combination of face to face & virtual support for 11-17 year olds*

Receive a **FREE 3-MONTH leisure centre pass** upon completion for the child and nominated adult**

Topics covered:

- Healthy food and drink swaps
- Physical activity/active play
 - Impact of screen time
 - Food choices

To book a place or find out more contact the
Community Wellbeing Hub:

t: 0300 247 0050

e: BATHNES.thehub@hcrgrcaregroup.com

Cook it

FREE five week cookery course for parents/carers and children

Join an in person or virtual group course to discover
how to make easy, healthy, budget friendly recipes.

Receive a recipe booklet and links to our NEW video recipes

Support with meal planning and budgeting

Encouraging children to eat balanced meals

Ingredients and equipment provided or funded up to £30 for virtual courses

For families with children aged 5-17

Range of dates available:

Contact the Community Wellbeing Hub to find out more:

0300 247 0050

BATHNES.thehub@hcrgrcaregroup.com

Haydon

Guy Fawkes Trail

Saturday 4th November

Collect a trail map from Haydon Que
Club from Wednesday 1st November.
Return it to the club to collect a small
prize

Live in Haydon and want your home/garden to be included?
Email christine.ann.iles@gmail.com or text/call on
07866456549 by 28th October. Prize for the best
scarecrow/model etc.

FREE
CONCERT

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WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

DRAGONFLY THEATRE, WRITHLINGTON SCHOOL, 6:00PM

[TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/DRAGONFLYTHEATRE](https://ticketsource.co.uk/dragonflytheatre)

[MANUSNOBLE.COM](https://manusnoble.com)



23rd
Oct

Bath Lantern Workshop

A fun activity for kids to get involved with over the October Half Term!

Banish the winter blues by creating a willow lantern at our lantern making workshop.

You can show off your lantern at Bath Lights the Night.

Tickets are free, donations are welcome

welcometobath.co.uk/bath-lights-the-night



15th
Nov

Bath Lights the Night

Bringing light to the streets of Bath during the gloomy dark days, join us across the city to walk through the streets of Bath with beautiful handmade lanterns created by local children. Finishing at Bath Abbey for some music.

Seats are on a first come first served basis.

welcometobath.co.uk/bath-lights-the-night



15th
Nov

Music at the Abbey

Following the Bath Lights the Night procession through the city, we will meet at the Abbey for an evening filled with music and singing from the Orchestra of Everything.

If you are in the parade we will reserve a seat for you.

Tickets are free, there will be a retiring collection in aid of Dorothy House.

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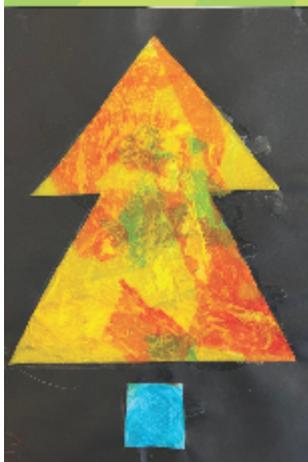
Browse events and activities at welcometobath.co.uk/beautiful-bath-at-christmas

Christmas Art Trail



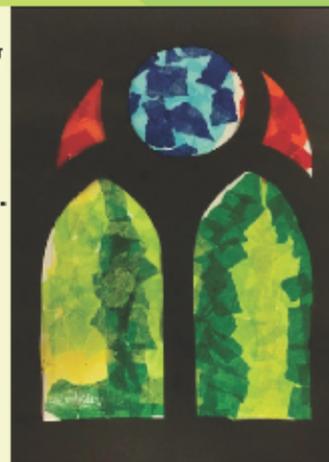
**Make a piece of Art for the
Christmas Art Trail in shop windows**

Deadline Friday 24th November
Trail 29 November to 19 December



Christmas window

Create an outline using
black sugar paper or card.
Stick coloured tissue
paper in the spaces.
Hand completed work
to Unit 14, South Road, MSN



Free workshop Saturday 18 November 10-1 Unit 14
contact manager@midsomernortoncommunitytrust.co.uk
01761 419133 07903951168





Festive Fun Holiday Clubs

Let's Play, Move, Create, Discover & Nourish

St Paul's Junior School



Shepton Mallet

Mon 18th - Thurs 21st Dec
9-3pm or extend to 4pm



St Johns Primary School



Midsomer Norton

Weds 20th - Thurs 21st Dec
9-3pm or extend to 4pm



"All 3 of my children came home full of joy."

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