



St Nicholas Church School

School Newsletter

15th November 2024 Term 2 Newsletter 1

Dear Parents & Carers,

The new term has started well with children busily getting back into their learning. We have enjoyed spending time in classes this week and have seen lots of lovely work across the school.

November is a month that always brings opportunities to reflect on the lives of others. On Monday, to mark Remembrance Day, we held a Remembrance service in school and Year 6 visited the war memorial in Radstock to lay a poppy wreath. Our younger children explored the reasons behind Remembrance Day and the importance of taking time to reflect on those who have given their lives to serve their country.



Today we held a mufti day to raise money for Children In Need, recognising that thousands of disadvantaged children across the country are struggling to cope with a range of issues such as poverty and deprivation, poor mental health and social inequality. Thank you so much for your kind donations and all the money will go to support projects that help create a brighter future for all children.

We've had a number of other local visits this week to get the children up and out of the classroom. Year 1 & 2 experienced a fascinating dance show at the Trinity Methodist Church, with a performance of 'Chiffonnade' which had recently been performed at the Egg Theatre in Bath. It was a lovely experience for the children and they had lots of questions at the end and wanted to give their interpretation of what they felt the dance represented. Thank you to Mrs Hinkley for working with the local council to arrange this unique opportunity for the children. KS1 and Reception also had their first visit of the term to St Nicholas Church for a service with Rev. Ian. This was the first time Reception have been to the church and they impressed everyone with their listening skills. Well done Reception!

Have a great weekend.

Mr Low & Mrs Simmons

Our KS1 Award Winners

	Star	Maths Magician	Reading/Oracy	Wizard Writer
Cam	Mia	Benjamin	Bear H Arthur	Olive S
Somer	Isabella N	Bonnie S	Tilly B Christian M	Rory G
Dart	Pixie-Rose H	Austin R	Nevaeh H Gracie W	Rushew

Outside of School Achievements: Well done Austin who was awarded 'Gymnast of Month' at his club!

New Bikes for KS1 & Reception Class



As part of the Bikeability project, school have received an order of new balance bikes for KS1 & Reception Class. They've certainly been fully tested this week and we can't wait to get the children out practising as much as possible over the coming term. Thank you to Mrs Smyth for arranging this fantastic resource for the children!



Time to Talk

Cam	Talk to your grown ups about the festival of Divali.
Somer	Watch the weather forecast on TV and then pretend you a weather forecaster. Talk to your grownups about the weath-er for the weekend.
Dart	What is a monarch?
Avon	What do you remember about our first lesson on the Ancient Egyptians?
Mells	Why did The Romans invade Britain?
Yeo	Explain what a video is, using our computing vocabulary
Hartlake	Can you remember some characteristics of vertebrates?
Wellow	Where do fossils come from?
Midford	

Mobile Library

We are so happy with how many children are now using the mobile library to top up their reading. Frustratingly we can only put it out on dry days, so hopefully this good weather will continue for a little longer. We are always on the look out for donations to the mobile library so if you have any unwanted books or spot any be-ing given away, please bring them in and we will make them available to the chil-dren.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN BOOKS TO THE LIBRARY FOR OTHER CHILDREN TO USE. BOOKS CAN GO STRAIGHT BACK ON THE SHELVES OR BE HANDED IN TO THE OFFICE.

Attendance

Cam	89.1%
Somer	98.6%
Dart	97.7%
Avon	95.9%
Mells	96.3%
Yeo	95%
Hartlake	97.9%
Midford	93.3%
Wellow	100%
Overall attendance is: 95.8%	

New Librarians

We are pleased to introduce our new li-brarians for Term 2! Isla, Riley and Logan from Yeo class will be looking after the li-brary for the remainder of the term and will be on hand to give advice on any book choices you might have. Well done Year 5!



Girls Football

Last week, our Girls Football Team took part in a KS2 Tournament and reached the Semi Finals! Well done girls!

Ava: "I had a really fun time playing football with my friends, We made it to the semi-finals. On our first match we went against Trinity and lost 3-0. In our second match we played Midsomer Norton and won 8-0. We also won our third match."



Maisy: "I really enjoyed the games. I was playing in defence a lot of the time and molly was in goal. Darcie was very good at scoring goals."

Molly: "I had a very fun match because I was in goal and stopped lots of goals from the other team. Darcie scored loads of goals for us!"

Team: Quinn, Briea, Maisy, Molly, Summer, Evie, Nora, Darcie, Ava-Grace, Sienna

Diary Dates

November		December	
22nd	KS2 Praise Assembly	2nd	PTFA—Elfridges
25th	Flu Immunisations	4th	Father Christmas visiting St Nics
25th	PTFA—Christmas Clothing Sale	5th	Whole school family decoration making event (2:30pm)
28th	Yr 2 Trip—Cardiff Castle	9th	PTFA Wreath Making
28th	Yr 4 Trip—Roman Baths	10th	PTFA—Mufti Day for items for Christmas Bingo
29th	KS1 Praise Assembly	12th	EYFS + KS1 Christmas show (am)
		13th	EYFS + KS1 Christmas show (am)
		16th	KS2 Christmas Show (pm)
		17th	KS2 Christmas Show (pm)
		18th	Christmas Lunch (Wellow, R, 1, 2, 3)
		19th	Christmas Lunch (Midford 4, 5, 6) PTFA Christmas Bingo
		20th	Spirit of St Nicholas Assembly End of Term 12:30 finish R,1,2,3,4,5,6 1:00 Midford + Wellow

Friends Of St Nic's PTFA

The Christmas term has arrived, and with it, our many festive events!

On Monday 25th November, we will be holding a **second hand Christmas Clothing sale** (along with drinks and snacks) at pick up time. If you have any items of Christmas clothing that your children have grown out of, please could you drop it into the office for us by Friday 22nd November?

Elfridges and **Wreath Making** have now been added onto Parent Pay. If you would like to book either, please do so by the following dates: **Elfridges** – 1st December, and **Wreath Making** – 6th December.

For those of you who are new to the school – **Elfridges** is our Christmas shop, where the children get to choose gifts for their loved ones. They are priced at £3 each, with a maximum of two gifts per child. We recommend that these are for adult members of the child's family, as items are not suitable for children. The children love being able to come and choose a gift for you, and get so much joy from giving you something they have chosen themselves! We make it a fun experience, with Christmas music, and lots of jolly Christmassy helpers.

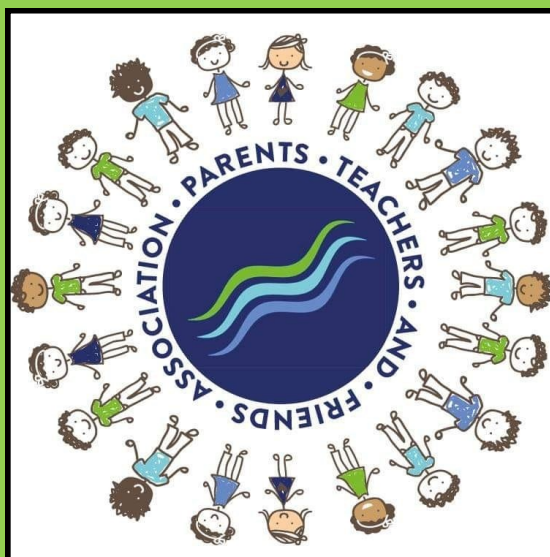
Wreath Making has become a popular event in our Christmas calendar, as an adults only event, it is nice to take a little bit of time for you, to come and have fun with friends or family members, and create something beautiful to hang on your front door! It is £15 for a standard wreath, and £20 for a large wreath, and the cost includes all materials, a drink and a festive treat. Places are limited to 40, so book now!

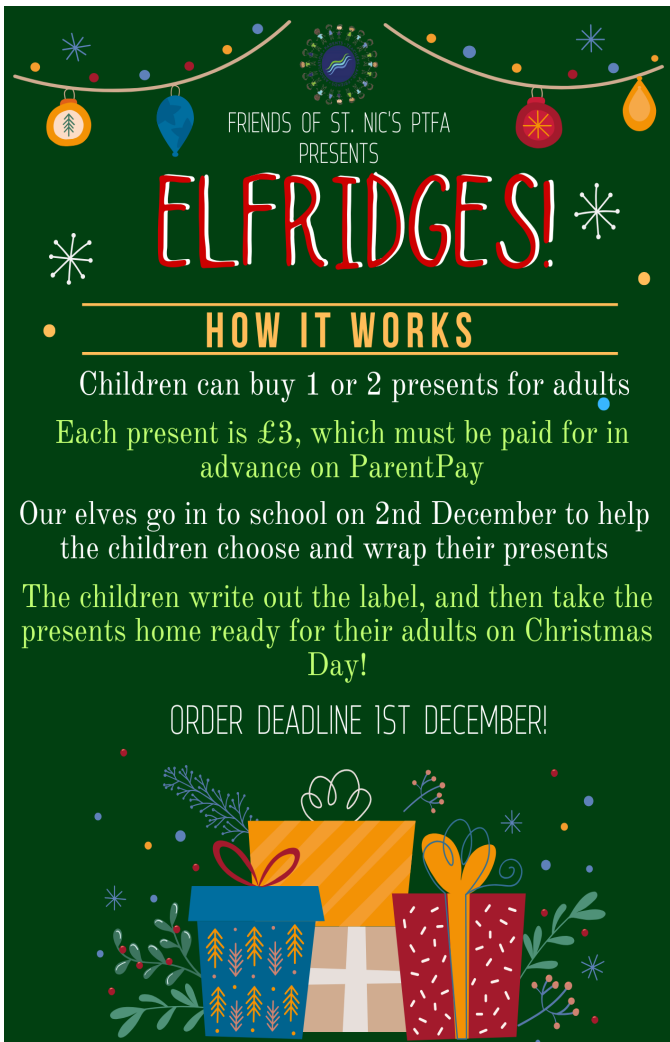
We have decided to hold a **Family Christmas Bingo** evening instead of a fair this year, which will be on the 19th December. If you have been to our Easter Bingo, you will know just how much fun it is! We will be selling refreshments and hot dogs, and there will be a raffle on the night. There will be a mufti day the week before for donations from the Christmas Aisle, so anything from chocolate to decorations, to enable us to make up some fantastic prizes.

Father Christmas will be visiting the school on the 4th December, and, as with last year, every child in the school will receive a gift. This is funded by the PTFA, at no cost to parents. We are currently asking local businesses to sponsor our gifts. If you know of a business that may be willing to donate a little money to help with this, please do get in touch!

And lastly, we will be selling refreshments at all of the Christmas performances!

Phew, it is going to be a busy term! If you are able to help us at any events, please do get in touch – either via our Facebook page Friends of St. Nic's PTFA, or by email at stnicradstock.ptfa@gmail.com





FRIENDS OF ST. NIC'S PTFA
PRESENTS

ELFRIDGES!


HOW IT WORKS

Children can buy 1 or 2 presents for adults
Each present is £3, which must be paid for in advance on ParentPay

Our elves go in to school on 2nd December to help the children choose and wrap their presents

The children write out the label, and then take the presents home ready for their adults on Christmas Day!

ORDER DEADLINE 1ST DECEMBER!




Christmas Wreath Making

MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER
5PM

£15 / regular
£20 / large

Ticket includes a drink and a festive treat!
Raffle tickets for sale on the night at £1 each

Refreshments available to purchase



Christmas FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

GREAT PRIZES AND FUN FOR ALL

Get ready for a festive and fun-filled Christmas Bingo Night! Gather your friends and family for an evening of fun and exciting bingo games!

19TH DEC 2024

5pm

£3 for 3 games + children's quiz



Friends of St. Nic's PTFA

Stay updated & Get in touch!



Send us a message →

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Email stnicsradstock.ptfa@gmail.com

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2024-2025 SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

Including INSET DAYS

TERM 1	
Start:	Monday 2nd September
Finish:	Friday 25th October
TERM 2	
Start:	Monday 4th November
Finish:	Friday 20th December
TERM 3	
Start:	Monday 6th January
Finish:	Friday 14th February
TERM 4	
Start:	Monday 24th February
Finish:	Friday 4th April
TERM 5	
Start:	Tuesday 22nd April
Finish:	Friday 23rd May
TERM 6	
Start:	Monday 2nd June
Finish:	Tuesday 22nd July
INSET DAYS	
Monday 2nd September 2024	
Tuesday 3rd September 2024	
Friday 25th October 2024	
Monday 6th January 2025	
Wednesday 18th June 2025	

IMPORTANT - FLU VACCINATION

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child's flu vaccination is now due. This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. Please complete the consent form (yes or no) using the following link:

www.bswschoolagedimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu

Please use the school code: WT148516

Please ensure you complete your child's consent no later than 48 working hours before your school session to ensure your child receives their vaccination.

We are visiting your child's school St Nicholas Church School Radstock on 25-Nov-24

Most children are offered a nasal spray vaccine which is a quick, simple and painless spray up the nose.

The nasal spray vaccine is the preferred vaccine.

A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme for primary aged children can be accessed at:

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/66730c5864e554df3bd0db99/>

[UKHSA 12922 Protecting your child against flu leaflet 03 WEB.pdf](#)

A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme for secondary aged young people can be accessed at:

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/64a2e2e245b6a2000c3d47de/>

[UKHSA-12388-protect-yourself-against-flu information-for-those-in-secondary-school.pdf](#)

This includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. The nasal spray vaccine contains a very small amount of gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine) as an essential ingredient to keep it stable and able to work. For those who may not accept medicines or vaccines that contain porcine gelatine, a flu vaccine injection is available. Consent can be provided using the link above. The Immunisation Team will send you a link to book your child into one of our Community Clinics you will then be directed to book a clinic appointment to have the injectable flu vaccine.

Even if your child had the vaccine last year, the type of flu can vary each winter, so it is recommended to have it again this year or they won't be protected.

Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccine in schools have had the immunisation.

If you have any queries, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Team on 0300 247 0082 or email us using vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

Yours sincerely,

Roanna Ellis

Professional Lead for School Aged Immunisation, B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire, and School Nursing B&NES

Volunteers welcome, no time
commitment, no pressure!

**UGH, NOT THE
DREADED
PTFA...**



**WE'VE ALL HEARD
THE STEREOTYPE!**

Does joining the PTFA
bring you out in a
cold sweat?!

Do you want to help in
some way but feel like
you can't commit loads
of time?



Email us at
stnicsradstock.ptfa@gmail.com



Or message us on Facebook
[@friendsofstnics](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofstnics)



**We'll add you to our volunteers
Facebook group. We'll message when we
need help and if you can, super! If not,
we'll catch you next time, no pressure!**



SUPER PIRATES
TOTALLY AWESOME EVENTS

AFTER SCHOOL AWESOMENESS!

We celebrate Kindness, Creativity, Curiosity and Courage.
At St Nicholas Primary Church School this week we have seen some awesome clay creations!

CREATIVITY

AWESOME



CRAZY CLAY



INSPIRING

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Children's Occupational Therapy

Advice Line

Do you have any questions about a child or young person's ability to carry out daily tasks and activities?



01225 82 6659

**The first and second
Tuesday of each month.
2pm – 4pm**

Our Advice Line is open to Parents / Carers,
Schools, Nursery and Healthcare
professionals of children who have a
BANES GP

The RUH, where you matter

If the child is already on our Waiting List or is known to BANES OT Service, and you would like to speak to a member of the Occupational Therapy team, please contact 01225 82 4220.

Bath & North East Somerset Libraries

Design a Bookmark Competition

Calling all artists 13 and
under!

It's the end of our centenary year
and to take us into the next 100
years we would like a bookmark to
use in all our libraries.

Could yours be the winning design?



Use this box for your design and
drop off at any of our libraries in
Keynsham, Midsomer Norton, Bath
Central or the Mobile Library.

But hurry, deadline for entries is
Saturday 14 December at 12pm.

Name:

Library card number:

Contact details of parent/carer:



You are invited to enjoy Bath Lights the Night 23rd November



Bath Lights the Night

5pm - 6pm

Join us and Bath Carnival in a musical tour of the city lit by beautiful handmade lanterns and giant animal puppets created by local children and groups including Achieve Together and Bath Spa Students.



Celebration at the Abbey 6pm - 7pm

Featuring the Head Rush Brass Band, comedian Jarred Christmas and music from gifted local performers.

Tickets are free, there will be a retiring collection in aid of Bath Carnival.

Book here:

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



- ✓ Years 1-6
- ✓ Ofsted registered
- ✓ Tax Free childcare
- ✓ HHH Funded spaces



Christmas Holiday Clubs

Happy Healthy Holiday funded spaces
plus paid for spaces!

 **St Johns Primary School,
Midsomer Norton**

9-3pm

(HHH, 9-1pm extend play to 3.

Look out for your unique code to book)

Monday 23rd December

Thursday 2nd January

Friday 3rd January



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

Happy, Active, Confident

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