



St Nicholas C of E Primary School

School Newsletter

26th March 2021

'Joyful is the person who finds wisdom'

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all of you who made an appointment to speak to your child's teacher this week. It is so important for your children to see us working together to help them reach their full potential. If you have missed your slot please do contact the office and your child's teacher will arrange an alternative appointment. Everyone should have received their child's school report, please let us know if you haven't.

Next week will be the last week of term and our last week as St Nicholas CE Primary School. This morning our Governing Body voted unanimously for the school to become part of the Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust. On Thursday 1st April 2021, we will start life as St Nicholas Church School. We hope the transition will be smooth but there may be the odd hiccup as we move to new systems. We will do our best to keep you updated should any hiccups occur.

I am so looking forward to judging the Easter Bonnet Parade this year— I love to see the amazing creations that you make with your children! I hope the sun shines on Monday so that we are able to meet family and friends in our gardens.

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes,

Nicki



Easter Bonnet Parade Wednesday 31st March

There will be two prizes in each class. The more homemade and child included they are, the better!
Have a lovely time creating!

End of term Arrangements Thursday 1st April

Pupils who are entitled to a school lunch or whose parents wish to pay for lunch will be given an early take away lunch of sausage and chips with a piece of cake before they leave school. School will finish at the following times:

Reception 12 noon
Year 1 and 2 12.10pm
Year 3 and 4 12.15pm
Year 5 and 6 12.20pm
Midford 12.30pm

KS2 Celebration Awards

	Star	Maths Magician	Wizard Effort	Wizard Improved	Wizard Writer
Avon	Xavier W	Thomas B	Oscar W	Maizie-May S	Harry B
Kenet	Zavier G	Amelia D	Milo G	Lexie B	Xavier Z
Mells	Joshua F	Alfie T	Amilia H	Mollie-May I	Rachel L
Severn	Isaac N	Phoebe H W	George A	Oliver E	Alfie M
Huntspill	Nylah F	Gabriella S	William H	Lewis P	Rhianne G
Hartlake	Charlie P	Macie D	Avalee M	Hollie H	Jayden-Lee J



If you are entitled to Free School Meals by benefit you are entitled to a £40 voucher for the Easter Holidays. Please see the information on page 3

Attendance

CAM	97.0%
LOX	97.2%
SOMER	99.4%
BRUE	98.9%
DART	97.0%
AVON	98.3%
KENNET	98.2%
MELLS	98.2%
SEVERN	95.7%
HUNTSPILL	99.5%
HARTLAKE	97.5%
MIDFORD	87.5%

Well done everyone for another excellent week of attendance. We were **97.6%** for the whole school.

Please remember that the gates close at **8:45 am**, so please make sure the children arrive promptly in the morning to avoid a late mark being given.

Normal attendance procedures have resumed. If a child's attendance falls below 95%, parents will be contacted via a letter from school and if it falls below 90%, parents will be required to attend a meeting with the attendance lead at school

Kit Reminder

Please make sure your child comes to school everyday with a book bag, reading record, home communication book, drinks bottle and coat. Their PE kit can stay in school for the week and be taken home to wash at weekends. Thank you.

Dear Parent/Guardian

Free School Meals during Easter Holidays

As you may be aware the council provided funding to support benefit related free school meals during the Christmas holidays and February Half Term by issuing vouchers to parents. The Local Authority is looking to provide similar support during the Easter half term.

You will recall that at February half term we changed the methodology of distributing the e-vouchers to ease the process for both parents/guardians and the Local Authority. For Easter we intend to follow the same process as the February half term.

For those parents / guardians who received a voucher at February half term they will automatically be sent an e mail that will ask if they wish to receive a voucher for their eligible children by clicking a hyperlink. This will generate a further email which will contain the links to the voucher portal where they can select the supermarket in the same way as happened previously. Parents/ Guardians will not need to reapply.

Please do not make an additional application if you received a voucher at February half term.

Parents and Guardians should receive an e mail during the week commencing 29th March. If you have not received this e-mail by the 6th April please check in your Spam folder before contacting [the Benefits team on 01225 477777](tel:01225477777).

The Voucher value will be for £40 per child.

For parents / Guardians who are eligible for free school meals but did not claim a voucher at Christmas or February half term, you can make a claim through the council's web portal which will open on **26th March**, at around 12 mid-day.

The web link below will request you to submit an e-mail address and some details about yourself and your child / children including your National Insurance number. From this information we will cross check with the entitled to free school meals register and issue a voucher link back to your e-mail address. This may take a few days to complete.

Web Link <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-latest-information-and-advice/help-parents-and-carers>

Once you have the electronic link you will be able to claim a voucher from a range of supermarkets including Tesco, Sainsburys and Morrisons. Please ensure you are happy with your choice of supermarket **before** you click on the relevant store option, as this **cannot be changed** once it has been picked. **It is also very important that upon receiving your voucher for your chosen supermarket that you download and save it to your smartphone or computer, as replacements will not be issued.** The voucher may be used in-store or on-line for some supermarkets, and can also be printed off before taking it to the supermarket. The voucher must be redeemed in full in one transaction and change will not be given.

If you do not have electronic means of contacting us, then please phone the Benefits team on 01225 477777. where you will be asked to provide the same data and a voucher will be made available to you via alternative means depending on your circumstances.

Yours sincerely

Bath and North East Somerset Council

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

TERM 1	2020-2021 Academic Year
INSET DAYS	Monday 1 September 2020 Tuesday 2 September 2020
Start:	Wednesday 3 September 2020
Finish:	Friday 23 October 2020
TERM 2	
Start:	Monday 2 November 2020
INSET DAY	Friday 20 November 2020
Finish:	Friday 18 December 2020
TERM 3	
INSET DAY	Monday 4 January 2021
Start:	Tuesday 5 January 2021
INSET DAY	Monday 25 January 2021
Finish:	Friday 12 February 2021
TERM 4	
Start:	Monday 22 February 2021
Finish:	Thursday 1 April 2021
TERM 5	
Start:	Monday 19 April 2021
Finish:	Friday 28 May 2021
TERM 6	
Start:	Monday 7 June 2021
Finish:	Wednesday 21 July 2021

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2021-2022 Academic Year

Including INSET DAYS

TERM 1	
Start:	Monday 6 th September 2021
Finish:	Friday 22 nd October 2021
TERM 2	
Start:	Tuesday 2 nd November 2021
Finish:	Friday 17 th December 2021
TERM 3	
Start::	Wednesday 5 th January 2022
Finish:	Friday 18 th February 2022
TERM 4	
Start:	Monday 28 th February 2022
Finish:	Friday 8 th April 2022
TERM 5	
Start:	Monday 25 th April 2022
Finish:	Friday 27 th May 2022
TERM 6	
Start:	Monday 6 th June 2022
Finish:	Friday 22 nd July 2022
INSET DAYS	Thursday 2 nd September 2021
	Friday 3 rd September 2021
	Monday 1 st November 2021
	Tuesday January 4 th 2022
	Monday January 24 th 2022