



St Nicholas Church School

School Newsletter

21st May 2021

'Joyful is the person who finds wisdom'

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to be able to tell you that Miss Ryan is now a permanent member of our staff. She has been a great addition to our school team and we look forward to continuing to work with her in the future. Congratulations Miss Ryan!

I have had a fabulous time today teaching Year 2. We have had a lovely day learning about Kenya and making clay masks. They had super listening skills and were very proud of their masks!

Around school I have been very impressed with how many children are getting 100/100 in their times tables—so many children tell me how they are doing and many of them have shown such determination in getting there. It is such an important skill so well done everyone who is now getting 100/100 in every test. Pupils will need to keep practising to ensure that they have mastered each times table.

I am off to see my son this weekend for the first time in five months. My mum is joining me, she hasn't seen him since Christmas 2019! I hope you are all enjoying reunions with your loved ones too.

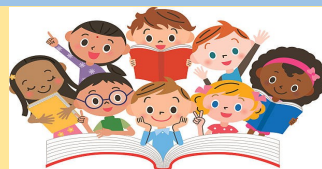
Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Nicki

10 Reasons to Read With Your Child At Home Each Evening.

Thank you to all those who do.



1. Children who read often and widely get better at it.

After all, practice makes perfect in almost everything humans do, and reading is no different.

2. Reading exercises our brain.

Reading is a much more complex task for the human brain rather than watching TV, for example. Reading strengthens brains connections and builds NEW connections.

3. Reading improves concentration.

Children have to sit still and quietly so that they can focus on the story when they are reading. If they read often, they will develop the skill to do this for longer.

4. Reading teaches children about the world around them.

Through reading a variety of books children learn about people, places, and events outside of their own experience.

5. Reading improves vocabulary and language skills.

Children learn new words as they read. Subconsciously, they absorb information on how to structure sentences and how to use words and other language features effectively in their writing and speaking.

6. Reading develops a child's imagination.

As we read our brains translate the descriptions we read of people, places and things into pictures. While we are engaged in a story we are also imagining how a character is feeling. Young children then bring this knowledge into their everyday play.

7. Reading helps children to develop empathy.

As children develop they begin to imagine how they would feel in that situation.

8. Reading is a fun.

A book or an e-reader doesn't take up much space and is light to carry, so you take it anywhere so you can never be bored if you have a book in your bag.

9. Reading is a great way to spend time together.

Reading together on the sofa, bedtimes stories and visiting the library are just some ways of spending time together.

10. Children who read achieve better in school.

Reading promotes achievement in all subjects, not just English. Children who are good readers tend to achieve better across the curriculum.

CAM	98.99%
LOX	98.86%
SOMER	97.14 %
BRUE	97.75%
DART	100%
AVON	99.58 %
KENNET	97.06%
MELLS	94.12%
SEVERN	98.93%
HUNTSPILL	98.18%
HARTLAKE	96%
MIDFORD	96.25%

Attendance

Attendance has been fantastic this week with an overall figure of **97.9%**. Lets keep this going and see if next week can be just as good if not better. Please ensure you arrive at the correct time to collect your child after school. Covid rules and timings are still in place.

Please note: we are not able to authorise any holidays during term time. Please be honest with us. It is so sad for the children to have to lie about whether they have been sick or not; they always tell us about their holidays and we will always talk to them about their trip. They are not to blame for adult decisions.

KS1 Celebration Assembly

	Star	Maths Magician	Wizard Effort	Wizard Improved	Wizard Writer
CAM	Jasmine B	Ruby O	Ivy C	Lily W	Harry E
LOX	Zachary B	Zarah H	Amelia-Grace H	Charlie-Beau D	Poppy B
SOMER	Riley M	Evie B	Harvie S	Ava-Grace L	Amelia W
DART	Liam S	Thomas B	Johnny S	James G	Bella-Lilly C
BRUE	Morgan C	Henry R	Nora G	Reece W	Teddy B

COVID 19 Is Still A Risk!

Please do not send your child to school if they have a persistent cough until you have had a negative PCR test.

Help us to keep everyone safe.

Please try not to use mobile phones on the school grounds. How did you greet your child this evening?



Year 6 Dates

Apologies that some of these dates are close together but we didn't want year 6 to miss out on any of their final treats. Please note these dates all assume that the government will be removing COVID 19 restrictions so are subject to change.

Dates for the Year 6 Events are:

Thursday 24th June Weston Super Mare all day

Monday 5th to Wednesday 7th July Residential Trip

Monday 12th July 6pm Year 6 production 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

Friday 16th July Year 6 Prom—Dress to impress!
5.45pm Drinks reception, Year 6 parents, pupils staff
6.30pm Year 6 pupils and staff leavers dinner
Dancing until 8.45pm

Wednesday 21st July

8.30am Year 6 Pupils and parents breakfast followed by leavers service.

12.20pm Year 6 leave

12.30pm End of school year for the whole school

We also hope to take the year 6 pupils to Stratford-on Avon (usually part of the end of year 6 season!) but we are awaiting confirmation from the Shakespeare Centre.

Term Dates 2021

Finish:	Friday 28 May 2021
TERM 6	
Start:	Monday 7 June 2021
Finish:	Wednesday 21 July 2021

Is Your Social Media Activity Impacting Your Child?

Have you considered who sees what you post about your child on social media?

Who can see that information?

How will your child feel if their friends know that they had a tantrum the night before?

Will the information that you post impact other parents opinion of your child?

Will this impact their friendships?

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