



St Nicholas Church School

School Newsletter

13th September 2024 Term 1 Newsletter 1

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year at St Nicholas! We've had a brilliant start to the new term and have been mightily impressed by the way in which the children have come into school over the last week. Uniform and presentation have been very impressive overall and teachers have been pleased with the way the children have settled into their new classes. A huge St Nics 'Welcome' to our new reception starters who had their first full week of school and handled it brilliantly.

There have been a number of changes to school since last term to be aware of:

New Gates

The work on the shiny new school gates was finally completed on the last day of the holidays! Please be patient with us while we make the final adjustments to set them up. The gates are now locked during the school day, so you will need to press the buzzer to gain access to the school site at times other than drop off and pick up. As always, please do not attempt to drive on to the school site between the times of 8:20am—8:45am, and 3:15pm—3:45pm. We thank you for supporting us in keeping everyone safe.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

We now have wraparound childcare set up at the school, with Mrs Lamb and Miss Bennett running our school breakfast club and Superpirates running the afterschool club. We have plenty of places available, so do contact the school office for more information if you would be interested in taking up this excellent opportunity.

Classrooms

There was a lot of classroom changes this year and everyone is just about getting used to the new locations. All children in the main school enter through the main gates in the morning, and parents also use these gates to head to classes for pick up. Year 2 are now located around the back of the new building, forming a hub with Reception and Year 1. Years 3-6 are all together along the front of the main building. Hopefully this will make collection of the children a bit easier at hometime.

KS2 Morning Routines

To help settle the children in the morning, we are now letting them come straight into the classroom instead of lining up outside. We hope this will help them to have a more structured start to their day and they can get started on a quiet activity (reading, spellings etc) while they wait for everyone to arrive.

Over the next few weeks, keep a look out for Welcome letters from class teachers, with details of welcome meetings and school trips. We hope to offer another exciting year of learning opportunities for the children!

Have a great weekend.

Mr Low & Mrs Simmons

St Nics PTFA

Welcome back to all of our existing families, and a big welcome to our new families and children. We hope all the new Reception children have had a super first day today and that Y1 - Y6 have enjoyed their first few days back.

If you would like to follow us on Facebook and keep up to date with our events, our page is @friendsofstnics. We're looking forward to another fabulous year!

Friends of St. Nic's PTFA

FatFace have teamed up with Parentkind (who we are a member of), to offer BRAND NEW winter coats to primary children for only £10!!! There are two options; teal or navy, and they run from age 5-6 up to age 12-13.

Parents/carers are not able to order directly, all orders must be placed by a PTA member. We have set up the coats on our online store here:

<https://friends-of-st-nics-ptfa.sumupstore.com/>

where you can choose which colour and size you want and pay online. Please put your child's name and class in the comments box. We will place the order with FatFace and then bring the coats in to school to distribute.

There are a very limited number of these coats, therefore we will be placing the order Friday evening and removing the coats from our online shop. If there is not sufficient stock we will refund immediately. If anyone wants to order after this, we will do another order if stock allows.

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Attendance

Cam	96%
Somer	97.1%
Dart	92.7%
Avon	95.9%
Mells	98.1%
Yeo	90.3%
Hartlake	94.7%
Midford	100%
Wellow	92%
Overall attendance is: 95%	

Time to Talk

Cam	What have you enjoyed most about your first week?
Somer	Can you count and write all the numbers to 20 correctly?
Dart	What's been the best thing about your return to
Avon	What is the Neolithic Revolution?
Mells	Where is the Amazon Rainforest?
Yeo	Can you explain what a mixture is?
Hartlake	What is Carl Linnaeus known for?
Wellow	
Midford	If you could be a superhero, which one would you be?

Diary Dates

Monday 16th September

3.30pm Y3 Welcome Meeting

Wednesday 18th September

3.15pm Y5 Welcome Meeting

Thursday 19th September

3.30pm Y4 Welcome Meeting

Friday 20th September

12.00 Midford Information Event & Lunch

Monday 23rd September

Y6 Heatree

Friday 4th October

Y3 Trip To Bath Literature Festival

Thursday 10th October

Individual Photos

Friday 25th October

End of Term 1

Monday 4th November

Term 2

School Meals

Please can you ensure that you book your child's schools meals on ParentPay. If you are having problems with ParentPay, please contact the school office.



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LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c 16 September

Bath Central Library

Storytime

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 17 September

Board Game Saturdays

Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm 21 September

Art in the Library: Usha Pearce, Montse Asensio, Kiran Pearce

Mon - Sat During opening hours 6 September - 3 Oct

Roald Dahl Story Day Celebrations

A Phizz - Whizzing Roald Dahl picture trail to find ten Roald Dahl book covers in our core libraries. Plus, draw and display your own BFG dream jar display.

Mon - Sat During opening hours 9- 21 September

Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs

Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In

Mon - Sat During opening hours

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 18 September

Storytime - Jane Austen themed

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 17 September

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	