



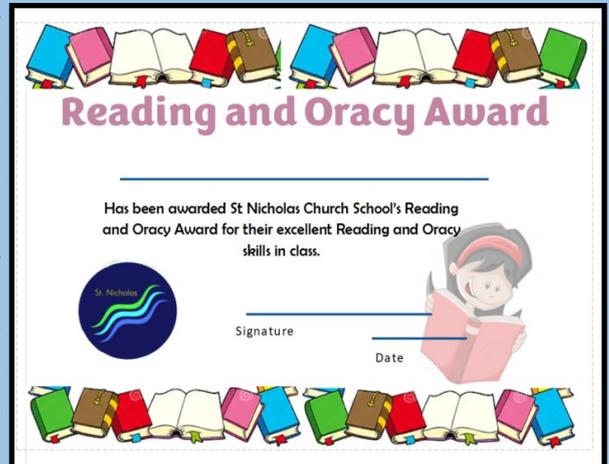
# St Nicholas Church School

## School Newsletter

15th September 2023 Term 1 Newsletter 2

Dear parents and carers,

It was lovely to have our first praise assembly of the year for KS2 on Friday. Those who attended will have noticed that we have changed the awards slightly this year. There is no longer a best effort or most improved writer award and instead there will be a new award that places a greater emphasis on the importance of reading and oracy. With reading being such a crucial part of children's daily learning, we want to recognise those pupils who are making an extra effort each week to improve their fluency and comprehension. The award may also be given to pupils who are trying hard in applying and expressing the language and vocabulary that they have learnt in school. Parents can assist with both of these things by listening to their child read every night at home and by talking to them about the language and topic words that they are coming across in their learning. We look forward to rewarding those children that make an extra effort with this!



Last week, the school hosted close to 100 colleagues from across the BWMAT at a number of safeguarding events, which helped to focus our minds on one of the most important aspects of our work in school. Key issues were discussed, with much talk around children's safety online. Parents play such a vital part in this and we hope to run some parent workshops throughout the year that explore the best ways of supporting your child to stay safe while using internet enabled devices. In the meantime, the following website contains lots of useful information and advice for parents to follow:

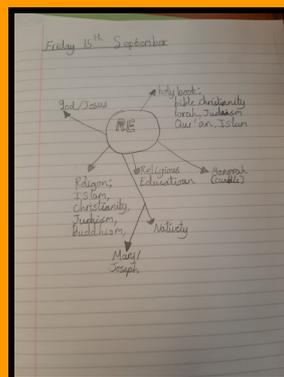
[www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/)

Mr Low & Mrs Biss

### Our Values

All classes have worked hard this week to get their books ready for RE, they did this by creating their Discovery front covers. We had great discussions about values and why they are so important to us and what they all mean. Year 5 are learning about Sikhism this term so we looked at some symbols and beliefs around this

religion. Can the children remember the 5 Ks and what they mean? Super Re this week, well done.



### Attendance

Cam	100%
Somer	90%
Dart	97.9%
Avon	95.8%
Mells	97.5%
Yeo	93.6%
Hartlake	97.4%
Midford	91.3%
Wellow	98.3%
Overall attendance is 95.6%	

# KS2 Celebration Assembly

	Star	Maths Magician	Reading/Oracy	Wizard Writer
Avon	Sophia K	Bradley R	Jasmine B	Oliver L
Mells				
Yeo	Lukas T S	Henry R	Teddy B	Alicia P
Hartlake	Henry C	Leo B	Caydn M	Freddie B
Midford	Lexi D W	Korey B	Alexander	Brooke D G

## Diary Dates

### Thursday 21st September

3.00pm Y1 Welcome Meeting

3.30pm Y3 Welcome Meeting

### Friday 22nd September

KS1 Praise Assembly

2.15pm Reception Welcome Meeting

3.00pm Y5 Welcome Meeting

### Monday 25th September

Yr 6 Heatree Residential

Y4 Welcome Meeting

### Friday 29th September

KS2 Praise Assembly

### Friday 6th October

KS1 Praise Assembly

### Tue 10th September

Yr 6 Bikeability Starts

### Tuesday 17th October

Parents' Evening

### Thursday 19th October

Parents' Evening

### Friday 20th October

Spirit Of St Nicholas

## Time To Talk

Cam	What was your favourite part of the Teddy
Somer	Can you say 5 things you learnt about in
Dart	Talk about the different buildings you
Avon	What is an autobiography?
Mells	What is the difference between a simile and a metaphor?
Yeo	What do you remember about global pop-
Hartlake	Can you remember the names of the four different time periods of the Ancient Mayans?

# 2023-2024 SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

Including INSET DAYS

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