



# St Nicholas Church School

## School Newsletter

19th April 2024 Term 5 Newsletter 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see all of the children excited to be back in school after the Easter break. We hope everyone managed to enjoy some quality family time together in the holidays. We've had a busy first week back and have already crammed in: a trip to a local farm for Year 3; a Bath Rugby funday for the Midford & Wellow classes; a cross country competition for Year 6 and a parent event for Year 5. We also heard screams of excitement coming from Year 3 earlier in the week when they were setting off their model volcanoes in Science. It was VERY messy but lots of fun!

You may see some new faces around school this week as we have had a number of new staff joiners. Mrs Simmons (who is covering maternity leave for Mrs Biss) has joined us already to get settled into St Nics school life. Please say hello if you see her on the gate in the mornings. Mrs Giles (Kirsten) is our new safeguarding and pupil support coordinator who will be working Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. She is very much looking forward to getting to know the children and providing valuable support to pupils and families. And finally, both children and staff were excited to see we have a familiar face return to St Nics, with Mrs Clarke re-joining us and picking up her role as a HLTA to cover classes across the whole school. We wish them all a very warm St Nics welcome.

As we are starting a new term, it is a good time to remind parents and children of our expectations for uniform in school:

- Plain black shoes or trainers.
- Simple plain stud ear rings—no elaborate designs or jewels. Under no circumstances should children have hoop ear rings, as these are dangerous.
- No sports skins / training tops worn under polo shirts.
- No dyed hair, braids or unnecessary accessories.
- PE kit should be brought into school on a Monday and taken home on Friday to be washed.

We thank you for supporting us with maintaining high standards of uniform and presentation across the school.

Have a great weekend

Mr Low & Mrs Biss

★ Our Award Winners ★				
	Star	Maths Magician	Reading/Oracy	Wizard Writer
Avon	Semilore A	James J	Beau KH	
Mells	Phillip B	Romen S	Kyra J	
Yeo	Evie N	Daisy H	Reece W	Aidan H
Hartlake	Finn R	Jack G	Zinitha G	Ellis R
Midford	Korey B	Lexi DW	Caydn M	Zayben L

## Y6 SATS

There will be a SATs meeting for Y6 parents on **Wednesday 24th April at 3:30pm** in Hartlake classroom. If you are unable to attend, please speak to Miss Sampson to ask any questions you may have.

## Year 6 Cross Country

Massive well done to our Year 6 Cross Country Team who competed on Thursday. Boys came 2nd and Girls came 4th.



### Our Peg Award Winners



Red	Yellow	Pink	Green	Orange	Purple
Zinitha G	Amelia W Evie B Carter H Jake C	Finn R Xavier W Henry C	Ronny DB De'Alla N Ella T Sharusha R		Freddie B

### IMPORTANT—ONLINE SAFETY—PLEASE READ

The online world can be a fun place for our children but in recent weeks we have been alerted to an increasing number of local children who have fallen victim to online grooming. This usually takes the form of someone online pretending to be someone they are not and then befriending children. The most common scenario for this is children accepting friend requests from people they don't know, often in online games like **Roblox** and **Fortnite**. Children are often promised in game currency for something in return.

We **strongly recommend** that on any game, app or device that has internet access, you check who your children are friends with and delete anyone that they do not know personally in the real world—especially 'friends of friends'. If your child uses headphones on their device or games console, we advise that you regularly check in to see what is being said and what sort of things are being discussed. Leaving a child alone upstairs on their console or device with headphones on can put them in an extremely vulnerable situation.

Please see below in the newsletter for a poster that you can talk through with your child and remind them of how to stay safe online. We will be focussing on this in our E-Safety lessons this term.

More advice about keeping children safe online can be found here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>



## Time to Talk

<b>Cam</b>	What different foods did The Very Hungry Caterpillar eat?
<b>Somer</b>	What facts have you learnt so far about elephants?
<b>Dart</b>	What were schools like in the past?
<b>Avon</b>	What could you do to 'earthquake proof' your home?
<b>Mells</b>	Name 3 electrical appliances
<b>Yeo</b>	What can you remember about the features of Ancient Greece?
<b>Hartlake</b>	Can you describe Mara's story in Soar?
<b>Wellow</b>	What have you learnt about Egyptians this week?
<b>Midford</b>	

## Attendance

<b>Cam</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>Somer</b>	<b>92.4%</b>
<b>Dart</b>	<b>92.4%</b>
<b>Avon</b>	<b>96.1%</b>
<b>Mells</b>	<b>89%</b>
<b>Yeo</b>	<b>99.1%</b>
<b>Hartlake</b>	<b>86.7%</b>
<b>Midford</b>	<b>87.5%</b>
<b>Wellow</b>	<b>98.3%</b>
<b>Overall attendance is: 92.7%</b>	

### Year 3 Volcanoes!

See our Facebook page for more examples of this fantastic work by Year 3!



### Diary Dates

#### Thursday 25th April

Reception Trip To Carymoor

#### Monday 29th April

2.30pm Y1 Parent Event

#### Tuesday 30th April

9.15am Y2 Family Event

#### Tuesday 7th May

9.15am Y4 Family Event

#### Wednesday 8th May

Y3 Trip To The Big Pit

12.30pm Y5 Family Lunch

#### Monday 20th May

Y6 Trip To The Beach

#### Tuesday 21st May

KS1 Sports Day & Family Picnic

#### Wednesday 22nd May

KS2 Sports Day & Family Picnic

#### Friday 24th May

End Of Term 5

#### Monday 3rd June

### House Points

<b>Ludlow</b>	67
<b>Foxcote</b>	77
<b>Tyning</b>	57
<b>Huish</b>	67

## Super Science!

This week, our science competition winners attended a brilliant science show at St Saviours School in Bath. Florence and Alicia from year 5 have written all about it below:



*“After school, on Monday 15th April, we went to St Saviours Junior School in Bath to watch a rocket science show. There were lots of explosions, such as when they put liquid nitrogen into a barrel and threw stuffed toys on tops. However, our favourite part was when one of us was chosen to sit in a rocket fuel powered car. It was amazing and terrifying at the same time. Thank you Mrs Viranyi for this wonderful experience of a life time; we would love to go again!”*

*Florence & Alicia—Year 5*

# STAY SAFE ONLINE

1

Don't share your personal information



2

Only talk to people that you know



3

Don't meet up with anyone you have only met online



4

Only accept friend requests from people you know personally



5

Always think carefully about what you post



6

Make use of the privacy settings on all of your social media accounts



7

Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are



8

Report inappropriate content immediately



9

Only share images that you'd be comfortable with your friends and family seeing



10

Never share your passwords



# LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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**22 April**

## Bath Central Library

### Storytime

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 23 April

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### Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 24 April

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### Knit Two, Share One - knitting & Crochet group for any age/ability

Thursday 10.00 - 12.00pm 25 April

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### Mermaid Storytime

Saturday 10.30 - 11.30am 27 April

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### Board Game Saturdays

Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm 27 April

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### Art in the Library: with Bath Open Studios

Mon - Sat during opening hours 3 - 27 April

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

Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

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### Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In

Mon - Sat During opening hours

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For any ticketed events, the link will be online via the blog.  
Visit [bathneslibraries.wordpress.com](https://bathneslibraries.wordpress.com)

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# 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	