



# St Nicholas Church School

## School Newsletter

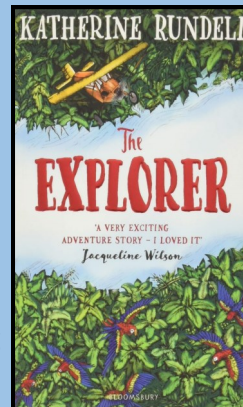
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Dear Parents & Carers,

We've had an extremely busy couple of weeks at school and the new term is going really well. We have spent a lot of time in Reception class, getting to know the new children and helping them settle in to school. They are all making so much progress. Their confidence in coming into school through the gates is fantastic and nearly all are able to walk in by themselves. Parents of all year groups can really support us with making transitions easier in the mornings by keeping well clear of the main gates. Too many adults around the gates can be unsettling for the children and makes it worse for those struggling to come in. Try to drop your children off by the blue bollards and let them walk in by themselves—it's great for developing their independence.

Year 6 have had a very fun but wet and windy week down on school camp in Dartmoor. It's been an amazing experience for them and they can't wait to tell you all about it upon their return. Look out for a full write up of their adventures in next week's newsletter and have a look on our Facebook page for the photos. Some of our Year 6's were in school this week and they've also had a fun time on a variety of activities. See page 3 of the newsletter to find out what they have been up to.

The Bath Children's Literature Festival kicked off today and with our love of reading at St Nics, we didn't want to miss out on the chance of going to see some famous authors to inspire the children with their own love of reading and writing. Today, the Year 5's went to visit Katherine Rundell, author of popular children's book 'The Explorer'. They had a fantastic time and even got to question the author about her work. Each child also received signed copy of her latest book 'Impossible Creatures', to get stuck into over the weekend! Happy reading Year 5.



Next week we have Years 1 & 2 off to see Duncan Beedie and Year 3 are going to see Cressida Cowell, author of the famous 'How to Train Your Dragon' stories. An exciting week ahead!

Most classes have now held their welcome meetings and hopefully you have taken the chance to meet the class teachers and ask any questions you have about school. We are always happy to chat with parents after school but please allow teachers to see off all the children safely first.

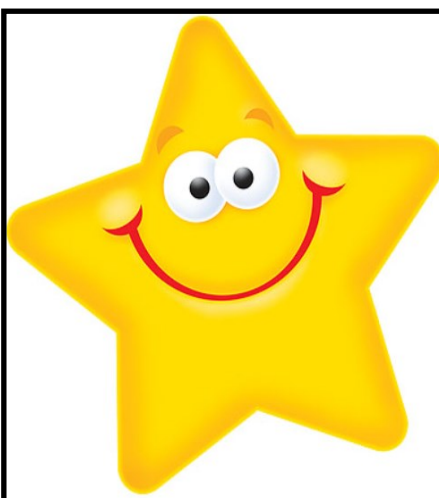
Have a great weekend!

Mr Low & Mrs Simmons

# KS1 & KS2 AWARD WINNERS

## Our KS1 Award Winners

	Star	Maths Magician	Reading/Oracy	Wizard Writer
Somer	Aille S	Leo D	Jay H	
Dart	Fabian D	Keisha	Joshua T	



## Our KS2 Award Winners

	Star	Maths Magician	Reading/Oracy	Wizard Writer
Avon	James O	Hudson B	Dolcie R Darcie W	Amara M
Mells	Nik H	David V	Bradley R	Jasmine B
Yeo	Damaris D	Harvie-Jack S	Kyra J Archie H	Teo LG
Hartlake	Florence D	Kyran T	Harriet VH Isla C	Sienna U
Midford	Matthew S	Lexi DW	Jaycub K Korey B	Rodney S

# Year 6 Activity Week

Some of our Year 6's have had a busy week in school, working on lots of activities of their choosing. Here's what they've been up to...

On Monday to Friday this week we have been doing lots of different things on each day, like sewing, cooking, making board games and other bits. I have had the best week ever! Thank you for listening.

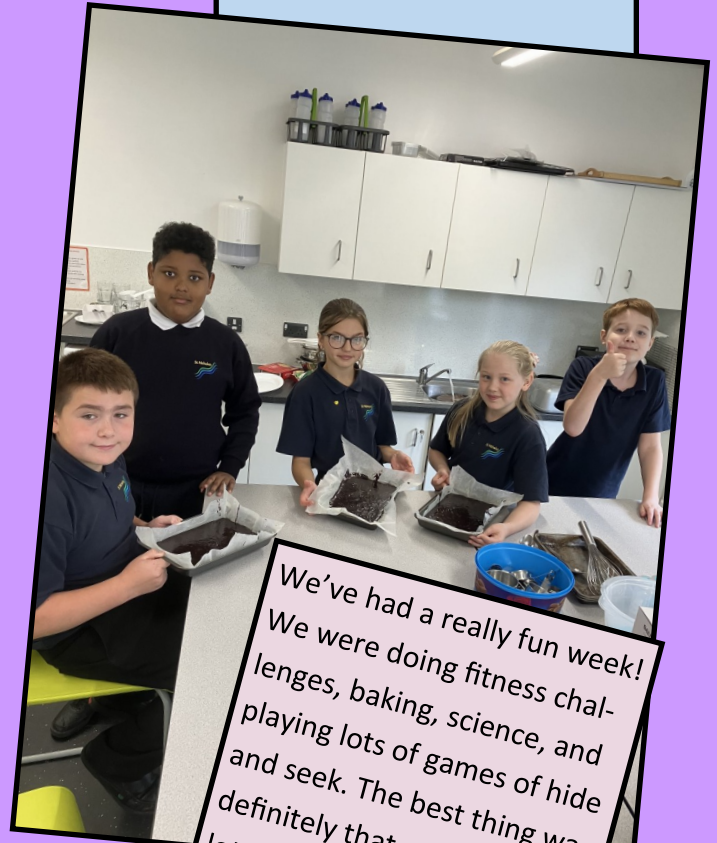
By Daisy



We have been designing our own board games, using the ipads lots and doing mindfulness activities. We baked some brownies and designed some boxes in D&T to put the brownies in. Kyran

Every day, we started with a fitness challenge and then played a different board game altogether. Just before break we would do some Spelling or Times table rockstars on the iPads. After break, we would write some steps of baking everyday and then on Friday we made brownies and a box/bag for them— then ate them! There was lots of time to relax. We completed the science key charts and I did them very quickly. Additionally, every afternoon we would make a bit of our own board game—some of us worked in groups to make them.

By MARIO



We've had a really fun week! We were doing fitness challenges, baking, science, and playing lots of games of hide and seek. The best thing was definitely that we got to do lots of sewing.

By Amelia



# YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL HEATREE 2024



## Attendance

Cam	95.9%
Somer	93.6%
Dart	96.4%
Avon	95.6%
Mells	95%
Yeo	95.7%
Hartlake	96.2%
Midford	100%
Wellow	100%
Overall attendance is: 95.8%	

## Time to Talk

Cam	Can you think of four different words to describe the Big Bad Wolf from The 3 Little Pigs story.
Somer	Talk to your grown ups about the 4 seasons and what weather we might see in each season.
Dart	Can you name the seven continents of the world?
Avon	What do you remember about the houses at Skara Brae?
Mells	Explain who indigenous people are.
Yeo	Was Henry VIII a fair ruler or a Tyrant? Can you explain why.
Hartlake	Share your favourite part of your week.
Wellow	
Midford	Can you explain how to make apple crumble?

## Diary Dates

### Wednesday 2nd October

Y2 Trip To Bath Literature Festival

### Friday 4th October

Y3 Trip To Bath Literature Festival

### Monday 7th October

Zoolab Visit

### Thursday 10th October

Individual School Photos

### Friday 25th October

End of Term 1

### Monday 4th November

Term 2

### Monday 25th November

Flu Immunisations

## Outside of School Achievements

Congratulations to Florence D who has completed the Summer Reading Challenge, been awarded Level 3 in gymnastics, been awarded distinction in modern jazz grade 1, completed levels 9 & 10 in swimming and has swam 1 mile on 2 separate occasions!! What a busy Summer you have had! **Wow!**

Well done to Alicia P who has completed the Summer Reading Challenge and has been awarded a merit in Level 1 tap dance, brilliant!!

Congratulations to Shylo W who completed in the Liberty Gymnastics Annual Club Championships, fantastic!



27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to give notice of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Friends of St. Nic's PTFA, to be held on 21st October 2024. The meeting will start at 4pm, with drinks and snacks available before.

The PTFA plays a vital part in the school community and all parents, as members of the PTFA, are invited to support the AGM. This is your chance to hear and see how the funds you have helped to raise have been used for the benefit of the children/students at our school.

The AGM is also an opportunity for you to elect the PTFA Committee, who represent the association throughout the forthcoming year. Nominations should be sent in advance of the AGM for anyone wishing to stand as an Officer or Ordinary Committee Member, for the first time. Existing committee members wishing to stand for re-election do not have to be nominated again but should inform the PTFA of their intention to stay in their role.

If you would like any further information about being a Committee Member, please email us on [stnicradstock.ptfa@gmail.com](mailto:stnicradstock.ptfa@gmail.com), or contact us via our Facebook page. As our PTFA is a registered charity, all committee members automatically become Trustees of the Charity. Before submitting your nomination form, please read the Charity Commission publication *'The Essential Trustee – What you need to know (CC3)'*. A copy of the booklet can be found on the Charity Commission website.

Kind regards

Amy Pritchard

Chair

# IMPORTANT - FLU VACCINATION

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child's flu vaccination is now due. This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. Please complete the consent form (yes or no) using the following link:

[www.bswschoolagedimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu](http://www.bswschoolagedimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu)

Please use the school code: WT148516

Please ensure you complete your child's consent no later than 48 working hours before your school session to ensure your child receives their vaccination.

We are visiting your child's school St Nicholas Church School Radstock on 25-Nov-24

Most children are offered a nasal spray vaccine which is a quick, simple and painless spray up the nose.

The nasal spray vaccine is the preferred vaccine.

A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme for primary aged children can be accessed at:

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/66730c5864e554df3bd0db99/>

[UKHSA 12922 Protecting your child against flu leaflet 03 WEB.pdf](#)

A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme for secondary aged young people can be accessed at:

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/64a2e2e245b6a2000c3d47de/>

[UKHSA-12388-protect-yourself-against-flu information-for-those-in-secondary-school.pdf](#)

This includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. The nasal spray vaccine contains a very small amount of gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine) as an essential ingredient to keep it stable and able to work. For those who may not accept medicines or vaccines that contain porcine gelatine, a flu vaccine injection is available. Consent can be provided using the link above. The Immunisation Team will send you a link to book your child into one of our Community Clinics you will then be directed to book a clinic appointment to have the injectable flu vaccine.

Even if your child had the vaccine last year, the type of flu can vary each winter, so it is recommended to have it again this year or they won't be protected.

Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccine in schools have had the immunisation.

If you have any queries, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Team on 0300 247 0082 or email us using [vcl.immunisations@nhs.net](mailto:vcl.immunisations@nhs.net)

Yours sincerely,

Roanna Ellis

Professional Lead for School Aged Immunisation, B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire, and School Nursing B&NES

If your child becomes wheezy, has a bad attack of asthma, or has started oral steroids for their asthma after you return this form, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Team on 0300 247 0082. If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, please complete the consent form giving the reason. This will help us plan and improve the service.

For further information see: [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

# Free Healthy Family Courses

## Wellbeing Service B&NES



For families of children and young people aged 5-17, who are above a healthy weight\*

1-1 support in person or via video call. Sessions run throughout the year.

Lots of Fun & Exciting Local Activity Opportunities for Young People and their Families to Choose from



FREE 5 week cooking course for families of children and young people 0-17 years

Virtual or in person courses, discover how to make easy, healthy recipes and learn new cooking skills

### Dates

Oasis Church Wed 2nd Oct-6th Nov 3:45 - 5:15pm

St Swithins Church Wed 15th Jan-19th Feb 3:45 - 5:15pm



## HENRY Healthy Families: Right From The Start

8 week course along with a creche

Everything you need strategies, nutrition, child development, food labelling, to help your little one get off to a great healthy and happy start. Includes topics; Parenting portion size, sleep, and emotional wellbeing

For parents and carers of children aged 0 to 5 years. Available virtually or in person.

Dates: Keynsham Tues 1<sup>st</sup> October – 26<sup>th</sup> November, 9.30am-12pm

Online Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – 29<sup>th</sup> November, 1-2pm

### HENRY Fussy Eaters Workshop

Online workshop

Support for parents of under 5's to understand fussy and selective eating and encourage your child to try new foods- and enjoy them!

Dates: 14 Nov 7.45-9.15pm

### HENRY Eating Well for Less Workshop

Online workshop

Top tips will help you keep to a budget and help the whole family eat more healthily- healthy choices don't need to be expensive choices

Dates 10 Oct 7.30-9pm  
5 Dec 7.30-9pm

### HENRY Starting Solids Workshop

Online workshop

Introducing solid foods at 6 months- What foods to start with and how to make it enjoyable!

Dates 26 Sep 10-11.15am  
20 Nov 1-2.15pm



To book contact the Community Wellbeing Hub:

t: 0300 247 0050

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w: [bathneshealthandcare.nhs.uk/childrenshealthyweight/](http://bathneshealthandcare.nhs.uk/childrenshealthyweight/)

\*Referral criteria apply



# Cook it

## Free five week cookery course for **NEW** parents/carers

Join a virtual group cookery session to discover how to make easy, healthy recipes for you and your baby

- Free recipe booklet and links to our NEW video recipes
- Support with meal planning and budgeting
- Tips on weaning and baby's first foods
- Ingredients and equipment provided or funded up to £30 for virtual courses

**Call the Community Wellbeing Hub to find out more**

**Tel: 0300 247 0050**

**Email: [BATHNES.thehub@hcrgcaregroup.com](mailto:BATHNES.thehub@hcrgcaregroup.com)**

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# **2024-2025 SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES**

**Including INSET DAYS**

<b>TERM 1</b>	
Start:	Monday 2nd September
Finish:	Friday 25th October
<b>TERM 2</b>	
Start:	Monday 4th November
Finish:	Friday 20th December
<b>TERM 3</b>	
Start:	Monday 6th January
Finish:	Friday 14th February
<b>TERM 4</b>	
Start:	Monday 24th February
Finish:	Friday 4th April
<b>TERM 5</b>	
Start:	Tuesday 22nd April
Finish:	Friday 23rd May
<b>TERM 6</b>	
Start:	Monday 2nd June
Finish:	Tuesday 22nd July
<b>INSET DAYS</b>	
Monday 2nd September 2024	
Tuesday 3rd September 2024	
Friday 25th October 2024	
Monday 6th January 2025	
Wednesday 18th June 2025	