



# St Nicholas Church School

## School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've ended the term with a real positive this week and another excellent outcome for our school. On Tuesday, we had the privilege of hosting Dave Harris, Business Director of Independent Thinking, along with two of the BWMAT's assistant directors of education for a day of leadership reflection. Mr. Harris, who has published five books on leadership and education, has been working closely with the Bath and Wells Multi- Academy Trust, providing invaluable training and advice to school leaders over the past few years.

He visited our resource bases saying they were, "impressive, with highly skilled and motivated staff delivering well-differentiated and personalised learning." Mr. Harris also commended the school's Early Years provision, highlighting its well-structured approach while still allowing flexibility and creativity in the learning offered. Furthermore, he noted that the school building itself is a beautiful setting, clean, and well-ordered, consistently maintaining high levels of behaviour for learning.

What stood out to Mr. Harris the most was the dedication and positivity of the staff. He remarked, "All the staff I met were very positive, with excellent subject knowledge and strong relationships with their pupils. The care and love they have for the pupils and the community are clear."

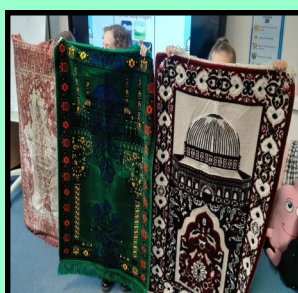
It is always so pleasing to have visitors come to the school and make such positive comments and we hope that you have also enjoyed coming to visit this week to the various family events and class lunches that have been on. Keep a look out for more coming up next term.

Have a relaxing half term break and we look forward to seeing everyone in Term 4!

Mr Low & Mrs Biss

### Our Values

Year 2 had a great RE lesson on Tuesday. We talked about values and how we can use these in a prayer. We discussed how different religions pray and the importance of praying at certain times of the day. We linked the lesson to goals and setting achievable ones. The children then drew what jobs they would like to go onto and then wrote the journey that they may take to achieve a dream job. Well done Y2, super RE.



★ Our Award Winners Spirit Of St Nicholas ★			
Cam	Aille S	Avon	David V
Somer	Jacob D	Mells	Liyomi W
Dart	Piper H	Yeo	Summer H
Midford	Caydn M	Hartlake	Amelia B

House Points	
Ludlow	295
Foxcote	190
Tyning	208
Huish	255

Our Peg Award Winners				
Red	Yellow	Pink	Green	Orange
	Isobel M Lily W	Rocco M Ivy-Rose C Nik Jasmine William	Piper H Ada H	

**Vehicles on Site**

Please can we remind everyone that driving onto school site is not permitted unless this has been previously agreed by the Co-heads of school. This is for everyone's safety. Staff are already at the drop off in the morning to speak to anyone who has driven on to site but we will ensure that this occurs at the end of the day too. Please respect this rule for the safety of everyone in our school community.

Time to Talk	
Cam	Can you count up to 30?
Somer	What are you looking forward to doing this half term?
Dart	What makes a good friend?
Avon	What does a <b>paleontologist</b> do ?
Mells	What is different about the month of February this year?
Yeo	What is <b>collagraphy</b> and how did you use it to create a piece of artwork about space?
Hartlake	What has been your favourite part of our WW2 topic?
Wellow	Which birds have you seen on Birdwatch this week?
Midford	What do you want to be when you grow up?

**Uniform**

There have been a number of children wearing leggings and jogging bottoms in school recently. Please can we remind parents and carers that this is not part of our school uniform. We have plenty of spare uniform for children so please ask in the office if you require any. 😊

**Feedback Friday**

Thank you as always to everyone who responded to our Feedback Friday question this week: **Tell us about what has great this term.**

My child has enjoyed the rugby—it is a brilliant opportunity for them!

I love the school and the staff

Number day was great and so is everything else.

It was also great to hear lots of positive comments about children receiving awards and about them being proud to get certificates in our celebrations. There were also a number of comments from the children, stating they love the family events, they enjoyed number day and their friends are the best :)

**Other comments this week:**

A few of the other comments this week were inspired by the lovely weather that greeted us this morning for drop off.

**Some parents asked if we could build a shelter for parents and children to wait under in the rain.** This is a fabulous idea but unfortunately, we would not be able to build a large enough shelter to fit all of the waiting parents and children under so many would still be left out in the rain. However, we understand that it can be very miserable waiting in the rain in the morning so will ensure that we are prompt opening the gate and if we can supervise the children safely, we can open the gates a little earlier.

**Some people commented on the increased number parents driving onto school site in the mornings.** Staff have also noticed an increase and this is addressed in the info box above.

We love hearing your feedback so please keep contributing to Feedback Friday which will return fortnightly next term.

Attendance	
Cam	88.5%
Somer	90.5%
Dart	94.8%
Avon	90.7%
Mells	96.6%
Yeo	96.9%
Hartlake	92.6%
Midford	88.8%
Wellow	93.3%
<b>Overall attendance is 93.3%.</b>	

**Diary Dates**

**Monday 19th February**  
Term 4

**Friday 23rd February**  
Y6 Trip To Lifeskills

**Wednesday 28th February**  
2.30pm Y2 Family Event

**Thursday 29th February**  
5.00pm KS1 & KS2 PTFA Disco

**Tuesday 5th March**  
Y5 Trip To Hinkley Point

**Thursday 7th March**  
12.30pm Y6 Family Lunch

**Tues 12th & Thur 14th March**  
Parents' Evenings



UK Health  
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**NHS**

# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.





## Dates for your diary Terms 3 and 4

### Thurs 8th Feb Table top sale, after school

A great way to clear out after Christmas! Tables are £5, and will include a free drink. Alternatively, you can donate your things to the PTFA and we will sell them to raise funds for the school. Free entry for buyers, all welcome.

### Dates TBC Cake sales

We will be running a few cake sales after school, dates TBC but we will have our usual delicious selection at affordable prices.

### Thurs 29th Feb Leap Year Disco!

We have managed to secure the fabulous Rocky for our disco! Due to numbers, we have separated the disco into two sessions; we will have YR & KS1 from 5-5.45pm followed by KS2 6-7pm. Tickets will be £2.50 and will be available soon on Parent Pay. Tickets will include a drink of squash. There will also be an optional extra on Parent Pay for the tuck shop. Both sessions will be drop-and-go.

### Tues 26th Mar Easter Bingo, time TBC

Arguably the best event of the year! Our Easter bingo returns for another year. We're looking to make a few tweaks to improve the running so if you have any feedback, please let us know.

### Would you like to help?

We welcome any and all help - there is no obligation to go to every meeting and help at every event! Some people just wrap presents for fayres, some serve refreshments once or twice a year; it all helps and anything you can do would be appreciated. Please feel free to come along to a meeting, everyone is friendly and welcoming and juggling children and work. We have tea and biscuits! If you have any ideas, we would love to hear them.

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## February Half Term - Inspired Camps

### 12TH - 16TH FEBRUARY

- 9am - 3pm (Late and Early at Northgate)
- Multi-sports
- Champions League Football Camps

### Venues

- NORTH PETHERTON
- NORTHGATE
- WOOLAVINGTON
- WELLS BLUE

Medals for all

Presentation ceremony on the final day

**£20** Per day

**10%** Whole week discount

**15%** Sibling discount




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# FEBRUARY

half term workshops

Friday 16th February @ Dragonfly Leisure, Writhlington, Knobsbury Ln, Radstock BA3 3NQ

**AcroTumble**  
1:15-2:45pm  
all ages - £15

**Beginner Cheer**  
1:45-3:15pm  
all ages - £15

**AcroTumble**  
2:30-4:00pm  
all ages - £15

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## "WORD LIVE IN LIBRARIES" 2023

Saturday 10th February

BATH CENTRAL LIBRARY

FOR AGES  
**11+**

PAY WHAT YOU CAN!

**11am** Creative Writing workshop

**12.30pm** Author talk and Q&A

**LUKE PALMER**



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**Violence  
Reduction  
Partnership**

# Knife Crime Awareness Event for Parents and Carers

The B&NES Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) are running a series of knife crime awareness events throughout February and March.

These events will take place in schools across the area. The first event will be held at Writhlington School on February 22nd (17.30 to 19.30), followed by Hayesfield Girls School on February 29th (18.00 to 20.00) and Cameley CEVC Primary School on March 18th (18.00 to 20.00).

The events are aimed at parents and carers who would like to know more about the dangers of knife crime or are concerned that their children are at risk. They aim to increase awareness of key issues surrounding knife crime, empowering you and your children to make informed and positive decisions to stay safe.

You will have the opportunity to hear from guest speakers with lived experience who have been personally affected by knife crime. There will also be a presentation by Street Doctors followed by a panel discussion with the opportunity to ask questions.

**For queries, please email [VRU\\_Events@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:VRU_Events@bathnes.gov.uk)  
Or book your ticket now on Eventbrite:**

**Writhlington School, 22nd February, 17.30 to 19.30**

<https://KnifeCrimeAwareEventWrithlington.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Hayesfield Girls School, 29th February, 18.00 to 20.00**

<https://KnifeCrimeAwareHayesfield.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Cameley Primary School, 18th March, 18.00 to 20.00**

<https://KnifeCrimeAwarenessCameley.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Bath & North Somerset VRP**

<https://bcssp.bathnes.gov.uk/vru>



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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	