



St Nicholas Church School

School Newsletter

10th November 2023 Term 2 Newsletter 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the Year 3 children went on the first trip of the term to Bristol Museum. They had a fantastic time participating in the Egyptian Workshop and exploring all the museum has to offer. Next Wednesday it is Year 5s turn for their topic experience, as we welcome a 'Tudor visitor' for the day! We hope he's not as ruthless as Henry VIII!

In assembly this week, we celebrated the achievements of the boys' football teams who took part in numerous matches on a cold, dark Tuesday afternoon. Miss Sampson was particularly pleased with their team spirit and organisation skills. Well done everyone.

Unfortunately, due to the weather, we had to cancel the Run for Reading event organised by the PTFA. We hope to complete this next week and we have lots of lovely medals for everyone provided by the PTFA. Keep collecting the sponsorship this weekend.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has signed up for the Year 3 Family Lunch on Thursday. We look forward to seeing you in school.

Have a fantastic weekend and fingers crossed for some drier weather next week.

Mrs Biss and Mr Low

Parents' Evening feedback

Thank you to those people who took the time to give feedback at parents' evening. Here are some of the responses.

Tell us something that is going well

- My child is really enjoying the extra learning and advancing in their reading and writing
- Thank you
- My child is flourishing in reading, sport and confidence
- School meals are amazing
- School is awesome! My child is doing really well with writing.
- Feeling around the school is really lovely and welcoming.

Questions for us

- Please can the children have more basketball and footballs?
- Is there going to be more play equipment for the KS2 playground?

We really appreciate any feedback in school and have responded to the couple of questions asked below.

There have already been more balls added to the playtime provision and our soon to be appointed Pupil Leadership Team will be researching some playground projects for later this year so watch this space!

School Uniform Reminder

We've noticed this week that there have been lots of children with incorrect uniform. Please can we ask that children come to school with the correct uniform, as detailed on our web-site.

- Earrings must be a simple, small plain stud design.
- Footwear needs to be sturdy and appropriate for school and should be completely black in colour. Fashion boots are not appropriate.
- 'Sports skins' should not be worn underneath polo shirts.
- No extreme hairstyles or any patterns or lines shaved into the hair.

We thank you for your support with this.

Staff News

Congratulations to Shannon & Zak on the safe arrival of Lara who was born on 21st October at 5.27am weighing 7.2lb.



KS2 Celebration Assembly

	Star	Maths Magician	Reading/Oracy	Wizard Writer
Avon	Lena S	Harrison J	Molly D	Bradley R
Mells	Zander H	Evie B	Chelsea H	Fionnula K
Yeo	Thomas B	Darcie N	Morgan C	Brooklyn C
Hartlake	Ronny DB	Finn R	Paige S	Jack G
Midford	Brooke DG	Jaycub K	Zayben L	Korey B

Diary Dates

Tuesday 14th November

Toddler Group

3.30pm PTFA Meeting

Wednesday 15th November

Y5 Tudor Day

Thursday 16th November

12.30pm Y3 Family Lunch

Friday 17th November

Crazy Hair Day For PTFA

Monday 20th November

Y1 Trip To The Wild Place

Tuesday 21st November

Toddler Group

Thursday 23rd November

Y2 Trip To Cardiff Castle

Y4 Trip To The Roman Baths

Tuesday 28th November

Toddler Group

Wednesday 29th November

3.00pm PTFA Christmas Fayre

Thursday 30th November

2.30pm Whole School Family Christmas

Decoration Making

Friday 1st December

KS1 Celebration Assembly

Monday 4th December

PTFA Elfridges

Wednesday 6th December

PTFA Father Christmas

Thursday 7th December

KS1 Performance—Time TBC

5.30pm—PTFA Wreath Making

Time To Talk

Cam	Can you name four nocturnal animals?
Somer	What does omnivore mean?
Dart	Can you recall the stages of a coronation?
Avon	What was your favourite fact you learnt at the Bristol Museum about Ancient Egypt?
Mells	What have you learned in chess so far?
Yeo	In History, what is the difference between a primary and a secondary source?
Hartlake	Can you remember the slogan and the phone number that the NSPCC taught you this week?

School Lunches

Please can we remind everyone to book their child's school lunches on ParentPay.

We have had quite a few lunches not booked this week, thank you.

Attendance

Cam	97%
Somer	92.9%
Dart	93.3%
Avon	95.5%
Mells	97.3%
Yeo	92.2%
Hartlake	88.3%
Midford	87.5%
Wellow	96.7%
Overall attendance is 94%	

Lunchtime Football

Mrs Smith will be running lunchtime football next term. Please bring in spare kit from home: top, shorts/joggers and boots or spare trainers. No PE kit.

Monday—Y3 & Y4 boys

Wednesday—Y5 & Y6 boys

Friday—Y3-Y6 girls

Peg Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been awarded peg awards this week:

Red—Joshua, Harley, Zayben L, - Henry C, Finn R.

Yellow - Kayla, Ivy-Grace, Grayson W, Jaycub K, Freddie B.

Outside Achievements



Congratulations to Chloe Bendle who has been awarded a Beam Award (Level 3) in gymnastics and to Shylo Wilding who has been awarded Level 5, well done girls!

Well done to Sophie Curtis who has been awarded a certificate for the best smile in the Red Ball Tennis Tournament.

Congratulations to Xavier Wilding who has completed the Spooktacular 5 Week Film Challenge, brilliant!

PTFA News

RUN FOR READING

As you will have seen, the sponsored Run for Reading has been delayed until next week. We hope your fundraising is going well, and we have a special medal waiting for every child!



Would you like a craft stall at the winter fayre?

We are offering a limited number of stall space for craft businesses so if you would like one, please get in touch at stnicsradstock.ptfa@gmail.com.

We are looking for volunteers for the winter fayre please!

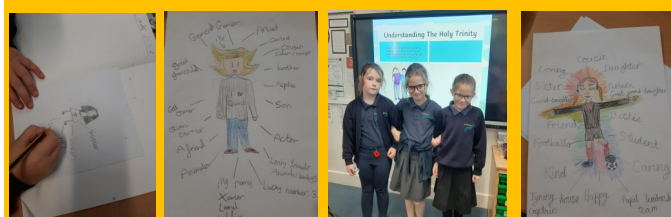
In order to offer the great range of activities we normally have, we will need extra support. If you are able to offer even 30 minutes on a stall that would be massively helpful. Please let the office know or email us. Thank you!

More information will be coming home next week regarding Wreath Making, Father Christmas and Elfridges.

Have a great weekend!
Friends of St. Nic's PTFA

Our Values

The Trinity was the talk of the class this week! Y6 and Y3 have been learning about The Trinity and its meaning. To help us to understand we talked about what we all are, even though we are one. We are brothers, sisters, dancers, kind, cousins etc. The Y6 children drew themselves and showed their understanding of The Trinity, or Holy Trinity, and that it is a way of describing God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Y3 joined all of their qualities together to make one amazing thing. Super RE, well done.



2023-2024 SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

Including INSET DAYS

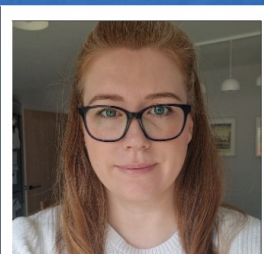
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TERM 4	
Start:	Monday 19th February
Finish:	Thursday 28th March
TERM 5	
Start:	Monday 15th April
Finish:	Friday 24th May
TERM 6	
Start:	Monday 3rd June
Finish:	Tuesday 23rd July
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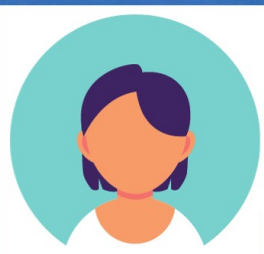
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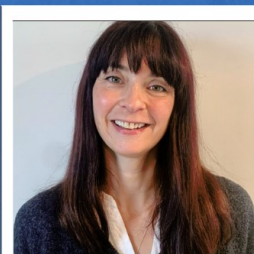
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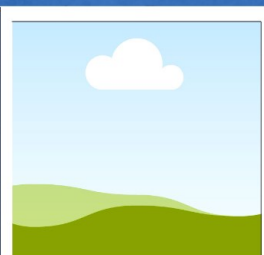
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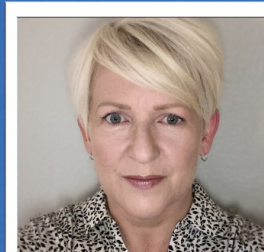
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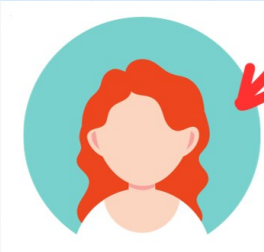
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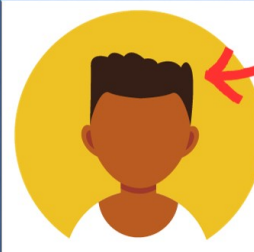
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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION
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rest of the world 13+

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a 'Forwarded many times' label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.

ONLINE

'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval: you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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23rd
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Banish the winter blues by creating a willow lantern at our lantern making workshop.

You can show off your lantern at Bath Lights the Night.

Tickets are free, donations are welcome

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15th
Nov

Bath Lights the Night

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15th
Nov

Music at the Abbey

Following the Bath Lights the Night procession through the city, we will meet at the Abbey for an evening filled with music and singing from the Orchestra of Everything.

If you are in the parade we will reserve a seat for you.

Tickets are free, there will be a retiring collection in aid of Dorothy House.

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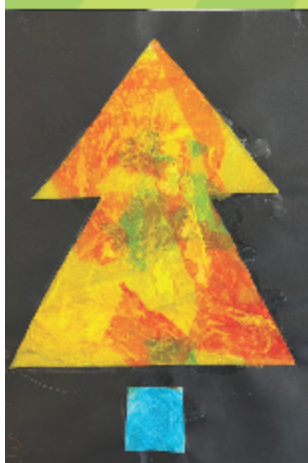
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Christmas Art Trail



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