



# St Nicholas Church School

## School Newsletter

24th October 2024 Term 1 Newsletter 5

Dear Parents & Carers,

We've finally come to the end of the term after what has been an extremely busy 8 weeks for the children and staff. As always at the end of term, we have celebrated with our Spirit of St Nicholas assembly and a huge well done goes to all of our winners—you are fantastic role models for everyone at St Nics! We know all of the other children will be working so hard to see if they can pick up the award in term 2.

Last week we also had another special assembly with what was a packed out Harvest service in the hall. The children performed a range of poems brilliantly and we were especially impressed with Reception class who sat beautifully throughout the service and performed with such confidence. Year 6 finished the service in true Year 6 style with a catchy song and actions thrown in. As always, we were extremely grateful to Mr Glendinning for baking a magnificent Harvest Loaf which all the children got to taste afterwards. It was delicious—thank you so much for your efforts! Thank you also to everyone for your generous food donations and these have already been distributed to local food banks.



We hope you managed to get to see your child's teacher at parents' evening this week. We've enjoyed sharing how children have settled in to the new term and any targets they could be working on to help them with their learning. Please contact your child's teacher if you haven't made an appointment and would still like to speak to them.

Normally by the end of term one, we have sent out all of the details of our up coming trips that we are planning on taking the children on during the year. However, this year the teachers planned all of the trips as usual but have come across some huge challenges in terms of the cost of hiring coaches and other financial barriers. We are not happy to push these costs on to parents without first trying to seek alternative arrangements so we will spend a bit more time over the coming weeks looking at how we can reduce the cost of trips while maintaining the fantastic offer that you are used to at St Nics. We will get this information out to you as soon as we have it so you can financially plan ahead.

We hope you manage to have a restful half-term holiday and that the children come back refreshed and ready for Christmas Term! It promises to be an exciting one as always.

Mr Low & Mrs Simmons

### Time to Talk

<b>Cam</b>	Go on a walk and look for signs of Autumn. Talk with a grown up about what you noticed.
<b>Somer</b>	Have a look at the rhyming words sheet. Can you write some words that rhyme with the pictures?
<b>Dart</b>	Why are natural habitats special?
<b>Avon</b>	What are the similarities between houses in the late Stone Age and houses in the Iron Age?
<b>Mells</b>	Why do we need to protect the Amazon Rainforest?
<b>Yeo</b>	Can you explain what makes a solution different to a mixture?
<b>Hartlake</b>	Can you name the four time periods of the Ancient Maya civilisation?
<b>Wellow</b>	Why do we need to help save the Amazon rainforest?
<b>Midford</b>	

### Bringing toys to school

Please can we remind parents that children should not be bringing any personal toys, games or cards to school from home. These can be hugely distracting in the classroom and often become an issue of contention amongst the children, especially if they get lost or damaged.

We love seeing that some children have a passion for collecting particular cards like Match Attax and Pokemon, but these cards can be quite valuable and we really don't want them getting lost at school.

We thank you for your support with this matter.

### South West In Bloom Art Competition

Congratulations to Lennox D who came second in the whole of the South West of England in her age group. Wow! She was selected by the writer of Downton Abbey's wife!

Well done to Liyomi W who also came second in her age group! Amazing! A fantastic achievement girls—we're very proud of you both.

### Our KS2 Award Winners

	<b>Star</b>	<b>Maths Magician</b>	<b>Reading/Oracy</b>	<b>Wizard Writer</b>
<b>Avon</b>	Chloe F	Iona T	William P Rocco M	Isobel M
<b>Mells</b>	Chloe B	Wilson D	James J Zarah H	Harrison J
<b>Hartlake</b>	Nora G	Daisy H	Lena O Summer H	Teddy B
<b>Midford</b>	Rodney S	Jaycub K		Korey B

## Diary Dates

Please note—although we do our utmost to maintain diary dates, it is sometimes necessary to change dates due to unforeseen circumstances. We will always try to give as much notice as possible where this happens

November		December	
11th	KS1 Local Visit—Dance Show Yr 6 Cenotaph Visit	2nd	PTFA—Elfridges
15th	KS1 Praise Assembly	4th	Father Christmas visiting St Nics
22nd	KS2 Praise Assembly	5th	Whole school family decoration making event (2:30pm)
25th	Flu Immunisations	9th	PTFA Wreath Making
28th	Yr 2 Trip—Cardiff Castle	12th	EYFS + KS1 Christmas show (am)
29th	KS1 Praise Assembly	13th	EYFS + KS1 Christmas show (am)
		16th	KS2 Christmas Show (pm)
		17th	KS2 Christmas Show (pm)
		18th	Christmas Lunch (Wellow, R, 1, 2, 3)
		19th	Christmas Lunch (Midford 4, 5, 6) PTFA Christmas Bingo
		20th	Spirit of St Nicholas Assembly <b>End of Term</b> 12:30 finish R,1,2,3,4,5,6 1:00 Midford + Wellow

## Parents' Evening Feedback

Thank you to everyone who left feedback at our recent parents' evenings. We are always grateful for any feedback received.

You told us:

“My child is loving Phonics—Thanks for the fun learning and play in Reception.”

“Having more responsibilities in Year 6.”

“Friendships have been better this year for my child.”

“My child has found a book that she is really in to and has already completed it!”

“The work is a bit harder this year but my child feels supported.”

# Our Spirit of St Nicholas Award Winners Term 1

Cam	Arlo M	Mells	Shylo W
Somer	Leo D	Yeo	Damaris D
Dart	Joe H	Hartlake	Amelia F
Avon	James O	Midford	Lexi DW



### Overall Attendance for Term 1

Cam	93.38%
Somer	93.82%
Dart	96.24%
Avon	97%
Mells	96.8%
Yeo	94.46%
Hartlake	95.56%
Midford	95.95%
Wellow	95.95%
Overall attendance is: 95.54%	

### Reminders!

- Please make sure all school uniform is labelled. We have an ever growing shelf of lost items that no one has claimed.
- The weather has now cooled and children must have a coat in school each day.
- All children need a drink bottle in school each day, which should be taken home and washed every evening.

Thanks for your continued support!

### Friends Of St Nics PTFA

The first term of the school year is over, we are sure many of your children are very much looking forward to the half term break (and many of the teachers and parents too!)

We had so much fun at our disco a couple of weeks ago, as always, Rocky put on a fantastic show, and all of the children had big smiles on their faces!

Our AGM was on Monday, and we voted in the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer for this coming year. We are happy to announce that Amy Pritchard was voted in as Chair, Lucy Ponton as Secretary and Sarah Challis as Treasurer.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, after school, where we will begin to plan our exciting Christmas events! Everyone is welcome, we love seeing new faces, and hearing new suggestions and ideas.

Have a fantastic half term everyone!



# **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	

# 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

Volunteers welcome, no time  
commitment, no pressure!

**UGH, NOT THE  
DREADED  
PTFA...**



**WE'VE ALL HEARD  
THE STEREOTYPE!**

Does joining the PTFA  
bring you out in a  
cold sweat?!

Do you want to help in  
some way but feel like  
you can't commit loads  
of time?



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**We'll add you to our volunteers  
Facebook group. We'll message when we  
need help and if you can, super! If not,  
we'll catch you next time, no pressure!**





# **Gymnastics workshops**

## **October half term**



***Monday 28th October: Handstands + Cartwheels (Ages 6+)***

***2:00 - 3:30pm***

***£11.50***

***Wednesday 30th October: Somersaults workshop (Ages 4-6)***

***2:00 - 3:00pm***

***£7.50***

***Wednesday 30th October: Somersaults workshop (Ages 7+)***

***3:15 - 4:15pm***

***£7.50***



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**[www.dragonflyleisure.co.uk/activities/holiday-activities](http://www.dragonflyleisure.co.uk/activities/holiday-activities)**



**SUPER PIRATES**  
TOTALLY AWESOME EVENTS

## **AFTER SCHOOL AWESOMENESS!**

We celebrate Kindness, Creativity, Curiosity and Courage.  
At St Nicholas Primary Church School this week we have seen  
some awesome clay creations!

**CREATIVITY**

**AWESOME**



**CRAZY CLAY**



**INSPIRING**

 [@super\\_pirates](https://www.instagram.com/super_pirates)  
[superpirates.co.uk](http://superpirates.co.uk)



Royal United Hospitals Bath  
NHS Foundation Trust

# Children's

# Occupational Therapy

## Advice Line

Do you have any questions about a child or young person's ability to carry out daily tasks and activities?



**01225 82 6659**

**The first and second  
Tuesday of each month.  
2pm – 4pm**

Our Advice Line is open to Parents / Carers,  
Schools, Nursery and Healthcare  
professionals of children who have a  
**BANES GP**

If the child is already on our Waiting List or is known to BANES OT Service, and you would like to speak to a member of the Occupational Therapy team, please contact 01225 82 4220.

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Bath & North East Somerset Libraries

# Design a Bookmark Competition

Calling all artists 13 and  
under!

It's the end of our centenary year  
and to take us into the next 100  
years we would like a bookmark to  
use in all our libraries.

Could yours be the winning design?



Use this box for your design and  
drop off at any of our libraries in  
Keynsham, Midsomer Norton, Bath  
Central or the Mobile Library.

But hurry, deadline for entries is  
**Saturday 14 December at 12pm.**

Name:

Library card number:

Contact details of parent/carer:





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# RTFC

## **FIREWORK NIGHT**

**FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER 7.30**

**£6 PER PERSON**

**OR A FAMILY OF 2 ADULTS 2 KIDS £20**

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**GATES AND BAR OPEN 5.30**

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