



St Nicholas Church School

School Newsletter

11th October 2024 Term 1 Newsletter 4

Dear Parents & Carers,

There was a lot of nervous excitement around the building on Monday when the Zoolab team came to visit us at school. Lots of year groups are studying topics involving wildlife so what better way to enhance their studies than bringing some creatures into school. The children got up close to a selection of frogs, millipedes, spiders and there was even a snake slithering across the classroom at one point! We hope the children enjoyed the experience – even if many of the teachers didn't!

Next week is our Harvest Celebration and all parents are welcome to attend. Please avoid bringing very young children where possible, as they often struggle to sit through long services and it can be hard to hear the children reading when there is noise in the hall. A harvest collection is taking place in school as normal so any donations will be gratefully received. Somer Food Bank have informed us that this year, their warehouse is very full already (great news!) so all donations will be distributed to other food banks in the surrounding area.

During the last week of term, we will be holding parents' evenings for all classes. This will be a chance for you to come and speak to your child's class teacher about how they have settled into the new school year. Booking for this will go live next week via Eschools. Please see the school office if you have any problems logging in.

Have a great weekend!
Mr Low & Mrs Simmons



Attendance

Cam	93.6%
Somer	92.9%
Dart	96.4%
Avon	98.9%
Mells	99%
Yeo	93%
Hartlake	95.6%
Midford	90%
Wellow	98%
Overall attendance is: 95.7%	

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!

Our KS1 Award Winners

	Star	Maths Magician	Reading/Oracy	Wizard Writer
Somer	Harleigh D	Raith G	Dara Theo W	Ava H
Dart	Willow H	Zoe MG	Ivy-Grace R Lily P	Grayson W

Zoolab Visit



Year 4 were left feeling very enthused after their visit from Zoo Lab and were bursting with knowledge about the animals that can be found in the Amazon Rainforest. Every child was very brave holding and touching every single animal. Mells class gasped at the size of the African snail and couldn't believe how slimy and sticky he felt. As a class we voted for our favourite animal and decided that the Frog won. We laughed as the instructor tried to get him to jump back into his container. He was leaping all around the room! We were all intrigued by his bright colourings and found it interesting that the reason we weren't allowed to hold him was because he would absorb all the moisture from our hands which could make him poorly. We gasped loudly as the Chilean rose tarantula was shown around. We noticed how furry he was and decided we thought he could be the same size as some of



On Monday Zoolab came to visit and we got to hold a snake and an African snail. The huge snail was so sticky and slimy. We got to watch a tree frog jump around. It was amazing! Its skin is dark green so that it can blend into the trees in the rainforest. We saw a millipede that had over three hundred legs. We were so excited because we got to hold all the animals. It was the best thing ever. We were so happy!

By Dart Class

our hands. The giant African millipede had an insane number of legs and kept tickling the palms of our hands. Our knowledge on the layers of the Amazon Rainforest was evident as we could tell the instructor all about it.

Year 4 talked about the experience all day and it was definitely a very memorable day.

By Mells Class

Time to Talk

Cam	Go on a hunt for different materials. Can you find objects made from plastic, wood, metal and fabric?
Somer	What words can you think of to describe the Troll?
Dart	Can you tell your parents what a producer, prey & predator are?
Avon	What do you remember about the Amesbury Archer?
Mells	What was your favourite animal from Zoo Lab and why?
Yeo	What techniques have you learnt about using watercolour paints?
Hartlake	Where did the Ancient Maya live?
Wellow	
Midford	What animals can you find in a rainforest?

Diary Dates

Tuesday 15th October
PTFA School Disco

Thursday 17th October
Harvest Assembly KS1 & KS2

Tuesday 22nd October
Individual Photos
Parents Evening 1

Thursday 24th October
Parents Evening 2

End of Term 1

Friday 25th October
INSET DAY

Monday 4th November
Term 2

Monday 25th November
Flu Immunisations

Thursday 28th November
Y2 Trip To Cardiff Castle

ST NICS PTFA

We hope you have all settled back into the swing of school, and that the new parents and children have settled in well.

We have our Autumn disco next week, on Tuesday evening, with the fantastic Rocky providing the music and entertainment. Don't forget that your child's ticket gets them unlimited squash, and two tuck items, so make sure they know to come up and choose what they want! We will also be selling our giant foam glow wands again for just £1, you can buy them on the night, or online – look out for a link coming home on Monday.

Then the following week we have our AGM, you are all welcome to come along (we will have biscuits and colouring for children) If you would like to join the committee, or take up a named role, please contact us either via our Facebook page, or by leaving us a message in the office. Once we have dealt with the voting in of the committee, we will discuss the events we have coming up, so please do come along and help us to plan!

Friends of St. Nic's PTFA



Autumn Disco

With Rocky!

Tuesday 15th October

KS1 - 5-5:45pm

KS2 - 6-7pm

£3.50

**includes unlimited squash and
two tuck items**

2024-2025 SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

Including INSET DAYS

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

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

Yours sincerely,

Roanna Ellis

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



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



Dragonfly Leisure

**Dragonfly Leisure Writhlington
Knobsbury Lane
Radstock
Bath
BA3 3NQ**



All workshops are ran by our highly qualified Gymnastics coaches

Please book via our website

www.dragonflyleisure.co.uk/activities/holiday-activities

LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c 14 October

Bath Central Library

Board Game Saturdays

Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm 18 October

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

Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In

Mon - Sat During opening hours

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 16 October

Centenary Storytime

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 15 October

Victoria Art Gallery: Toddler Thursdays at the Library

Drop in, suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0-5 years.

Toddler Spanish Class

Suitable for ages 0-4.

Booking required. www.todoelmundo.co.uk

9.30 - 10.00am 15 October

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 15 October
10.30 - 11.00am



ECOWEEK+ at WELLS CATHEDRAL

11 TO 20 OCTOBER 2024



EARTH EXPLORER TRAIL THROUGHOUT ECOWEEK+

Re-use a free Earth Explorer Trail from our 2022 Gaia Exhibition explorer trails and discover some of the Cathedral's special places with your family. Find the matching fact boards with tips on how to be a Steward of the Earth. Can you collect letters from each board to make a word and earn a sticker?



THE MOSSY CARPET 12 OCTOBER

Did you know that mosses are climate superheroes? Join us on a mossy adventure when we'll learn about this tiny but hugely important plant. Watch a short film, look at mosses under the lens and get creative with wool to help us make a mossy carpet! Suitable for all ages and abilities.



ENVIRONMENTAL STORYTIME 15 AND 18 OCTOBER

Join us at Wells Cathedral in Wells Environment Week to hear fun, engaging stories about the importance of nature and caring for the environment around us. Storytime will take place in the Lady Chapel, where we can enjoy the bright, colourful stained-glass windows.



PRAYERS FOR THE PLANET THROUGHOUT ECOWEEK+

Come and tie your hopes and wishes to our prayer tree in the Cathedral Undercroft with sustainable seed paper. At the end of the project, the prayers will then be planted by volunteers. Open to all ages.



60 STEPS TOWARDS BEING GREEN THROUGHOUT ECOWEEK+

Visit the Cathedral's Environment and Sustainability page to download our **60 steps Towards Being Green** leaflet – a straightforward guide listing simple changes you can make to your day-to-day life which will protect our planet.



Find out more at wellscathedral.org.uk/ecoweeek



27th 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, 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



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!

AWESOME



CREATIVITY



CRAZY CLAY



INSPIRING



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