



St Nicholas Church School

School Newsletter

29th November 2024 Term 2 Newsletter 2

Dear Parents & Carers,

We've had an extremely busy few weeks at school with so much going on both inside and outside the classroom, with a few challenges thrown in along the way. Storm Bert brought part of a tree down onto the outdoor classroom but luckily it was nothing that Mr Miller couldn't fix! The gates at the front of the school were also impacted by the wind so please note that for a short time they may be open in the mornings and after-school until we get them fixed, so please always drive carefully on to the school site if you are visiting around those times. To top it off, we had to close the changing rooms on Tuesday as a bat had decided to make himself at home in there. Luckily he's made his way back outside and all is back to normal!

There has so been so much going on elsewhere around the school. Years 4 & 5 took part in a Cross Country event at Downside School. Brilliant performances by all and a massive well done to Zander and Zara who came 2nd and 4th place in their categories! An amazing achievement. Year 5 were visited by circus performer Poppy Plowman who taught them a variety of circus skills—the tight rope walking was a particular highlight and much harder than it looks. Year 2 ventured over the Severn to Cardiff Castle for a day of knights and dragons and Year 4 headed into Bath to visit the Roman Baths to help deepen their understanding of their current topic. We hope the children enjoyed these great experiences and thank you to the staff for making them all possible. As we creep closer towards Christmas, the school is starting to get into the festive spirit, with the hall tree going up on Monday. We look forward to seeing parents next week to help us make decorations to adorn the tree. Please keep an eye on the calendar of Christmas events. We have added our Christingle Service which takes place next Friday at 9:30am and Year 6 and Reception parents are invited if you wish to attend. As ever, we will endeavour to stick to the timings of events but we'll let you know if anything changes.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Low & Mrs Simmons

Christmas at St Nics

Mon 2nd Dec	Elfridges	Children can buy gifts in school for family
Wed 4th Dec	Father Christmas coming to school!	All children to receive a gift!
Thurs 5th Dec	Christmas Decoration Making 2:30pm—3:30pm	All welcome
Fri 6th Dec	Christingle Service 9:30am	Year 6 and Reception parents welcome
Mon 9th Dec	Christmas Wreath Making 5:00pm	For parents (ticketed event—see PTFA posters for details)
Tues 10th Dec	Mufti For Christmas Family Bingo Night	Please donate items from Christmas aisle
Thurs 12th Dec	KS1 Performance 9:45am	All welcome (ticketed event)
Fri 13th Dec	KS1 Performance am 9:45am	All welcome (ticketed event)
Mon 16th Dec	KS2 Performance pm 1:30pm	All welcome (ticketed event)
Tue 17th Dec	KS2 Performance pm 9:30am	All welcome (ticketed event)
Wed 18th Dec	Christmas Dinner (Reception, Yr1, Yr 2, Yr 3, Wellow, Pre-School)	Children only (Christmas jumpers and/or accessories allowed)
Thur 19th Dec	Christmas Dinner (Yr 4, Yr5, Yr6 , Midford)	Children only (Christmas jumpers and/or accessories allowed)
Thur 19th Dec	Carol Service (pm)	All Welcome
Thurs 19th Dec	Christmas Family Bingo Night 5:00pm	All welcome (see PTFA poster for details)
Friday 20th Dec	Spirit of St Nicholas Assembly 9:00am	All welcome
Friday 20th Dec	School finish (12:30 Yr R—Yr 6) (1:00 Midford + Wellow)	(Christmas jumpers and/or accessories allowed)

Outside Achievements

Congratulations to Molly D who has been awarded certificates, medals and a trophy in baton twirling!
Wow—what a performance!

Well done to Chloe B who has completed Stage 5 in swimming!

Congratulations to Teddy B who competed in the Mike Gregory JDC Tournament against 15 players, he won all of his matches and then went on to win the final!! Top Darts!

Well done to Nora G who has achieved Level 5 in gymnastics!

Congratulations to Zander H who competed in the Cross Country at Downside this week and came 2nd and to Zarah H who came 3rd!

Well done to Raevyn who has completed Levels 1, 2 & 4 in swimming, fantastic!

WELL DONE EVERYONE

Our KS1 Award Winners

	Star	Maths Magician	Reading/Oracy	Wizard Writer
Cam	Ivy-Belle J	Jaxson F	Nelly-Grace D Roman K	Kerrida W
Somer	Dara A	Ava H	Theo W	Raith G
Dart	Freya BG	Alexander O	Jacob D Harley F	

Our KS2 Award Winners

	Star	Maths Magician	Reading/Oracy	Wizard Writer
Avon	Ivy B	Daisy P	Enzo J Caleb C	Wynter M
Mells	Molly D	Shemmy A	Beau KH Lily W	Oliver L
Yeo	Logan S	Molly J	Francesca B Chelsea H	Noah D
Hartlake	Quinn J	Evie N	Reece W Aidan H	Alicia P
Midford	Korey B	Rodney S	Lexi DW Matthew S	Jaycub K

Play Leaders

On Wednesday, we had a visitor come to school to train our playground leaders. This enthusiastic group of children are responsible for organising games and making sure everyone feels included at break and lunchtimes on both play-grounds. This is what the children had to say:

Reuben: 'I liked when we were in the hall and we did a cone game. We had to throw bean bags into the cones and to make it harder we had to throw them straight on rather than slide them on.'

Evie: 'I really like being a play leader because I get to be with younger children that I love playing with. In the training we split into groups and we played lots of different games.'

Mya: 'My favourite part of the training was when we learnt how to play different games that we can teach to different children. I like being a play leader because you get to play with lots other children.'



JUDO SUCCESS

Daisy in Year 6 recently brought in her collection of medals that she has been awarded in the sport of Judo. Here's what she told us:

"I have been doing Judo for about 7 years. I train in Pratten 3 times a week and sometimes in Bradley Stoke. I have done lots of competitions and I have over 27 medals! I have 19 golds, 7 silvers and 3 bronze medals! I brought my medals into school to share with my class after I went to Bosnia for some competitions in half term. I got a bronze medal for fighting in the under 15s competition. I have been to lots of different countries for competitions like Croatia, Germany and Holland. I've done competitions in Somerset, Cornwall and London. I like going to compete with people from different places around the world. I like watching people who try different moves that don't know. I'm looking forward to doing more competitions next year!"

Well done Daisy, this is a fantastic achievement and we can't wait to hear about your future successes on the judo mat!



Time to Talk

Cam	What is the name for an animal that comes out at night time?
Somer	How many capital letters can you write at home?
Dart	What is an invertebrate?
Avon	Count from one to ten in French, like you've been practising with Mrs Smith.
Mells	Name as many components as you can for an electrical circuit.
Yeo	Can you think of some Stop thoughts and how you can change them into helpful thoughts?
Hartlake	Tell your family about the main characters in Eye of the Wolf
Wellow	
Midford	Can you explain how different drinks affect your teeth?

PARKING

Please can we ask all parents who use the bridge entrance to the school to park responsibly when dropping off children in the morning. It's been reported that some of the grass verges are being damaged by inconsiderate parking. Cars should not be parked over the pavement or grass areas. We ask that everyone is respectful of the local community areas around our school and we all need to work together to ensure the safety of families who use our site.

Thank you

Attendance

Cam	94.1%
Somer	92.1%
Dart	94.1%
Avon	95.9%
Mells	93%
Yeo	89.7%
Hartlake	93.5%
Midford	90%
Wellow	98%
Overall attendance is: 93.2%	

Lost Property

We have a lovely, ever-growing collection of unnamed coats piling up in school. If your child is missing their coat, please ask them to look for it at the end of the day. Also, please make sure all coats are named so it is easier to return them to their owners.

Friends Of St Nic's PTFA

The Christmas term has arrived, and with it, our many festive events!

Elfridges and **Wreath Making** have now been added onto Parent Pay. If you would like to book either, please do so by the following dates: **Elfridges** – 1st December, and **Wreath Making** – 6th December.

For those of you who are new to the school – **Elfridges** is our Christmas shop, where the children get to choose gifts for their loved ones. They are priced at £3 each, with a maximum of two gifts per child. We recommend that these are for adult members of the child's family, as items are not suitable for children. The children love being able to come and choose a gift for you, and get so much joy from giving you something they have chosen themselves! We make it a fun experience, with Christmas music, and lots of jolly Christ-massy helpers.

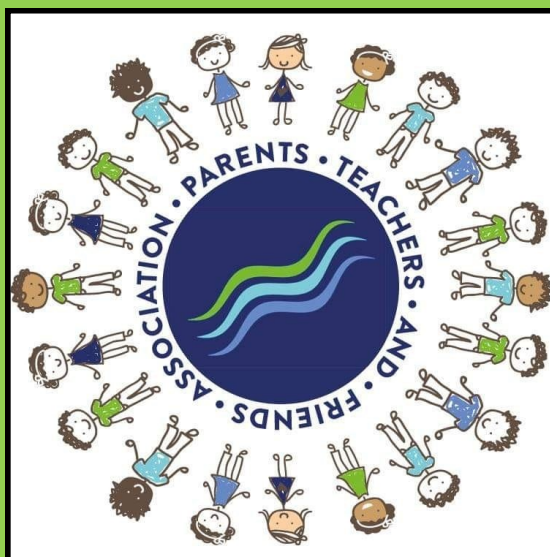
Wreath Making has become a popular event in our Christmas calendar, as an adults only event, it is nice to take a little bit of time for you, to come and have fun with friends or family members, and create something beautiful to hang on your front door! It is £15 for a standard wreath, and £20 for a large wreath, and the cost includes all materials, a drink and a festive treat. Places are limited to 40, so book now!

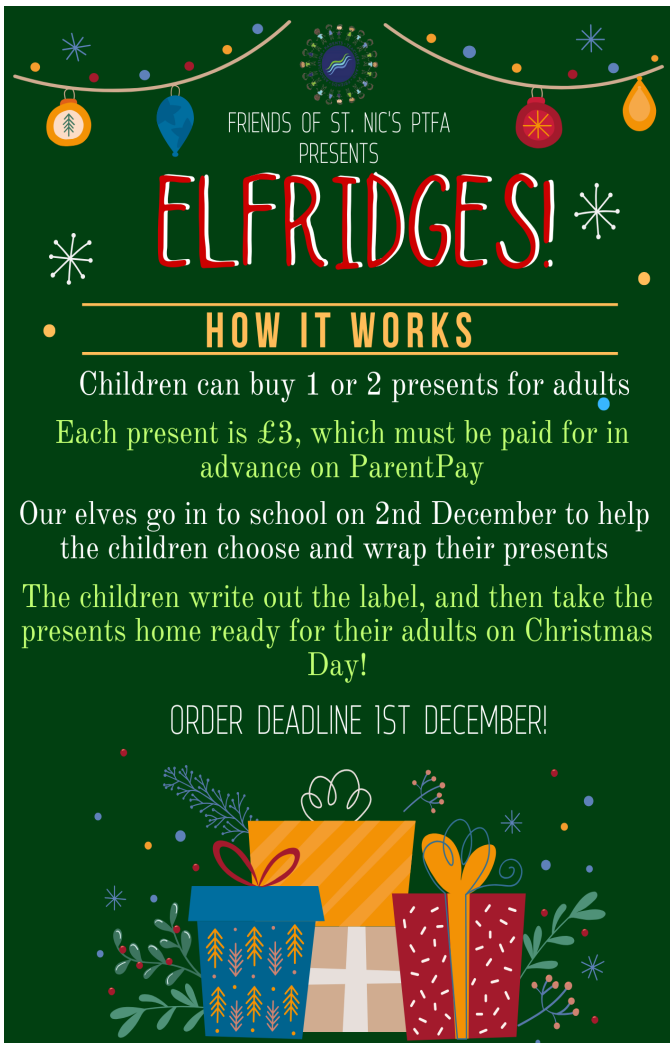
We have decided to hold a **Family Christmas Bingo** evening instead of a fair this year, which will be on the 19th December. If you have been to our Easter Bingo, you will know just how much fun it is! We will be selling refreshments and hot dogs, and there will be a raffle on the night. There will be a mufti day the week before for donations from the Christmas Aisle, so anything from chocolate to decorations, to enable us to make up some fantastic prizes.

Father Christmas will be visiting the school on the 4th December, and, as with last year, every child in the school will receive a gift. This is funded by the PTFA, at no cost to parents. We are currently asking local businesses to sponsor our gifts. If you know of a business that may be willing to donate a little money to help with this, please do get in touch!

And lastly, we will be selling refreshments at all of the Christmas performances!

Phew, it is going to be a busy term! If you are able to help us at any events, please do get in touch – either via our Facebook page Friends of St. Nic's PTFA, or by email at stnicradstock.ptfa@gmail.com





FRIENDS OF ST. NIC'S PTFA
PRESENTS

ELFRIDGES!


HOW IT WORKS

Children can buy 1 or 2 presents for adults
Each present is £3, which must be paid for in advance on ParentPay

Our elves go in to school on 2nd December to help the children choose and wrap their presents

The children write out the label, and then take the presents home ready for their adults on Christmas Day!

ORDER DEADLINE 1ST DECEMBER!




Christmas Wreath Making

MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER
5PM

£15 / regular
£20 / large

Ticket includes a drink and a festive treat!
Raffle tickets for sale on the night at £1 each

Refreshments available to purchase



Christmas FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

GREAT PRIZES AND FUN FOR ALL

Get ready for a festive and fun-filled Christmas Bingo Night! Gather your friends and family for an evening of fun and exciting bingo games!

19TH DEC 2024

5pm

£3 for 3 games + children's quiz



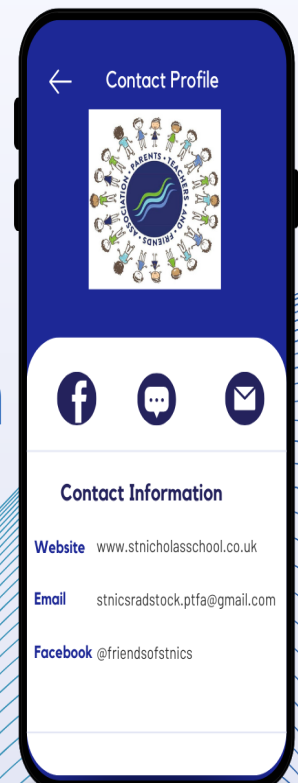
Friends of St. Nic's PTFA

Stay updated

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Get in touch!

Send us a message →



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	



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Gift a Coat

FREE warm items of clothing for adults and children are available at Bath Central Library, Bath Housing, Welfare & Advice Services, Midsomer Norton Library & Keynsham Library for people to take what they need.

Children's knitted jumpers are also available to take from Radstock Community Run Library.

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 Mind Bath

Mental Elf Fun Run!



Sunday 8th December
Odd Down Cycle Track, Bath

- Choose from a flat 2km or 5km route
- Free medal for all runners
- Raise funds for Bath Mind's local mental health services



bathmind.org.uk/mentalelf

Kingfisher Room

Our new nursery room accommodates children from 2 to 3 years old with a wide range of resources and equipment to support a young child's development.



Open 8.30am to 3.30pm

Term time sessions available

Call now on

01761 435067 to arrange a viewing.



Robin Room

Robin room accommodates children with additional needs.

Run by Hayley, our Senco and supported by a range outside professionals. Activities are planned around children's individual needs.

Nightingale Room

The preschool room accommodates children from 3 to 5 years old. In this room, we promote independence and resilience as the children prepare to transition to school.



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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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

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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
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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.

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:





- ✓ Years 1-6
- ✓ Ofsted registered
- ✓ Tax Free childcare
- ✓ HHH Funded spaces



Christmas Holiday Clubs

Happy Healthy Holiday funded spaces
plus paid for spaces!

 **St Johns Primary School,
Midsomer Norton**

9-3pm

(HHH, 9-1pm extend play to 3.
Look out for your unique code to book)

Monday 23rd December

Thursday 2nd January

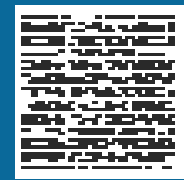
Friday 3rd January



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CHRISTMAS TREE SALE



Saturday 7 + Saturday 14 Dec - 10am-4pm, Sunday 8 Dec 2pm-4pm

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Visit our website to find out more / pre-order (see below)



CHRISTMAS FAIR + SANTA'S GROTTTO

Saturday 7 Dec - 10am-2pm

Magical stalls, fantastic prizes, beautiful Christmas trees and Santa's Garden Grotto.

Santa's Grotto £5pp incl. a small gift

Tickets can be booked via our website (see below)



WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP



Sunday 8 Dec - 2pm-4pm

 Learn how to make a stunning natural wreath with expert wreath maker, Marina Beere.

Tickets £35pp incl. refreshments + materials.

Book via our website (see below)

Where?

Riverside Youth Hub (behind
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Find out more / book

www.mentoringplus.net/events

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