



St Nicholas CE Primary School Bulletin: 13th October

Harvest Service

Thank you to everyone who joined in our Harvest Celebration at St Nicholas Church and those who donated towards our Harvest Collection.

Our donations were combined with those from St Nicholas Church Hurst¹ and delivered to Alana House.

Message from Georgie, Alana House: "I just wanted to say a huge thank you to you, St Nicholas Church and St Nicholas School for the incredibly kind and generous harvest donation we received today. This is going to be so beneficial to the women of Alana House and has really stocked up our food cupboards!" Since its opening in 2010, Alana House has worked with hundreds of women seeking support to help them make positive choices and

¹[https://www.facebook.com/stnicholaschurchhurst?_cft__\[0\]=AZXI6z1p9DakWvpo--afjPJokA_AioDcTDORnJcD1bMaNsKgXBOPmzoTWDjmlowowAYOyiwcBSclD5LQZPAhuKqrbMpCH7de71-UJb6qjKlgF8EVnmEAu7X30F2gDeY0u4eleZffzWpyW9dhzHMgZep8RvI86NgYheEKvnNJwJzogmEXkUwcTBy9gqmEDj-SYNPcYeNarhcwfpf2S8Up1Vrz8&_tn_=-|K-R](https://www.facebook.com/stnicholaschurchhurst?_cft__[0]=AZXI6z1p9DakWvpo--afjPJokA_AioDcTDORnJcD1bMaNsKgXBOPmzoTWDjmlowowAYOyiwcBSclD5LQZPAhuKqrbMpCH7de71-UJb6qjKlgF8EVnmEAu7X30F2gDeY0u4eleZffzWpyW9dhzHMgZep8RvI86NgYheEKvnNJwJzogmEXkUwcTBy9gqmEDj-SYNPcYeNarhcwfpf2S8Up1Vrz8&_tn_=-|K-R)

improve their futures. Read some of their stories here: <https://www.pactcharity.org/alana-house/alana-house-stories/>²



We then enjoyed a further Church service where our Worship Leaders and members of our School Choir joined together with pupils from across our Trust family for this year's Annual Celebration Service.

Hosted at the beautiful St Andrew's Church in Sonning, the service followed the theme 'All Are Welcome' a perfect reflection of who we are as a community and as a Trust. We felt proud to be part of the celebration which included members of the community, the church, parents, trustees, governors, school leaders and children from across 13 schools.

Well done to those who represented our school.

²https://www.pactcharity.org/alana-house/alana-house-stories/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAYnJpZBExblF0bGdVemhFYlEwSDIPbwEeGF2tvIJgKWKr-7zrOCmxuLfrBGHilZw25AM51oEjVq2vpvh0Qi4PQNsF2UM_aem_Jj2WjTQVTY780COCl16_fw



Equine Event

Children from St Nicholas and four other schools within The Keys Academy Trust had a wonderful time grooming the ponies, visiting the animals, playing games in the yard and making special memories. Here are a few moments from the day!

Huge thanks to Suzy and the team for a fantastic pony event at Lands End Equestrian Centre!













Cowshed Assembly

We were delighted to welcome representatives from The Cowshed charity, who visited school to give a special presentation after being voted as our Children's Charity of the Year by our children in the Summer Term. The Cowshed provides vital support to individuals and families in need across our local community. We look forward to working with them throughout the year to support this worthwhile cause and make a positive difference together.

Watch this space for exciting news on how we plan to help!.



Young Explorers at The Look Out - Flint Class

On Wednesday 1st October, Flint class enjoyed an amazing trip to the the Look Out discovery centre. We explored the woodlands in Swinley Forest with our nature explorer backpacks, did various national curriculum activities, built dens, climbed the Lookout Tower and enjoyed the exhibition which had various zones such as the woodland and water, main exhibition, insect enclosure, construction area and light and colour. The children are excited to write a recount in their English lessons about their experiences. Thank you to all the parents/carers who volunteered to help on the day!





Hello Yellow

Our school took part in **Hello Yellow** on Friday 10th October (World Mental Health Day) to raise awareness for Young Minds, the UK's leading charity for young people's mental health.



Children wore something yellow with their uniforms to school on Friday 10th October. This could be yellow socks, a hair band, a hat etc. On the day, pupils will be taking part in wellbeing activities such as mindfulness games, feelings maps and wellbeing bingo.

Our school community raised £158 for the YoungMinds Charity! Thank you for supporting this event.

We want to share again the resources which YoungMinds offer to support parents and carers if you ever need help and advice to support your children. This includes:

- online resources www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/³
- a phone line, open 9.30am-4pm **0808 802 5544**
- an online chat for parents and carers to speak to trained professionals if you're concerned about your children's mental health www.youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline/⁴

Thank you for your support.



Follow us on Social Media!

If you would like to see more about what is happening in school and around our village, please follow our social media page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61551221615071>



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PINS Parent Carer Meeting



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Wednesday 22nd October 2025
14:00 – 15:00pm
St Nicholas Hurst Primary school

We would like to invite all Parent Carers of SEN/Suspected SEN children in school to join us for our next PINS meeting, if you joined before you are welcome to return, and those who couldn't make the first meeting, please come along, your voice is needed to help shape SEN support in your school as part of **Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) project.**

No booking required, just turn up!

You can find out more about the PINS project at www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk/pins

If you have any queries please email hannah.graham@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk

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Lunch Menu Changes

On **Thursday 23rd October**, the last day before half term, the Caterlink lunch menu will change slightly and will be:-

⁵<http://www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk/pins>

Fish and Chips OR All Day Breakfast and Chips OR Jacket Potato.

After half term, jacket potatoes will be available on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday only. On Tuesday and Thursday the alternative to a main or vegetarian dish will be plain pasta with a choice of toppings (tomato and basil, cheese or tuna). This has proved a popular option previously, so Caterlink would like to trial it on a more regular basis. It will be reviewed before we break up for Christmas.

Nicholas Bear makes the news!

An article on our bear tree carving has now been published in the Wokingham Today newspaper and it's one of the top stories on their website. Please click on the link below to read the article:

Oak tree which had stood for generations at school takes on new life⁶

Here is Nicholas Bear again enjoying the sunshine!

⁶<https://wokingham.today/oak-tree-which-had-stood-for-generations-at-school-takes-on-new-life/>



Back to School Reminder

St. Nicholas CE Primary School

BACK TO SCHOOL REMINDERS

SEPTEMBER 4

BACKPACKS

SMALL backpacks ONLY!
Our cloakrooms have limited space!
No pencil cases - school provide everything you need!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Autumn term Uniform -

- Grey skirt / pinafore dress / trousers
- White Polo Shirt
- Blue School Logo jumper / cardigan
- Grey socks / tights
- Plain black leather shoes (no boots)
- **NO** jewellery (1 pair plain stud earrings allowed)
- Long hair tied up

PE UNIFORM

School logo PE top
Black shorts
(No Skorts or cycling shorts)
Plain black trainers
White socks

WHAT DO I NEED IN MY BACKPACK?

- Water bottle
- Lunchbox
- Healthy Snack
- Reading Book
- EYFS only - spare clothes

OUR SCHOOL DAY

Morning gates open 8.35am for 8.50am start
Afternoon gates open 3.10pm for 3.15pm finish

WHAT IS A HEALTHY SNACK?

NO CRISPS, CEREAL BARS OR CHOCOLATE

A polite reminder that if the children are wearing shorts for PE, these must be in line with our uniform policy. Shorts which are plain black and knee length are to be worn only.

As we are now in the Autumn term, Summer dresses / white socks are not part of our winter uniform.

Please ensure all belongings are named. We have a large amount of unnamed lost property in the office. Please come and collect any items which may belong to your child.

PTA Update



1 - Dinner Dance Tickets are on sale now!! Don't miss out on the event of the year!

PTA dates for your diary...

| Date | Activity | Who | What should I do/bring? |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Friday 3 rd October | School Disco | All children | Book tickets |
| Tuesday 7 th October | Bags2School | Parents & Hurst Community | Bring clothing donations in bags |
| Thursday 6 th November | Bonfire Bake Sale (3:15pm after school) | All children | Donate cakes and buy some! |
| Thursday 27 th November | Wreath Making Workshop | Parents & Friends | Book a place & join in |
| Wednesday 12 th November | PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) | Parents | Turn up! |
| Thursday 28 th November | Non-Uniform Day | All children | Bring a chocolate donation |
| Saturday 6 th December | St Nicholas Church Christmas Fayre | Children, parents & Hurst Community | Come along! |
| Date TBC | Christmas Bauble Hunt | All children | Nothing – during school time |
| Date TBC | School Christmas Lunch & Santa visit | All children | Nothing – during school time |
| Saturday 13 th December | Hurst Dinner Dance | Parents & Hurst Community | Book tickets & enjoy the festivities |



Please note - PTA Non uniform day will be on

Friday 28th November.

Autumn term dates



October

Tue 21st Parent Meetings (Fossil only)

Wed 22nd Parent Meetings

Thu 23rd Parent Meetings

Fri 24th INSET DAY

Mon 27th to Fri 31st HALF TERM

November

Mon 3rd INSET Day

Mon 10th Odd Socks for Anti Bullying Week

Fri 14th Children In Need Day

December

Fri 5th St Nicholas Day Church Service

Tue 16th Nativity Performance

Wed 17th Nativity Performance

Thu 18th Christmas Craft morning

Thu 18th Panto visits school

Fri 19th Church Service

Fri 19th School finishes at 1.30pm

January

Mon 5th INSET Day

Tue 6th Back to school

Thu 15th CENSUS Day

Thu 22nd Sandstone trip to Ufton Court

Enrichment Activities

First Impressions Theatre Company

MultiSkills Club with Mr Luis

The Story Chair - Lunchtime club

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

| | Before School | During the School Day | After School |
|------------------|--|--|---|
| Monday | Morning Judo with Mark Fricker https://judo-school-uk.pembee.app/ Get Active Breakfast Club | Lunch Recorder Club – Mrs Clacy Get Active Lunchtime Games | Get Active After School Club |
| Tuesday | First Impressions Musical Theatre Club https://first-impressions-theatre.dasforkids.co/ Get Active Breakfast Club | Rock Steady Music www.rocksteadymusicsschool.com Get Active Lunchtime Games | Get Active After School Club |
| Wednesday | Get Active Breakfast Club | Lunchtime Choir Club – Mrs Clacy The Story Chair – 1 st Wednesday of the month – St Nicholas Church Lunchtime Football Club – Mr Luis Get Active Lunchtime Games | Multi Sports Club – Mr Luis Get Active After School Club |
| Thursday | Get Active Breakfast Club | Get Active Lunchtime Games | Get Active After School Club |
| Friday | Get Active Breakfast Club | Keyboard Club with Tom Jones stmm@webey.co.uk Get Active Lunchtime Games | Get Active After School Club |

THE STORY CHAIR
LUNCHTIME STORY CLUB

- ★ Come and listen magical stories
- ★ Relax, imagine and dream
- ★ Enjoy a quiet moment with friends

Brought to you by
ST NICHOLAS CHURCH
FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
12 – 1PM

2 - Children are invited to join us for story time with Rosemary and Jenny. The story chair will be the first Wednesday of every month.

Get Active

OCTOBER HOLIDAY CAMP

BOOK 4 DAYS FOR THE PRICE OF 3!

At St Nicholas CofE Primary School
Hurst, RG10 0DR

What's on...

- Varied Sports
- Craft Workshop
- Outdoor Games
- Team Building Challenges
- Healthy Living Programme

27TH – 30TH OCTOBER

8:30AM – 5:30PM

Ofsted

BOOK NOW

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www.getactivesports.com

3 - OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB! BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

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Elements Dance Class

Hurst Village Hall
Tuesday & Wednesday
afternoons

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Elements
Dance and Theatre Schools

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St Nicholas Church

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St Nicholas Church Hurst Youth Club



Friday, 19th September 2025
Friday, 17th October 2025
Friday, 21st November 2025
Friday, 19th December 2025

Time: 7pm – 8.30pm
£1 entry (cash only)

Youth Club open to those in School years
7-9
Held in Hurst Scout Hut
St Nicholas Church

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St Nicholas



Messy Church

11am in St Nicholas Church on:

- Sunday, 28th September 2025
- Sunday, 26th October 2025
- Sunday, 23rd November 2025
- No Messy in December
- Sunday, 25th January 2026 (Christingle)
- Sunday, 22nd February 2026
- Sunday, 22nd March 2026
- Sunday, 26th April 2026
- Sunday, 24th May 2026
- No Messy in June - Hurst Show
- Sunday, 26th July 2026

*at a Messy Service we celebrate God in our community
by listening to stories, making things,
singing, praying, sharing refreshments, talking.....*

Suitable for everyone - adults and children alike!

For more details please see our website:
www.achurchnearyou.com/stnicholashurst

Community News

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Come along and join us for the

LAUNCH OF 'FRIENDS OF ST NICHOLAS'

THURSDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER 2025
7.30PM @ CHURCH

The event is not worship related but an opportunity to
learn more about being a 'Friend' to the history,
upkeep and legacy of this historic church

Wine and nibbles will be served!

RSVP: fosnhurst@gmail.com

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