



St Nicholas CE Primary School Bulletin: 26th September

[A busy start to the year!](#)

It has been a wonderfully busy start to the term, and the children have already enjoyed some fantastic curriculum trips! From exploring Roman and Egyptian history at **Ufton Court**, Design technology learning about food hygiene through making pizzas at **Pizza Express**. In Sandstone and Quartz the children look forward to discovering science at **The Lookout Discovery Centre**, and with the exciting **Chocoholics trip** which is still to come next week, there is certainly plenty of hands-on learning happening beyond the classroom. It has been a delight to see how quickly our new children have settled into Fossil Class and have already begun their learning journey.

Alongside this, we have also been delighted to welcome parents into school for a range of information events, including **class curriculum evenings**, **phonics workshops** and our **new parent PTA coffee morning**. A huge thank you to all those who attended – these sessions are such an important way of keeping you informed about what your children are learning and how you can support them at home.

As you will see below, attendance at these events has varied. We strongly encourage as many families as possible to attend in future, as they provide valuable insight into your

child's education. Teachers work hard to prepare information that supports you in helping your child and in strengthening the partnership between home and school.

Attendance at information meetings for parents and Carers:

Fossil Class Phonics and Curriculum information Evening - 75%

PTA Fossil /New Parent Coffee Morning - 40%

Sandstone Curriculum information evening - 45%

Quartz Curriculum Information evening - 43%

Marble Curriculum Information evening - 28%

Looking ahead, we are pleased to share that Parent Evenings will be available to book next week, information to follow. These 1:1 meetings are a valuable opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher, share how they have settled in and discuss their attainment and engagement in class so far.

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St Nicks Historians

As part of their studies on Romans and Egyptians, the children in Quartz and Marble classes recently visited **Ufton Court**. The trip gave them the chance to step back in time and bring their classroom learning to life. From handling fascinating artefacts, to taking part in immersive activities, the children discovered what life might have been like in these fascinating ancient civilisations, bringing history to life in a very hands-on way.

A highlight of the day for Quartz class was re-enacting a Roman courtroom, where pupils took on different roles and learned about the types of punishments given in Roman times. It was a fun and engaging experience that helped the children connect their classroom learning with real-world history.

We were so proud of how engaged and enthusiastic everyone was and as you can see from the shared photos, a fantastic time was had by all!













Chefs in the making!

Marble Class had a fantastic trip to Pizza Express in Wokingham, where they put their cooking skills to the test. The children enjoyed rolling out their own dough, carefully choosing and adding their favourite toppings to create delicious pizzas. After all their hard work, they proudly took their pizzas to the park, where they shared a lovely lunch together in the sunshine.











Back to School Reminder



BACK TO SCHOOL REMINDERS





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

WHAT IS A HEALTHY SNACK?



NO CRISPS, CEREAL BARS OR CHOCOLATE

OUR SCHOOL DAY

Morning gates open 8.35am for 8.50am start

Afternoon gates open 3.10pm for 3.15pm finish

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 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

Please consider supporting St Nic's by signing up and playing Your School Lottery. You never know you may be lucky and win the top prize! See link below:

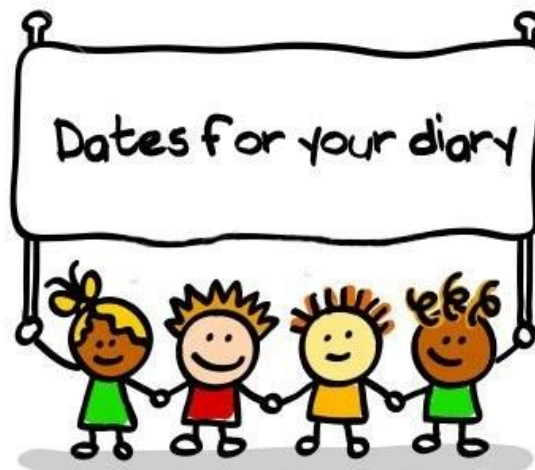
<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play>

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



Autumn term dates



October

Wed 1st Flint trip to The Look Out

Thu 2nd Sandstone trip to Chocoholics

Thu 2nd CENSUS Day
Fri 3rd PTA School Disco
Tue 7th Bag2School Collection
Tue 7th Harvest Church Service
Thu 9th TKAT Annual Service at Sonning Church (Y6 worship leaders only)
Wed 8th TEMPEST photographs
Thu 9th Whole school Flu vaccination
Fri 10th Hello Yellow for Mental Health Awareness
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

BilinguaSing Spanish Club

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.pernbee.app/	Lunch Recorder Club – Mrs Clacy Get Active Lunchtime Games	Get Active After School Club
Tuesday	Get Active Breakfast Club First Impressions Musical Theatre Club https://first-impressions-theatre.classforkids.co/	Rock Steady Music www.rocksteadymusicschool.com	Get Active After School Club
Wednesday	Get Active Breakfast Club	Get Active Lunchtime Games 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	Spanish Club with Bilinguasing https://bilinguasingreading.classforkids.co/info/98	Get Active Lunchtime Games	Get Active After School Club
Friday	Get Active Breakfast Club	Keyboard Club with Tom Jones adm@wekey.co.uk Get Active Lunchtime Games	Get Active After School Club



1 - Children are invited to join us for story time with Rosemary on Wednesday 12th September during lunchtime. The story chair will be the first Wednesday of every month.



Bilingua Sing
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Autumn Term September – December


Thursdays
Years 1 – 6

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2 - Spanish Club. An exciting new opportunity to earn Spanish at the new Spanish breakfast club.



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Michelle

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Bekki

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Twyford Together is super excited to be bringing the Fun Run back to King George's Field this year. In addition to the year group races, there's a brand new, grand finale relay for all as well as two-person sprint races around Twyford Parish Council's Coronation Grass Labyrinth.

For all the details and to register, visit www.twyfordtogether.org¹

¹<https://twyfordtogether.org/upcoming-events/twyfordtogether-charity-family-fun-run/>

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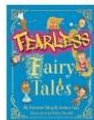
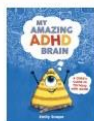
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St Nicholas Church - Children's Sunday Club

Children's Discovery Zone

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MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church is held in St Nicholas Church. It is held on the 4th Sunday of the month at 11am. Dates for 2025 27th July, 28th September, 26th October, 23rd November

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