



St Nicholas CE Primary School Bulletin: 7th November

Welcome back!

We hope you had a lovely half term break and were able to have some Halloween fun.

We have a busy half term ahead with the build up to Christmas and all the activities that will be taking place. We will send out information as it comes, but do check the diary dates later in the newsletter for school and PTA events.

My Happy Mind School

We are pleased to share that St Nicholas CE Primary School is now officially a **MyHappyMind School**.

MyHappyMind is a fantastic program designed to help children understand how their brains work and develop positive habits that support mental health, resilience and healthy relationships. It's all about empowering our pupils to be their very best selves both in school and at home. The program also teaches about neurodiversity and how different brains work and each and every one of us unique.

While the program runs in school, there are amazing resources for parents and carers too, including books and a dedicated Parent App to help you support your child's wellbeing at home.

While you will receive more information in due course, in order to give you a closer look, we would like to invite you to a **Coffee Morning on Wednesday, 26th November at 9:00am.**

This will be a relaxed and friendly session where you can:

- ✓ Explore the MyHappyMind resources
- ✓ Learn practical tips for supporting your child's mental wellbeing
- ✓ Ask questions and connect with other parents
- ✓ Enjoy a coffee and a chat with us!

Please sign up for your place at our coffee morning here: MyHappyMind Parent Coffee Morning¹

Your involvement makes a huge difference, and this is a great opportunity to see how we're working together to build a positive, happy school community.

A **HUGE thank you** to our PTA who are funding MyHappyMind in order to help us deliver this program and help provide the foundations for positive mental health and wellbeing.



Hurst Hookers teaching us new skills!

Thank you to the amazing Hurst Hookers for including us in their village display this year for remembrance. The children really enjoyed making poppies and learning a new skill! Make sure you stop at the pond to admire their handiwork!

¹<https://forms.office.com/e/XhFjaYHbRA>









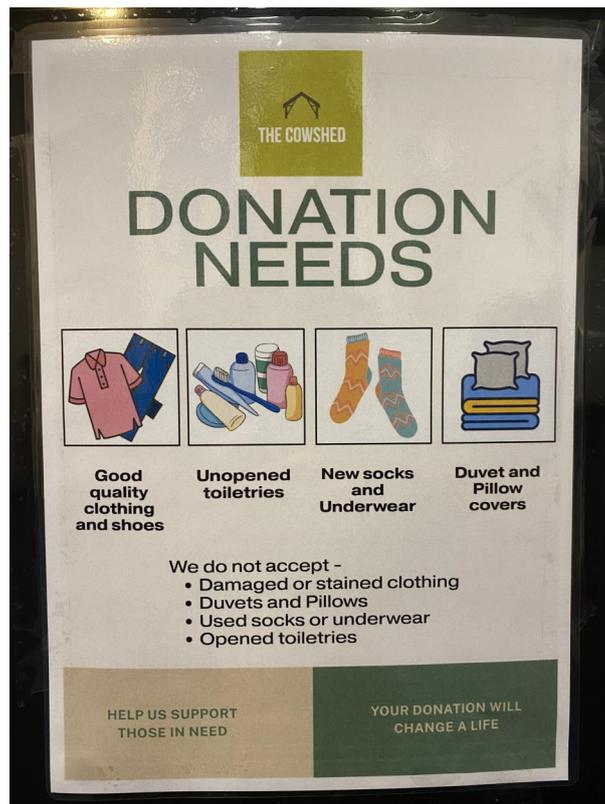




Cowshed Tree of Hope

This Christmas, we're proud to be part of *The Cowshed Tree of Hope*, a wonderful project supporting over 2,500 local children who may otherwise go without gifts this Christmas. Each donation helps provide a sack of brand-new presents, chosen specially for a child's interests. The children, led by our School Council Leads, would love our school community to help spread some hope and joy!

Please pop into the school office to collect a tag from our Tree of Hope and buy a gift for a child in need. Every tag represents a real child who will feel loved and remembered this Christmas. ✨



PTA Update

Order your child's personalised Christmas Card

A few weeks ago, your child(ren) designed a Christmas card in school, which you are now able to order via this link: [Artwork Finder²](https://mychildsart.co.uk/find-artwork?username=StNicholas10&access-code=7eu5uuys). To get a 10% discount on your purchase, please use code: **StNicholas10X25**. Our PTA receives a donation for every purchase made, so please purchase to send to family & friends and get ready for Christmas!

²<https://mychildsart.co.uk/find-artwork?username=StNicholas10&access-code=7eu5uuys>

AGM & Voting of PTA Positions– Wed 12 Nov @6pm Our PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) is next Wednesday 12th Nov @6pm. Please come along to hear how fundraising has performed this year, new projects/activities we plan to tackle next and to elect/re-elect our PTA roles for the year ahead. Please come along and support. Refreshments will be provided.

Note: we are on the lookout for a new Chair, as Abby Joby will be stepping down. This is a great opportunity to make a difference to our children's experience of primary school and a perfect way to get to know the wider school community. The Chair role is not a lone one - you are supported by a fantastic team and would act as a key interface between school and our parent community. If you are interested in putting yourself forward or wish to nominate someone you know, please come along to the AGM next Wednesday or email ptachair@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk³

Wreath making workshop – Thursday 27 Nov

Please join us for our popular Wreath Making workshop Thursday 27th November at 7pm in the school hall.

Tickets are still available - £40 each which includes everything you need to create a fully decorated wreath to take home, mulled wine/prosecco and mince pie. This is a lovely, relaxed evening for the parents/carers in our school community to come together and get creative! Do come along and support this festive event.

Book your ticket here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stnichurstpta/?event=event&eventId=102645>

Christmas activities - Bauble Hunt, Christmas lunch & Santa visit – Wednesday 10th Dec

A very popular festive event for the children, our annual bauble hunt will take place during the morning of Wednesday 10th December. All children will be invited to take part competing in their school houses to search for Christmas baubles in the school house colours hidden across our school grounds. The winning team will get bonus house points. All children will receive a prize at the end for taking part. This is a free festive activity provided by the PTA for your children to enjoy.

The Christmas school lunch will take place afterwards, served by PTA volunteers also providing Christmas crackers and decorations. The familiar red suited man  will also pay a visit in the afternoon with a present for each child (also arranged & wrapped by the PTA).

Hurst Dinner Dance – Saturday 13th Dec from 6:30pm

³<mailto:ptachair@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk>

Preparations for this year's Christmas Dinner Dance are in full swing and tickets are still available for this great community black-tie event. Form your own tables of 8-12 people or alternatively, we can place you. Tickets are £55 including an arrival drink, 3 course meal and a live band. Bar & raffle tickets also available.

To book your ticket, please email robin.n.west@gmail.com⁴. A large percentage of the profits made at this event will go to the school so this is a fantastic way to support our fundraising. Look forward to seeing you there!

School Fundraising

We are on a mission to raise £20,000 to refurbish and transform our school library into a vibrant, inspiring space that sparks a lifelong love of reading for every child. This exciting project will bring new books, cosy reading corners and modern resources to help our children's imaginations soar. If you'd like to support this wonderful cause and help us create a library our children truly deserve, please follow the link or scan the QR code below to donate.

<https://gofund.me/380f5ef43>



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

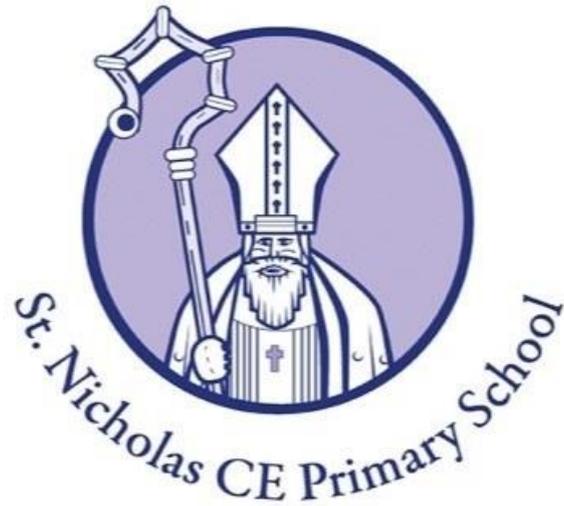




PTA Dates Autumn Term 2025

PTA dates for your diary...

Date	Activity	Who	What should I do/bring?
Wednesday 12th November	PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)	Parents	Turn up!
Thursday 27th November	Wreath Making Workshop	Parents & Friends	Book a place & join in
Friday 28th November	Non-Uniform Day	All children	Bring a chocolate donation
Saturday 6th December	St Nicholas Church Christmas Fayre	Children, parents & Hurst Community	Come along!
Wednesday 10th December	Christmas Bauble Hunt (AM)	All children	Nothing – during school time
Wednesday 10th December	School Christmas Lunch & Santa visit	All children	Nothing – during school time
Saturday 13th December	Hurst Dinner Dance	Parents & Hurst Community	Book tickets & enjoy the festivities



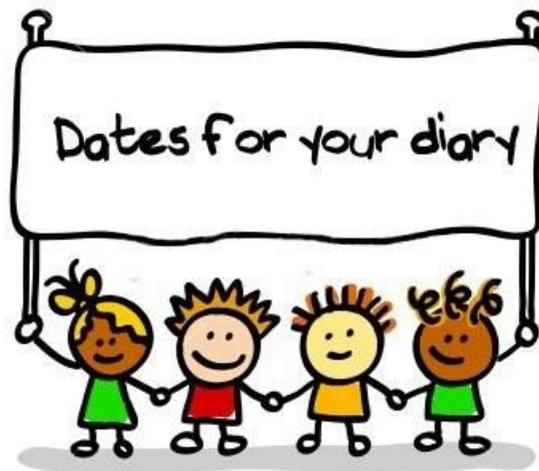
Follow us on Social Media!

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>



Autumn term dates



November

- Mon 10th Odd Socks for Anti Bullying Week
- Wed 12th PTA AGM 6.00pm
- Fri 14th Children In Need Day - Wear spots with/on your uniform!
- Wed 19th Wear your (clean!) Wellies for National Farmers Day!
- Sun 23rd Primary parkrun - Dinton Pastures 8.45am
- Wed 26th Parent Coffee Morning 9.00am
- Thur 27th PTA Wreath Making Evening
- Fri 28th PTA Non-Uniform Day - chocolate donations

December

- Fri 5th St Nicholas Day Church Service
- Sat 6th St Nicholas Christmas Fayre Choir to sing
- Tue 16th Nativity Performance
- Sat 13th Hurst Village Dinner Dance
- Wed 17th Nativity Performance
- Thu 18th Christmas Craft morning (Christmas Jumper Day)
- 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

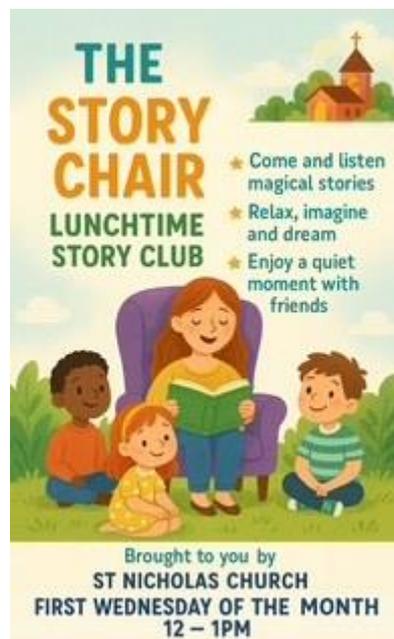
Thu 15th CENSUS Day

Thu 22nd Sandstone trip to Ufton Court

Enrichment Activities

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

	Before School	During the School Day	After School
Monday	Morning Judo with Mark Fricker https://judo-school-uk.pzfmbee.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.classforkids.co/ Get Active Breakfast Club	Rock Steady Music www.rocksteadynewschool.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 admin@wekey.co.uk Get Active Lunchtime Games	Get Active After School Club



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.

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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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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

School Admissions

Wokingham Borough Council is currently consulting on its proposed school admission arrangements for the 2027/2028 academic year. The consultation is now live and they are seeking views from all relevant stakeholders.

The consultation documents and details on how to respond can be found here:

 <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/admissions-consultation-2027-2028>

They have asked if we could share this link with our parents and carers to ensure families have the opportunity to review the proposals and provide feedback.

The consultation will remain open until **15 December 2025**, and all responses are welcomed to help shape fair and effective admission arrangements across the borough.



Community News



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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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