

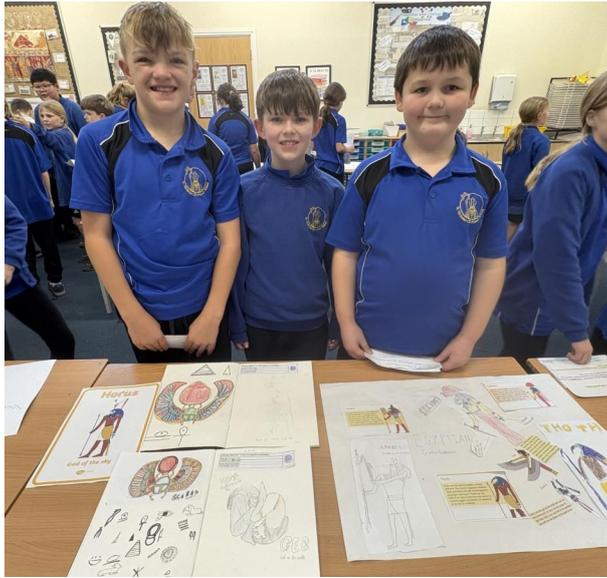


St Nicholas CE Primary School Bulletin: 24th November

[Stepping Stones Showcase for Marbles!](#)

Stepping Stones Showcase for Marble Class! On Friday the children proudly shared their Egyptians work over the term to parents, carers and friends. Children were given the opportunity to discuss projects, artwork and writing tasks. Well done Marbles!







The Goal Post

St. Nicholas played against St Teresa in a challenging match. For the first twenty minutes, the away team dominated the game with 80 percent possession. However, after a team talk at halftime and some position changes, the second half proved to be much better. St Nicholas fought hard to get back into the game and kept their spirits high. Elliot scored a fantastic goal, adding to the excitement. Match ending with St Teresa winning. A huge well done to the entire squad!

Last Week, although defeated by the strong Emmbrook Junior A team, St Nicholas worked hard and were flexible to try new positions. During the second half, we came back stronger and conceded no goals. Well done to our strong defence and positive mindset. Winnie, goal keeper, saved numerous goals and showed great resilience. Well done to the whole team who persevered until the end!



Primary junior parkrun

Huge well done to all the children who joined us at Dinton Pastures for our first official parkrun primary event!

26 St Nicks Striders completed the course! That's 52km on Sunday morning!

8 personal bests achieved: 13:55 - Anna L 09:47 - Cruz 16:47 - Darcie 14:04 - Haven 08:44 - Jack C 11:55 - Jax 15:06 - Juliet 12:19 - Kit

8 First timers: Ava R, Elise, Freya, Jack A, Millie, Scarlett B, Zara B (and Theo B, year 7, but still part of our family!!)

1 Milestone: Eloise R (11 - Marathon)

Please join the **St Nicks Striders Group**: St Nicks Striders¹ on your personal parkrun profile to follow our team successes. We officially have 7 parkrunners covering 62 parkruns in total!

Follow us on social media for more photos and videos of the event.

If you would like to be part of primary parkrun please follow the steps below:

How to Get Ready

To take part, each child will need to be registered with parkrun. Registration is free and only needs to be done once.

Please follow these steps:

1. Visit the parkrun registration page: <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/> or scan the QR Code below
2. Register your child using your email address.
3. You will receive a **parkrun barcode** by email.
4. **Print the barcode** and bring it to the event (or bring along on a mobile device).

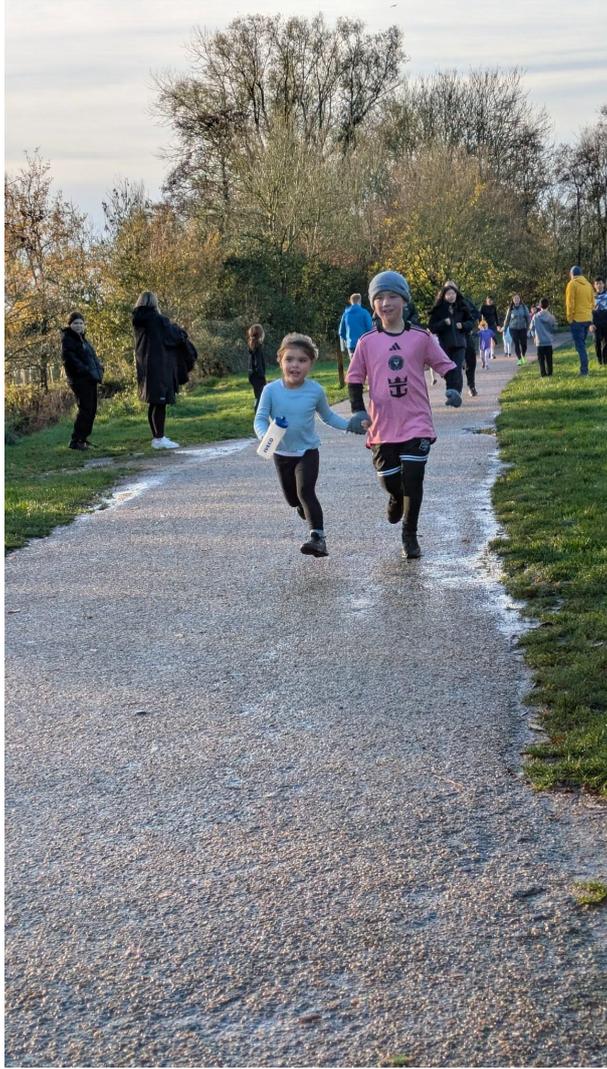
If your child meets a milestone or achieves a personal best, please let us know! We will celebrate their efforts in school during our assembly on Fridays!



¹<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/dintonpastures-juniors/groups/50054/>













Upcoming Events and PTA News

Christmas is Coming... and So Are the Festivities!

As the Christmas season fast approaches, here are some key dates for your diary both School and PTA events. Please do support where you can. Our children *love* all the festive magic and it's only made possible thanks to our wonderful community... yes, that's **you!** ✨

Parent Coffee Morning - Wednesday 26th November 9.15am

Join us for our first Coffee Morning here at St Nicholas! This event will be introducing MyHappyMind. Come along and find out what we are doing in school and what better way to feel happy than with a cuppa and a chat? Hopefully the event is popular as we would like to make this a termly event. Sign up here: [Coffee Morning Sign Up²](#)

 **Wreath making workshop - Thursday 27th November** – Book your place for this popular event. An evening with friends, foliage and maybe a cheeky glass of wine with the added bonus that you'll leave with a wreath so beautiful that your neighbours will be jealous. Book now!

Non-Uniform Day - Chocolate Donations – Friday 28th November

In preparation for the St Nicholas Church Fayre where the PTA will be running a chocolate tombola stall, please can we ask that, if they are able to, children bring in a chocolate donation in exchange for wearing non-uniform. Teachers and the PTA team will be available on the gate at drop-off to collect donations... and trying not to eat them.

PE? No problem - own clothes are fine!

St Nicholas Day Church Service – Friday 5th December

All children will be attending church on Friday 5th December for the St Nicholas Day Service. Children should come to school in their uniform.

We will need volunteers to help walk the children safely to the Church and back. Please can you email the school office if you can help. We will be leaving school at 9.30am and should be returning to school by 11.00am.

²<https://forms.office.com/e/XhFjaYHbRA>

St Nicholas Christmas Fayre - Saturday 6th December

Our PTA will be hosting the legendary **Chocolate Tombola!** Please come along and support! The children from St Nicholas Primary School will also be singing from 11am - come along to join in the singing or to support the children too!

Christmas Lunch and Jumpers – Wednesday 10th December

For Christmas Lunch, children are allowed to wear a Christmas jumper for the day. The children will enjoy a visit from Father Christmas in the afternoon and those on the good list* will receive a gift!

The Cowshed Tree of Hope Present Collection – Thursday 11th December

A huge thank you to those who have already taken a tag to buy a gift for a child in need. Please ensure gifts are wrapped, tagged and placed under the school tree by **Thursday 11th December**.

Still want to help? Pop into the office to grab one of the remaining tags.

 **Hurst Dinner Dance - Saturday 13th December** - Tickets still available - £55.00 Dust off your fancy frocks and dancing shoes! A hugely successful and eventful evening last year - we still have the video on our social media pages to prove it! The School also benefits from a large percentage of the profits made on the night. Email robin.n.west@gmail.com³ to book your tickets.

Nativity Performances - Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th December

Further details will be sent out shortly regarding ticket purchases.

 **Christmas Bauble Hunt - Wednesday 17th December** – The children will be hunting for baubles expertly hidden by our stealthy PTA Elves. They take their role very seriously. Very seriously.

³<mailto:robin.n.west@gmail.com>

 **Festive Hot Choc and Bake Sale - Wednesday 17th December** - Bring your pennies after school and enjoy a Festive Hot Chocolate & Cake. We would welcome any sweet festive donations to support this event!

 **Christmas Crafts – Thursday 18th December**

The children will be making Christmas crafts during the morning. If any parents, carers, grandparents etc are available to help, please let the school office know.

 **Church Christmas Service – Friday 19th December**

All children will be walking to St Nicholas Church, leaving at 9.30am. Uniforms required, Christmas spirit encouraged! If you'd like to walk with us, stay for the service and walk back, you are warmly invited, please inform the office. The service will last approximately 45 minutes.

 **Last Day of Term – Friday 19th December**

School will be finishing at 1.30pm. There will be no after school club that day.

 **And finally...**

If you'd like to support our Library fundraising, here's the link, please spread the word:

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

***all children are on the good list :)**

Read, Dream, Grow: Our New Library Appeal



Our library needs your help!

Calling all Parents/Carers,

We all want our children to be able to read, and having a dedicated quiet space to discover, develop and enjoy a love of reading is a fundamental part of nurturing that. That's why our next St Nicholas School PTA project is to fundraise £25k to transform one of our existing spaces into a beautiful library and sensory space for all our children across the school to use.

This new space will house over 2000 books, have brand new accessible shelving, comfortable reading spaces for individual or group work, as well as dedicated sensory resources. See the graphic illustration below.

We have the plans, the commitment and the space. We just need the funds to get us there.

Please help by donating to our GoFundMe page. Spread the word to family & friends and any company/professional contacts you have who can help. Scan the QR code (above right) to donate. Any donation welcome. Every penny counts in making this happen. All Our PTA efforts & activities will be about reaching this £25k target as soon as possible!

Thank you for your support.





From this....



...to this!







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



The St Nic's PTA Presents
Wreath Making Workshop 2025

Join us to create your own festive wreath!

Tickets: £40 each
Includes all materials, a mince pie and a festive tippie (mulled wine or prosecco)

Date: Thursday 27th November 2025
Start time: 7pm
Venue: School Hall @ St Nicholas CE Primary School

Limited spaces available. Ticket booking required.
All proceeds will go to St Nicholas CE Primary School.





St Nicholas School & nHVS

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Find Us At: Ye Olde Leathern Bottel, 221 Barkham
Road, Wokingham RG41 4BY

2 - Green Christmas Trees Wokingham are providing a beautiful Christmas Tree for the PTA Dinner Dance.

Children In Need

The children enjoyed coming into school wearing spotty clothes last week in aid of Children In Need. Thank you so much for your generous donations. We raised £200!



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. ✨



3 - Thank you for your donations so far....

There is still time to come and collect a tag from the Tree Of Hope and buy a gift.

You have until Thursday 11th December to bring in your gift.

Chocoholics Santa's Grotto

In addition to offering commission to the school for any Chocoholics orders placed through the school, Chocoholics have kindly extended the same commission to bookings for their Santa's Grotto in Hurst. For any bookings made directly through their website, the school will receive a 15% commission.

If any parents/carers are arranging visits to the Grotto, please include a note on your booking, stating you are from St Nicholas.

Below is the link to book:

<https://www.chocolates-for-chocoholics.co.uk/santa-s-chocolate-grotto/>

Many thanks to Chocoholics for this very kind offer. We hope you all enjoy your visit to see Santa.

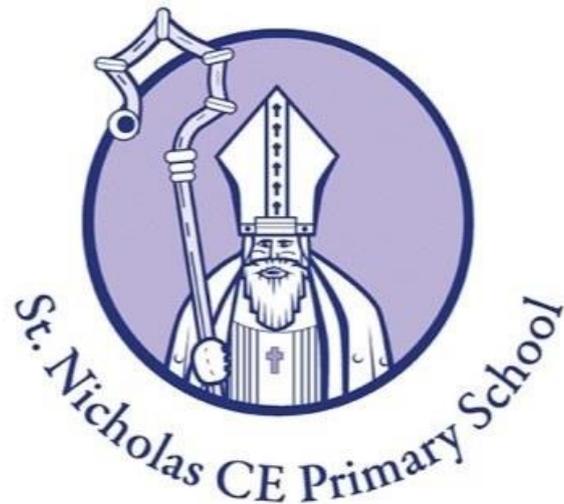


Follow us on Social Media!

Cant wait for the bulletin and want to see more about what is happening in school and around our village? Then follow our social media page here: Facebook⁴



⁴<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61551221615071>



Admissions for 2027/2028

CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2027-28

The Keys Academy Trust is consulting on changes to the 2027-28 admission arrangements for St Nicholas Church of England Primary School.

Please see the Consultation document and Draft Admissions Policy 2027/28 on our school website.

The consultation takes place between **1st December 2025 and 12th January 2026** and comments regarding the proposed changes can be emailed to: admin@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk⁵

Autumn term dates

November

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

⁵<mailto:admin@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk>

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

Bag2school - Bags to School booked for 26 Feb 2026.

Enrichment Activities

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.classforkids.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 admin@wekey.co.uk Get Active Lunchtime Games	Get Active After School Club

St Nicholas Church

St Nicholas Church, Hurst

Christmas Fayre

SATURDAY, 6TH DECEMBER

FROM 11AM - 3PM
@ Hurst Village Hall

GIFT STALLS, CARDS, DECORATIONS,
BAKE SALE, CHILDREN'S CRAFT, RAFFLE,
BBQ, REFRESHMENTS

COME & MEET
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THE STORY CHAIR

LUNCHTIME STORY CLUB

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

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FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
12 - 1PM

4 - 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:
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7.30PM @ CHURCH

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Wine and nibbles will be served!

RSVP: fosnhurst@gmail.com

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