



# St Nicholas CE Primary School Bulletin 19th December 2025

## Christmas Wishes

Dear St Nicholas Families,

What a lovely end to another fantastic term! I, like all of you, am ready for a well-deserved rest and some quality family time.

This term has been packed with festive cheer, and the Christmas celebrations in school have been nothing short of magical. From the Nativity to Christmas singing, panto to the bauble hunt, the children have truly embraced the season and I couldn't be prouder of them.

I want to say a huge thank you to all of you for your amazing support throughout the start of year. A special mention has to go to our incredible PTA whose hard work and creativity have brought so much joy to the children again this season. Thank you to everyone who came along to the events, donated, wrapped, baked, created and bought tickets.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a very relaxing break. Here's to a festive time full of love, laughter and hopefully a pig in blanket or three! Let us recharge our batteries and return in January ready to take on more challenges and make even more memories.

With warm wishes,  
Sarah Hilling  
Head of School



*1 - A very big thank you to Mr Boyden for putting up our Christmas lights again this year and making the school look so festive.*

## Tree of Hope



Our School Council leaders would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who contributed gifts for our "Tree of Hope," supporting The Cow Shed charity. Your generosity

will make a meaningful difference to young children who are less fortunate. Thanks to the wonderful number of donations we received, this initiative has been a tremendous success. As a result, children of all ages and backgrounds will feel truly blessed on Christmas Day as they open a present chosen just for them.



## Zippering Around on Scooters

The children in Year 1 were recently visited by My Journey from Wokingham Borough Council to promote the safe use of scooters on the pavement and encourage sustainable travel to school. It also reiterated road safety messaging including helmet use and crossing the road. The children were able to learn scooter skills whilst having fun whizzing up and down the playground.









## Christmas Festivities

December started when the children enjoyed their annual visit to St Nicholas Church to celebrate St Nicholas Day, an important day at the School. The children shared stories based on the life and stories of St Nicholas. The early Christian Saint and Bishop of Myra, served as a significant inspiration for Santa Claus, known to us as Father Christmas.

Back at School, each child was given a bag of delicious chocolate coins, donated by the PTA, to represent the kindness and gift giving of St Nicholas who would place gold coins in children's shoes which were left out the night before in anticipation of his arrival. At St Nicholas CE Primary, his legacy lives on through the children and our school values of Respect, Honesty, Courage and Kindness. We have enjoyed a very busy couple of weeks in school with a variety of Christmas activities.

The children had lots of fun searching for different coloured baubles hidden around the playground. A huge thank you to our amazing PTA who organised such a fun event for the children. Results are up!:

**30 points to Sycamore**

**25 points to Chestnut**

**12 points to Oak**

**7 points to Willow**

On Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th December, the infant children all got together for their performance of their nativity production 'Everyone Loves a Baby!'. The children have spent many hours learning new songs, dances, lines and mastering their acting skills. They put on some amazing shows for our local community, including visits from 'The Link' and Pre-School, before performing to a hall full of their families. Well done to all the children and teaching staff.

Christmas craft morning was a great success. All the children were busy making cards and decorations and trying out new skills. Thank you to the parents/carers who volunteered to join us. Your help was much appreciated. The children then went on to enjoy watching the Panto in school – The Wizard of Oz. A lot of audience participation took place!

The great man himself was able to spare some time out of his busy schedule to visit the school too and delighted the children by giving them each a present. Once again, thank you to the PTA for organising such a special event.









All the children had a lovely walk to church this morning for the Christmas service and the story of the nativity.

Certificates were also handed out to children nominated for showing and demonstrating our school values of Respect, Honesty, Courage and Kindness, along with the Head of School Award and Reading Awards.







## CENSUS Day - Thursday 15th January - Menu Change

We have another CENSUS Day on Thursday 15th January and therefore the dinner options will change to the following:

**Thursday 15th January**- Fish Fingers with Chips OR Red Pepper Frittata with Chips OR Plain Pasta

**Friday 16th January** - Mild Caribbean Chicken and Rice OR Caribbean Stew with Rice OR Jacket Potato

The take up of a meal on Census Day has a direct impact on the school budget, as it determines the funding we receive for the universal free school meals grant.

Please can we ask that all our Free School Meals and Key Stage 1 children order a meal, even if this is just as a taster, and they can bring their packed lunch as well if they want to.

Please involve your child in choosing their meal so they know what they are having.

## MyHappyMind

We are coming to the end of the first module - 'Meet Your Brain' in the myHappyMind programme.

### We have learnt:

- The different parts of our brain and how they help us.
- How to use Happy Breathing to help us when we feel sad, stressed or worried.
- What happens in our brain when we learn something new and how we can look after our brain.

### Why not ask your children to tell you what they have learnt?

Here are some questions to help you:



Log onto the parent app for more information about the Meet Your Brain module and how you can support your child at home.

There are lots of activities you can do together including Happy Breathing and making a Glitter Jar, listening to the story and song, plus much more.

To access the materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> and enter your name, email and authentication code. 147377

## Primary junior parkrun

*Huge well done to all the children who have joined us at Dinton Pastures park run:-*

*Sunday 7th December*

*3 St Nicks Striders completed the course - Henry, Teddy and Kit*

**2 personal bests achieved from Henry and Teddy!**

Sunday 14th December

7 St Nicks Striders completed the course - Jack, Cruz, Max, Teddy, Kit, Juliet and Belle.

**Well done to Cruz for another PB!!**

Please join the **St Nicks Striders Group**: St Nicks Striders<sup>1</sup> on your personal parkrun profile to follow our team successes.

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!

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



## Read, Dream, Grow: Our New Library Appeal

**If you work for, or know any large companies who might be interested in making a donation towards our library, please do let us know. We are reaching out to local business to support our project and we need your help!**



### 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.



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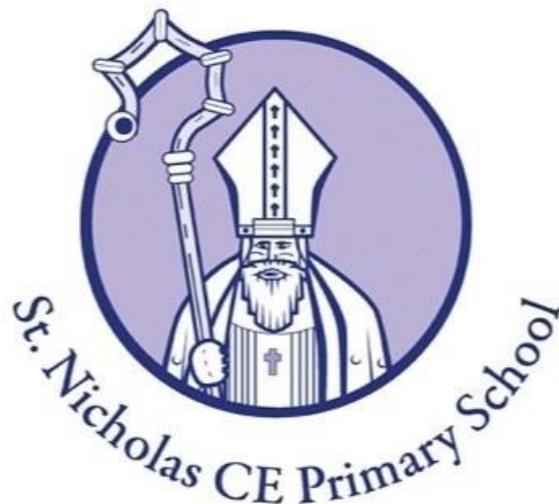


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"A new dedicated library and sensory space"



## Follow us on Social Media!

Can't 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: Facebook<sup>2</sup>



## 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.

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<sup>2</sup><https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61551221615071>

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.uk](mailto:admin@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk)<sup>3</sup>

## Autumn term dates

### December

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

### February

Fri 13th INSET Day

Mon 16th to Fri 20th HALF TERM

Thu 26th Bags to School

## Enrichment Activities

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

	Before School	During the School Day	After School
<b>Monday</b>	Morning Judo with Mark Fricker <a href="https://judo-school-uk.premiereapp/">https://judo-school-uk.premiereapp/</a> Get Active Breakfast Club	Lunch Recorder Club – Mrs Clacy Get Active Lunchtime Games	Get Active After School Club
<b>Tuesday</b>	First Impressions Musical Theatre Club <a href="https://first-impressions-theatre.classforkids.co/">https://first-impressions-theatre.classforkids.co/</a> Get Active Breakfast Club	Rock Steady Music <a href="http://www.rocksteadymusicsschool.com">www.rocksteadymusicsschool.com</a> Get Active Lunchtime Games	Get Active After School Club
<b>Wednesday</b>	Get Active Breakfast Club	Lunchtime Choir Club – Mrs Clacy The Story Chair – 1 <sup>st</sup> 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
<b>Thursday</b>	Get Active Breakfast Club	Get Active Lunchtime Games	Get Active After School Club
<b>Friday</b>	Get Active Breakfast Club	Keyboard Club with Tom Jones <a href="mailto:admin@wekey.co.uk">admin@wekey.co.uk</a> Get Active Lunchtime Games	Get Active After School Club

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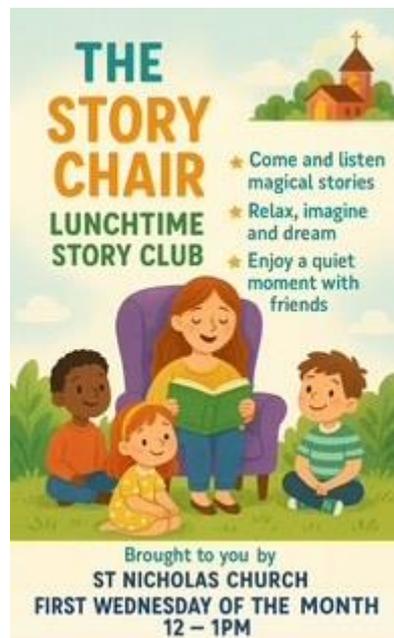
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**12 – 1PM**

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.

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**Messy Church**

11am in St Nicholas Church on:

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