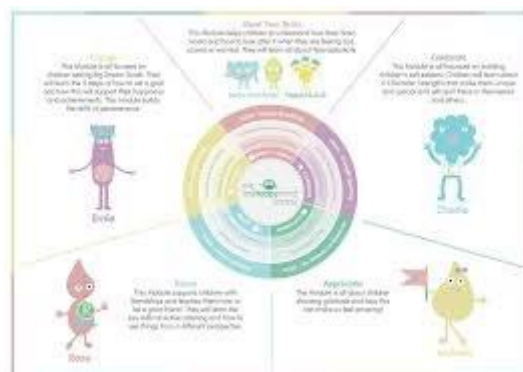




St Nicholas CE Primary School Bulletin

16th January 2026

MyHappyMind - Celebrate





This term we will be learning about:

- What Character Strengths are and why they matter.
- How to recognise Character Strengths in ourselves.
 - How understanding Character Strengths can make us feel.

Dont forget to log onto the parent app for more information about the Celebrate module and how you can support your child at home.

There are lots of activites you can do together including creating strength spotting glasses, listening to the story and song plus much more.

There is a whole Kid's Zone for your child to enjoy with interactive games. As well as resources for grown-ups too.

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

There will be more information on MyHappyMind "Celebrate" at our next Parent Coffee Morning on Wednesday 4th February from 9.15am.

Perseverance Values Challenge!

Well done to those who have been bringing in their perseverance mosaics! We have been dishing out the house points this week. We look forward to seeing the final collection on display!

Please do keep them coming! Pop them to the main office or to your class teacher!



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE



Mosaics are one of the oldest ways to make art. People have been arranging tiny coloured pieces of glass or pottery for thousands of years to create beautiful designs. But the process is time consuming and needs lots of **perseverance**. This term's Home-School Challenge is to make a mosaic picture (no bigger than A3 – 29x42cm) using small pieces of coloured paper. The subject of your mosaic is up to you. It could be a pattern or a picture.

All the pictures submitted will be displayed in our school Challenge Gallery.

Sandstone Class step back in time!

Sandstone Class travelled back to Tudor times on an exciting visit to Ufton Court 🏰 The children had an amazing day discovering what life was really like in the Tudor period, from learning about the court process to exploring how people lived, worked and played. They threw themselves into traditional Tudor games, handled fascinating artefacts and asked brilliant questions as they deepened their understanding of history in a truly hands-on way.

🗝️🎲 A huge thank you to the team at Ufton Court for bringing history to life so vividly. What a memorable day of learning, curiosity and fun!

















A WOW Day which was out of this world!

Every child became an astronaut this week with our VR WOW Day!

Our pupils blasted off into Space through an incredible virtual reality workshop, exploring planets, stars and the wonders of our solar system! A huge thank you to our amazing PTA for supporting our Spring Term WOW Day bringing learning to life in the most magical ways.

What an adventure!





Primary junior parkrun



Huge well done to all the children who have joined us at Dinton Pastures Junior parkrun:-

Well done to the 13 St Nicks Striders today at Dinton Pastures junior parkrun¹

Congratulations to Emily and Chloe, both achieving a PB last week! Great perseverance!

Well done to Marielka on your very first junior parkrun!

If you would like to join St Nicks Striders² on your personal parkrun profile to follow our team successes.

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!

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).

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!

¹[https://www.facebook.com/dintonpasturesjuniorparkrun?_cft__\[0\]=AZajSuf18yulp0IM9MHFOj2komOOFUElYtRZ83iPqJLaSdmuTZesj-B2gTwRecqtGIVPo9EmiXtpcj8AXlhu-ZQS8VbNdyAHuO5NME2BEVIK3HeWShHlOmXmbliiQjPUqZLGsH6XHz6siv-gpsCA1tJ66pyD1bMkbaGmX4vCc55_6lGijh71KtvKPG5bj7IP89IGYbrBgM7ZkbW9mpLCP8L&_tn_=-|K-R](https://www.facebook.com/dintonpasturesjuniorparkrun?_cft__[0]=AZajSuf18yulp0IM9MHFOj2komOOFUElYtRZ83iPqJLaSdmuTZesj-B2gTwRecqtGIVPo9EmiXtpcj8AXlhu-ZQS8VbNdyAHuO5NME2BEVIK3HeWShHlOmXmbliiQjPUqZLGsH6XHz6siv-gpsCA1tJ66pyD1bMkbaGmX4vCc55_6lGijh71KtvKPG5bj7IP89IGYbrBgM7ZkbW9mpLCP8L&_tn_=-|K-R)

²<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/dintonpastures-juniors/groups/50054/>



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!



Refuse to Lose! Bincredible Hulk? Trash Gordon?

Your child can help name new bin lorries! We are sure they can do better than our efforts!

Wokingham Borough Council is inviting pupils to help name its brand-new fleet of waste collection lorries and street cleaning vehicles, arriving this summer.

This is a fun way for children to get creative and see their ideas come to life!

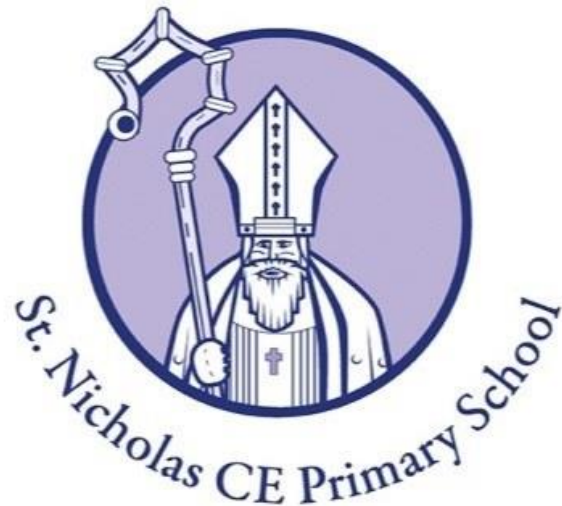
Winning names will be displayed on the vehicles, and schools with pupils who submit winning suggestions will receive a special visit from the newly named vehicle later in the year.

Entries close on 30 January.

Submit ideas online at: <https://engage.wokingham.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/help-name-borough-s-bin-lorries-and-street-cleaning-machines>

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: Facebook³



³<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61551221615071>

Roblox Reminders

At The National College, our [WakeUpWednesday](#) guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Crime Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](#).

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ROBLOX

Roblox is an online platform where users can play and create games known as 'experiences' made by other users. Roblox has a large UK audience. IT News has reported that millions of people in Britain use the platform regularly, with children forming a significant proportion of its users. The sheer scale of it makes it extremely difficult to moderate effectively, creating risks for unsupervised children.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A PLATFORM RATHER THAN A GAME

Roblox differs from traditional video games in that it hosts millions of user-created experiences rather than a fixed set of developer-produced content. Each piece of content is self-hosted by its creator rather than being centrally managed by Roblox, as is the case with PC or console games. With millions of user-created experiences, opportunities to report automated which means that inappropriate content may reach younger players and have a harmful effect.

MATURE CONTENT

With much of Roblox's moderation performed through AI and automated systems, it is difficult to identify inappropriate content frequently appearing on the platform. Some experiences may include content intended for older players. While Roblox has tools to restrict access based on age ratings, these systems are not always perfect. Younger players are likely to encounter content they may deem inappropriate.

IN-GAME SPENDING

Roblox is free to play, but many experiences and avatars include optional purchases using Robux, the platform's virtual currency, to get advantages in games. Roblox doesn't monitor in-game purchases or in-game chat, but reporting has highlighted cases where children have spent large amounts of money unintentionally or without understanding the true world cost.

RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox encourages habitual and extended play. Many experiences use a variety of social media, rewards, and progression systems that can prompt users to keep playing for longer periods of time. Some games also use reminders, daily rewards, or timed events to encourage frequent logins. These designs can make it difficult to stop playing. Spending long periods online may affect sleep, schoolwork, or other activities if boundaries are not in place.

COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER USERS

Roblox includes text and voice features that allow players to chat in shared game spaces. While the platform uses automated filters and moderation tools, users occasionally have found that inappropriate and potentially harmful messages can still get through. There are risks that children could be targeted by predators. In response, Roblox has announced changes to how chat works. The platform plans to use text-based moderation technology to reduce the risk of contact between adults and children they do not know.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox's parental controls provide an important starting point. Linking a child's account to an adult account allows parents to apply spending controls, limit communication features, and receive notifications. Regular updates, use of parental controls, and conversations with children about experiences can help reduce the risk of exposure to inappropriate content.

PLAY TOGETHER WHERE POSSIBLE

Playing Roblox with a child can help adults understand the types of experiences available, how monetisation works, and how children interact online. This shared engagement can also make it easier for children to raise concerns if something has gone wrong. Parents and educators should monitor all games played on Roblox due to its self-play nature.

CONSIDER LIMITING OR DISABLING CHAT

Although Roblox is introducing lighter age-based chat restrictions, some parents and educators may prefer to disable chat entirely for younger children. Children can still play games while communicating with friends they know through other supported platforms.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Many Roblox experiences are creative and age appropriate, and for many children, the platform is an important way to socialise with friends. Rather than banning it outright, parents and educators should talk openly with children about online safety, spending, and how to respond to inappropriate behaviour.

Meet Our Expert

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See full reference list [on page 2](#)

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Autumn term dates

January

Fri 23rd - PTA Film Night

February

Mon 2nd - Fossil Vision Screening

Wed 4th Coffee Morning 9.15am

Tue 10th - Safer Internet Day

Weds 11th PINS Parent evening

Thu 12th - Stepping Stones Showcase - Flint

Fri 13th INSET Day

Mon 16th to Fri 20th HALF TERM

Weds 25th - Flint Class Wellington Country Park

Thu 26th Bags2School Clothing Collection

March

Weds 4th - The Story Chair

Thurs 5th - World Book Day and Author Visit

Fri 6th - PINS Parent Meeting 9.00am

Tue 10th - RockSteady Concert 2.45pm

Fri 13th - Red Nose Crazy Hair Day

Fri 13th PTA Quiz and Curry Night

Tues 17th - Perform Drama Workshop

Tues 24th - Easter Exhibition for children in school

Tues 24th Parent Consultations

Weds 25th - Stepping Stones Showcase - Sandstone Class

Thurs 26th - TKAT Cross Country Event KS2

Thu 26th - Parent Consultations

Fri 27th - Easter Service at Church

Fri 27th - 1.30pm Term Ends

Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April - EASTER BREAK

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Get
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Parents, this February half term our Holiday Camps are back, and they're going wild.

This half term's theme is Animal Adventure, with days packed full of movement, creativity, and hands-on fun. It's a great way to keep children active, curious, and smiling all day long.

 **What's Happening At Camp**
Children will enjoy a mix of themed activities and our much-loved camp favourites, including:

- Bug Hunts with magnifying glasses & discovery checklists
- Den and teepee building challenges
- Animal Olympics with energetic team games
- Mini habitat creations using natural materials
- Wild tracks adventures and creative play

Alongside the theme, there's plenty of sport, games, team challenges, and time to make new friends in a safe, structured environment.

Book Early And Save
For the first time, 20% off February Holiday Camps is available until midnight on 25 January.

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Get Active 

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.rocksteadyinmusic.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

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ACTIVE TRAVEL BINGO

What can you see when you are walking, cycling, wheeling or scooting to school?

Take a different route to school	A winter tree	Early signs of spring e.g. snowdrops	Pedestrian crossing (Puffin, Zebra, etc)
Choose a different way of travelling for one day	A bird	Winter berries	Traffic lights
Travel actively to school three days in a row	A playpark	Evergreen leaves	Count your steps
Wear bright colours to ensure you can be seen	Puddles	An umbrella	A cycle shelter



More information:
myjourneywokingham.com/events



1 - The My Journey Team are pleased to launch our Active Travel Bingo Competition.

The aim is to encourage walking, cycling and scooting to school by asking pupils to complete a bingo card that has things to spot or to do on the journey to school. This is a great way to encourage healthy lifestyles.

The winner will receive a £50 gift card for Clip 'n' Climb in Arborfield, and the runner up will receive a £25 gift card.

You can also find out more about this competition and our other initiatives on our website here: [Active Travel Bingo](#)⁴



ACTIVE TRAVEL BINGO

Once you've found them all, write a short sentence on what you enjoy about your journeys to school in the winter and why you like them.

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NAME: AGE:
SCHOOL:

Send your entry to: myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk
by Sunday, 22 February 2026

The winning entry will receive a £50 voucher and the runner-up will receive a £25 voucher both for Clip 'n Climb, Arborfield.



More information:
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⁴<https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events/active-travel-bingo/>



ACTIVE TRAVEL BINGO

Terms & Conditions

- The school competition is open to school children in Wokingham borough aged 4-11
- Entries must also include a short sentence about your child's journey to school in the winter
- The closing date is midnight on Sunday, 22 February 2026
- Please send your entry to: myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk giving your child's name, age and school
- The prizes are a £50 and £25 gift voucher for Clip 'n Climb in Arborfield and there are no alternative prizes



More information:
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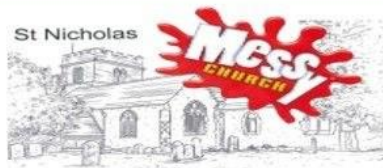


St Nicholas Church



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, 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.....
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For more details please see our website:
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St Nicholas Church, Hurst

The Children's Society
Christingle Service

Sunday, 25th January 2026
11:00 am



Celebrate Christingle with us!
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For more details please see our website:
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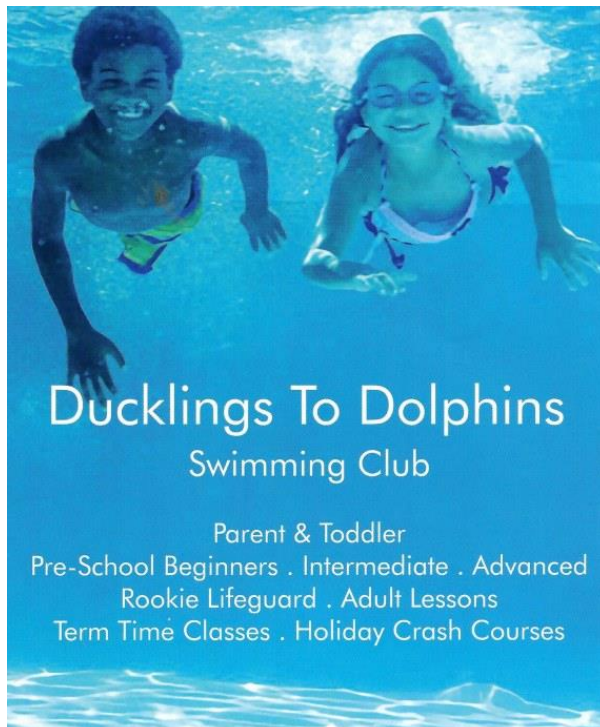
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