



St Nicholas Newsletter 11th September

Welcome Back!!! 🙌



What a lovely first week we have had at St Nicholas!

It has been wonderful to see the children return so happily and to hear the familiar buzz of school filling the building again. There has been lots of laughter, learning and settling in as everyone finds their feet in their new classes.

A very special welcome to our 21 new Fossil Class children, who have made such a fantastic start. It is hard to believe they have only been with us for a week! They have already become part of our school family and it has been lovely to see their confidence growing each day.

The beginning of a new school year always brings a real sense of excitement and possibility. Our staff have worked hard over the summer to prepare for the year ahead and, as always, our focus is on making sure every child feels happy, valued and ready to learn.

There is lots to look forward to this term, and we will keep you updated with news, events and key dates through our usual school communications. Please do keep an eye on these.

Thank you for your support as we look forward to another happy, successful and exciting year ahead.

Sarah Hilling

Head of School

A Wheelie Good Day With Biffa!

On Monday 7th September we had a visit from Biffa! 

Flint Class learned all about waste, recycling and what happens to our rubbish once it leaves the school. They watched the big lorry in action, saw food waste being munched up and even got to climb into the cab and quiz the team! Children from across the school were able to visit the waste lorry and find out more during their breaks too, so everyone got to explore and see the lorry close up. They even got to meet the mascot Whitney!

And did you know... food waste can be used to produce methane, which helps generate electricity?

A huge thank you to Biffa for bringing the learning to life we certainly had a load of fun! 











Our Talented Young Artists!

Congratulations! to **Millie** for winning the Nature Explorers Artwork competition! 🏆

Millie's design is featured on the front page of the Nature Explorers Booklet. There were also strong entries from the following pupils whose design is also featured within the booklet:

Well done to:

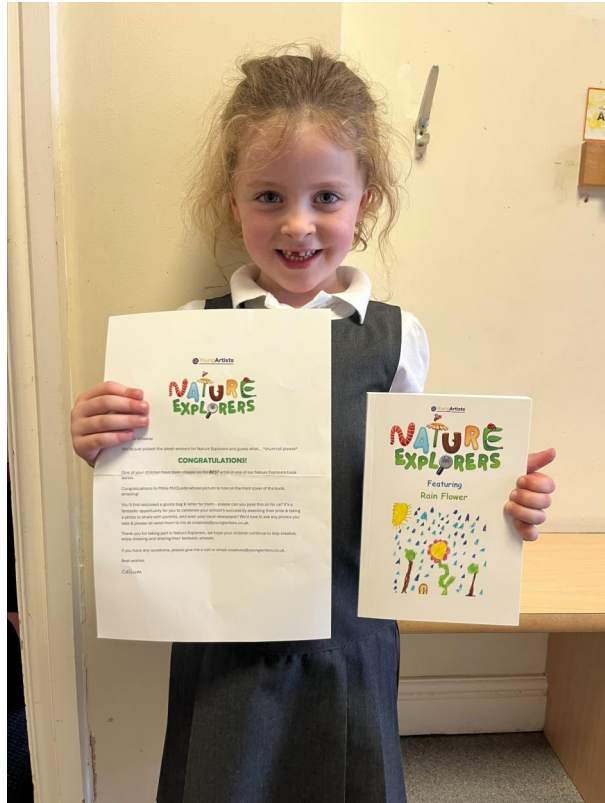
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Extra Curricular Activities

Well done to Emily who attended her first football match at the weekend and received player of the match! Emily said that she was proud and excited to receive the award and is looking forward to next week!



Autumn Term – Key Dates

Please look through the dates and pop a note in your diary. Occasionally these dates may change slightly so please do check your emails and any Newsletter updates.

Autumn Term 2026/7

September

Monday 14th - SATs and PGL Information Evening - Year 6

Tuesday 22nd - Flu vaccinations

Wednesday 23rd - New Parents Coffee morning 9.30am

Thursday 24th - Curriculum Information evening for parents

Friday 25th - PTA Film Night

Monday 28th - Year 5/6 Girls Football Festival

Wednesday 30th - Open Morning for prospective parents EYFS 2027

October

Sunday 4th - St Nicholas Church invite our families to their Harvest Service

Monday 5th – Friday 9th – Year 6 Residential (PGL Osmington Bay)

Friday 11th - Hello Yellow - Wear Yellow for Mental Health Day

Sunday 11th - PTA Roly's Magic Show!

Thursday 15th - Open Morning for prospective parents EYFS 2027

Thursday 15th - Sandstone and Flint to Reading Museum

Thursday 22nd –

- Years 4/5/6 – *Paddington The Musical*
- Years 1/2/3 – *Paddington The Experience*
- Year EYFS – *Paddington Day at School*

Friday 23rd – INSET Day - School Closed

Monday 26th – Friday 30th October – HALF TERM

November

Monday 2nd – Return to school

Tuesday 3rd - Librarian Visit to Sandstone

Wednesday 4th – Tempest School Photos

Wednesday 11th - Parent Coffee Morning - Wellbeing Top Tips

Thursday 12th - Open Morning for prospective parents EYFS 2027

Thursday 26th - Marble Class Stepping Stones Showcase

December

Tuesday 1st - Rocksteady Performance 2.30pm

Thursday 3rd - Open Morning for prospective parents EYFS 2027

Friday 4th - St Nicholas Day Service at Church

Friday 11th - Monday 14th - Christmas Tree Festival St Nicholas Church

Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th - Proposed Nativity Performance Dates TBC

Thursday 17th - Christmas Craft Day

Friday 18th - Christmas Service at church

Friday 18th December – End of Term (1.30pm finish, no After School Club)

Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January – Christmas Holiday

 St Nicks Striders 



Did you know that St Nicholas CE Primary is part of the Primary junior parkrun initiative? We teamed up with Dinton Pastures junior parkrun¹ as our Primary parkrun partner.

Using the team name, **St Nicks Striders**, we have 43 registered junior parkrunners who, together, have completed 609 parkruns!

¹[https://www.facebook.com/dintonpasturesjuniorparkrun?_cft__\[0\]=AZajSuf18yulp0IM9MHFOj2komOOFUElYtRZ83iPgJLaSdmuTZesj-B2gTwRecqtGIVPo9EmiXtpcj8AXlhu-ZQS8VbNdyAHuO5NME2BEVIK3HeWShHlOmXMbIiiQiPUqZLGsH6XHz6siv-gpsCA1tJ66pyD1bMkbaGmX4vCc55_6lGijh71KtvKPG5bj7IP89IGYbrBgM7ZkbW9mpLCP8L&_tn=-\]K-R](https://www.facebook.com/dintonpasturesjuniorparkrun?_cft__[0]=AZajSuf18yulp0IM9MHFOj2komOOFUElYtRZ83iPgJLaSdmuTZesj-B2gTwRecqtGIVPo9EmiXtpcj8AXlhu-ZQS8VbNdyAHuO5NME2BEVIK3HeWShHlOmXMbIiiQiPUqZLGsH6XHz6siv-gpsCA1tJ66pyD1bMkbaGmX4vCc55_6lGijh71KtvKPG5bj7IP89IGYbrBgM7ZkbW9mpLCP8L&_tn=-]K-R)

This week, Cruz, Max, George, Taylor, Kit, Jack, and Teddy started their morning with a 2km run/jog/walk with friends. Teddy celebrated a PB! Well done, Teddy!

If you 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).
5. *If you would like to join St Nicks Striders², make sure you add the group on your personal parkrun profile.*

School Council Corner

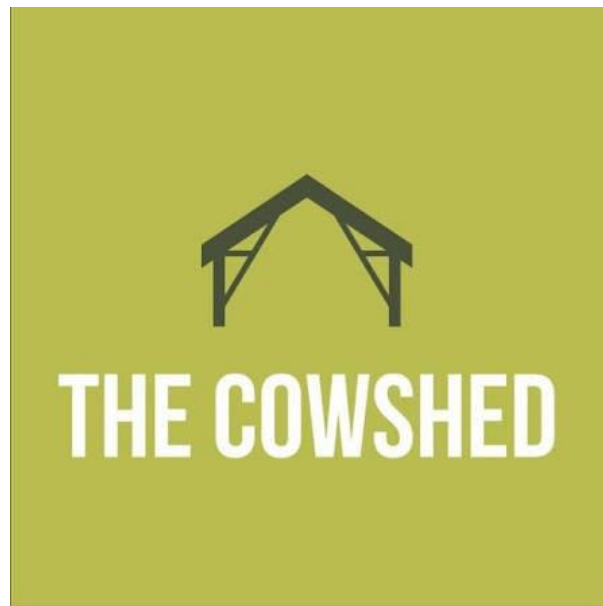
Over the years, our school community has proudly supported a number of fantastic charities, including The CowShed, Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service, First Days, The Link Visiting Scheme, Alana House and Christian Aid. We are incredibly proud of the difference our fundraising and donations have made.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported The CowShed this year. Together, we have filled four large bins with clothing donations, delivered more than 50 Christmas gifts and packed numerous 'Back to School' kits for local families in need.

Raising awareness of the amazing charities working within our local community is so important, and we are incredibly grateful to our School Council for leading these initiatives and to all our families for your continued generosity and support.

Watch this space as we announce our 2026 Children's Charity of the Year as voted by the children in the Summer term!

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



Can you Help?

We are permanently on the hunt for the following 'treasures' for Fossil class - if you wouldn't mind collecting these on your travels!

Natural loose parts:- fir cones, old bunch of flowers (for potion making), conkers, stones, sea shells, larger driftwood etc

Upcycled loose parts:-moulded pulp packaging inserts, newspapers, magazines, kitchen roll tubes, cereal boxes, all cardboard boxes, lids, corks, mesh fruit bags, curtain rings, yoghurt pots etc.

If anyone has links with a local business who may use wooden cable drums please get in touch as we would like a couple.

Any donations when you can, Fossil class would be so grateful!



St Nicholas School PTA - FILM NIGHT!



Our first event of the school year, a PTA film night, is back by popular demand!

This time we are showing the 2026 film "Hoppers" (U).

Please book your tickets at the advanced price of £6 (including fruit shoot and snack) via this link <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stnichurstpta/?event=event&eventId=120629> now.

Please note that online booking closes on Wednesday 23rd September, after which the higher price of £7.50/child will apply on the door. This is to help us with purchasing for the event.

A sibling discount is available - £10 for 2 siblings (2SIBS) and £14 for 3 siblings (3SIBS).

There will be a tuck shop available throughout to purchase further snacks. Please bring loose change if possible. There will also be a bar for any parents staying. 🏠

Arrival time is 5pm, ready for the film to start at 5.15pm. For those dropping off, please collect promptly at 7pm. Please note - Fossil class children do require a dedicated adult to stay throughout the event.

Onsies, pyjamas, cushions and sleeping bags encouraged!

We look forward to seeing you there!

From your PTA Team



🧐 St Nicholas Hurst PTA - ROLY's MAGIC SHOW! 🧐

*** ADD PTA Events link *****

Roll up, roll up!!! It's Roly's magic show!! Make sure you get your tickets as it's sure to be a sellout! 🎫

The St Nicholas Primary School PTA would like to welcome you all to enjoy a family magic show by Roly the magician, on Sunday 11th October from 2-4pm.

Doors open at 2pm with a tuck shop and bar available to purchase items.

Magic show starts at 2.30pm and runs for approximately 50 minutes. All ages welcome. Please note that everyone (including adults and children) must have a ticket. 🎫

All children MUST be accompanied by a ticketed adult. 👤👤

All profits will go to the school.



Half Term Holiday Camp - Bookings Open!

We're delighted to be running our October half-term holiday camp at school.

Please see the attached flyer. You can book at our lower early-booking rate until 5th October.



School Library Project

St Nicholas CE Primary School are committed to nurturing a love of reading in every child and this year we have an exciting opportunity.

We are launching a huge Library Refurbishment Project to create an inviting, inspiring and accessible reading space for all our children. A place where imagination can flourish, curiosity can grow and a lifelong love of books can begin. 

We are so close to our £25,000 goal! 

This will support new furniture, updated shelving, cosy reading zones, a quiet sensory zone along with a refreshed collection of books that reflects the diversity and interests of our children.

How you can help!

Every contribution makes a difference, no matter how small. If you're able to support the project, please scan the QR code below or follow the link to donate.

Donate to A new dedicated library and sensory space, organized by Nichola Lamb³

³<https://gofund.me/caf2735e1>

When children read, they grow. When we support them, they flourish. Reading opens minds, fires imaginations and lays the foundations for life so thank you for helping us create a space where every child can discover the magic of books

#NationalYearOfReading⁴ #LibraryProject⁵ #ReadingForAll⁶ #SchoolCommunity⁷
#SupportOurSchool⁸

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.



From this....

...to this!



Scan to donate to Nicholas's fundraiser
"A new dedicated library and sensory space"

⁴[https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/nationalyearofreading?_eep=6&cft\[0\]=AZYMlc2Q09PBCKBimSU2yaGN6VRQ9cO9yd5s_MAhwocrCHTN81JRbvlXpGhs4ajnlFC_zjZ3zl-DPMuIsGvC4IRQR9TOMnHtGzQM4g3Xr8KmJzNGMHNN88xyvVaRU8aD47EhtxhOovUb6aomCFIKXHJitZDTc1oTXvjKP3986zxeevHWM6V-gCrI7Mfbrbxbd9Zor2sO-Rsj1BC-Y3HW0Xj1&_tn=*NK-R](https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/nationalyearofreading?_eep=6&cft[0]=AZYMlc2Q09PBCKBimSU2yaGN6VRQ9cO9yd5s_MAhwocrCHTN81JRbvlXpGhs4ajnlFC_zjZ3zl-DPMuIsGvC4IRQR9TOMnHtGzQM4g3Xr8KmJzNGMHNN88xyvVaRU8aD47EhtxhOovUb6aomCFIKXHJitZDTc1oTXvjKP3986zxeevHWM6V-gCrI7Mfbrbxbd9Zor2sO-Rsj1BC-Y3HW0Xj1&_tn=*NK-R)

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Digital Wellbeing

Screens are now part of everyday family life, but for very young children, clear and predictable boundaries can help screen time feel calm rather than constant.

The latest #WakeUpWednesday⁹ guide shares practical advice for families, nurseries and early years settings on supporting healthier digital habits for under-fives. The guide covers:

- Choosing age-appropriate content
- Protecting bedtime routines
- Keeping devices in shared spaces
- Co-viewing and talking about what children see
- Using simple scripts and transition warnings
- Modelling balanced device use as adults

With supportive tips and realistic routines, this guide helps adults manage screen time with greater confidence.

⁹[https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/wakeupwednesday?_cft__\[0\]=AZbp599FGEii82X_bo1j_GFj0GHQ82dNiD_SrMdgbTj9aNyMk0Q0yvaAfWDgbUj3Q92BJlvo52FVAIeQ1-9uDDxsPBdv9r4BSrZlf_iuxKJl-bN7WmmTZFGZbTt4_CBB-uYLH0oNOGlnjkyziO4jFKGWWhRggrGUf5RP_z7BkNDdMLjixQ3l9weWywwwXSu3EuQ9yYpcr8D-cJpW78h-R23wyLP&_tn=*NK-R](https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/wakeupwednesday?_cft__[0]=AZbp599FGEii82X_bo1j_GFj0GHQ82dNiD_SrMdgbTj9aNyMk0Q0yvaAfWDgbUj3Q92BJlvo52FVAIeQ1-9uDDxsPBdv9r4BSrZlf_iuxKJl-bN7WmmTZFGZbTt4_CBB-uYLH0oNOGlnjkyziO4jFKGWWhRggrGUf5RP_z7BkNDdMLjixQ3l9weWywwwXSu3EuQ9yYpcr8D-cJpW78h-R23wyLP&_tn=*NK-R)

Whether your child loves magical adventures, fascinating facts, laugh-out-loud stories or creative drawing, there will be something to inspire every young imagination.

Tickets and further information are available via Wokingham Town Council's website:
https://www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk/council_events/wokingham-childrens-book-festival/

Tickets are £3 per seat. Early booking is recommended as sessions are expected to be popular.

Books will be available to buy after each session, and some authors will be signing books for young fans.



Inspiring the Next Generation of Readers
Wokingham Children's Book Festival Returns for 2026

Wokingham Town Council and Wokingham Borough Libraries have joined forces once again to bring a weekend of storytelling to young readers on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th October 2026.

The festival celebrates the joy of reading and the power of storytelling, bringing together bestselling authors, talented illustrators and inspiring performers for a weekend packed with interactive events.

Book festivals play an important role in encouraging children to read for pleasure, helping to develop confidence, creativity, communication skills and a lifelong love of learning. Meeting the people behind their favourite books allows young readers to see that stories don't simply appear on a page, they are created through imagination, curiosity and hard work. For many children, it can even spark dreams of becoming writers or illustrators themselves.

Whether your child loves magical adventures, fascinating facts, laugh-out-loud stories or creative drawing, there will be something to inspire every young imagination.

Tickets and further information are available via Wokingham Town Council's website:
https://www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk/council_events/wokingham-childrens-book-festival/

Tickets are £3 per seat. Early booking is recommended as sessions are expected to be popular.

Books will be available to buy after each session, and some authors will be signing books for young fans.



We encourage parents to use our School Infant Backpacks available on School Days Direct. Any other back pack must be a small compact design due to limited space in school. Children do not need to bring much to school!

Please note that children do not need to bring pencil cases in from home for class work.



Judo at St Nicholas 



Come and try our small and friendly Judo group!

Sessions are before school on Monday mornings from 8am, the children then go straight to their classrooms.

This is open to foundation through to year 6 and I will lend them judo kits. The cost is now £70 per term and they are welcome to trial lesson before they commit.

If you would like your child to try judo out please email me directly
judoschooluk@gmail.com

Thanks,

Mark Fricker

UK Sport Level 3 BJA Registered 5th Dan



- Maximum class size at 20 ensures your child receives the focussed coaching required from ex GBR International Mark Fricker. Mark is an experienced full-time level 3 coach and a BJA 5th Dan.

- Membership at £40 allows your child discounted access to our holiday camps
- As a BJA Registered club your child will be invited to grade and compete on a regular basis

TO BOOK A TASTER PLEASE CONTACT MARK on judoschooluk@gmail.com

Have a go at Morris dancing or playing in our band



Sept 24th & Oct 1st at 8pm

Hurst Village Hall, School Road, RG10 0DR

Refreshments provided

Have fun and improve your fitness with Hurst Morris People.

We are running two taster sessions and welcome adults of all ages and backgrounds. No prior experience of Morris dancing is needed.

Musicians playing instruments such as melodeons, violins and whistles are also welcome to try out with our band.

The team practises on Thursdays, 8-10pm, October - April at Hurst Village Hall.

Contact us if interested or for further details.

Keep updated with our social media:



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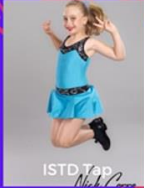
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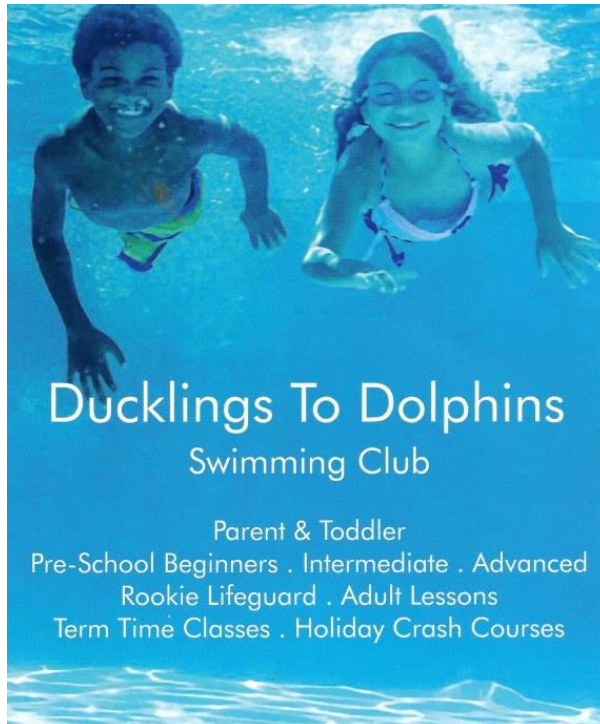
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FIRST



Family Interventions, Resources & Support Team

Who we are:

FIRST is dedicated to supporting families by offering guidance, workshops, and training focused on sleep (including anxiety-related sleep challenges) and distressed or dysregulated behaviour. Our experienced team includes Sleep Practitioners who are Therapeutic Thinking Practitioners, and a Family Support Worker, all working together to provide practical, compassionate support.

We support parents and carers in the Wokingham Borough who have children aged 3–18 with a disability, autism, or who are currently on the pathway for an autism assessment. Our approach helps families explore new ways of understanding and managing sleep, anxiety, and behaviour, while offering useful strategies and resources tailored to your child's needs.

When availability allows, some workshops and courses are also open to families whose children do not have a disability.

Empowering families with knowledge, understanding, and practical support.

Coffee Morning

Date: Thursday 17th September 2026

Time: 9.30-11.30am

Venue: Woodley Airfield Centre
Hurricane Way
RG5 4UX



1:1 sessions with a team member are available to book, giving you the opportunity to discuss any current concerns about your child's sleep or distressed and dysregulated behaviour, and receive tailored guidance and support.

For more information or to book a 15-minute session, contact us on:

first@wokingham.gov.uk

Changing Behaviour, Changes Behaviour

Online course for parents who have a child or young person with a disability, autism or are on the pathway for an autism assessment; aged 3 -18 who live in the Wokingham Borough

An opportunity to explore different ways of thinking about behaviour

We can offer advice & strategies to support your child

Join us for **Changing Behaviour, Changes Behaviour**

This will be delivered via Microsoft Teams so please download the app prior to the session.

Date: Wednesday 30th September, 7th & 14th October 2026

Time: 10.00am – 11.30am

To book or for more information, please contact us via:

Email – First@wokingham.gov.uk

This workshop will be delivered by:
Simone Hall and Helen Tracey
Therapeutic Thinking Practitioners

The sessions will include:

1. Behaviour & communication, identifying triggers & causes, The Upstairs & Downstairs Brain & The Window of Tolerance
2. Getting on Better, The Behaviour Wave, Positive Support Plans & how you respond
3. CALM stance, sensory needs, rewards, activities, resources & self-care



Supporting Distressed & Dysregulated Behaviour

An on-line 2-hour workshop for parents who have a child or young person with a disability, autism or are on the pathway for an autism assessment aged 3 -18 who live in the Wokingham Borough

*Please note parents with a child or young person who does not have a disability are welcome to attend this workshop if spaces are available

**An opportunity to explore different ways of thinking about behaviour
We can offer advice & strategies to support your child**

Date: 16th September 2026

Time: 10am – 12 midday

This will be delivered via Microsoft Teams so please download the app prior to the session.

To book or for more information, please contact us at:

first@wokingham.gov.uk

This workshop will be delivered by:
Simone Hall and Helen Tracey
Therapeutic Thinking Practitioners

The Workshop will include:

- Behaviour is communication
- The upstairs and downstairs brain
- Triggers & causes
- Getting on better
- Resources



Waking up to Healthy Sleep

Online course for parents and carers who have a child or young person with a disability, autism or are on the pathway for an autism assessment, aged 3 -18 who live in the Wokingham Borough

*Please note parents / carers with a child or young person who does not have a disability may attend this course if capacity allows

**Is your child experiencing sleep problems?
We can support you to improve their sleep routine.**

**Dates: Tuesdays 17th 24th November &
1st 8th December 2026**

Time: 10.30am – 11.30am

This course will be delivered via Microsoft Teams, so please ensure you have downloaded the app before the first session

To book a place or for more information, please contact us:

Email – First@wokingham.gov.uk

Our training is delivered by practitioners trained by The Sleep Charity & Southampton University Hospital Sleep Disorder Service

This is an interactive course; attendees are required to participate and attend all 4 sessions which include:

- Understanding sleep cycles & the science of sleep
- The importance of sleep
- Sleep routines & sleep cues
- Common sleep issues, strategies, resources, the relationship between sleep and anxiety



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**Is your child experiencing sleep problems?
We can support you to improve their sleep routine.**

Dates: Thursdays 24th September 1st, 8th & 15th October 2026

Time: 6.30pm – 8pm

This course will be delivered via Microsoft Teams, so please ensure you have downloaded the app before the first session
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FIRST REGISTRATION COURSE FORM



BASIC INFORMATION

Name	
Relationship to Child	
Postcode	
Telephone Number	
Email Address	
Preferred method of contact	
Language(s) spoken by the family	
Ethnicity	
Please provide details of any relevant special requirements you have	
How did you hear about the course?	

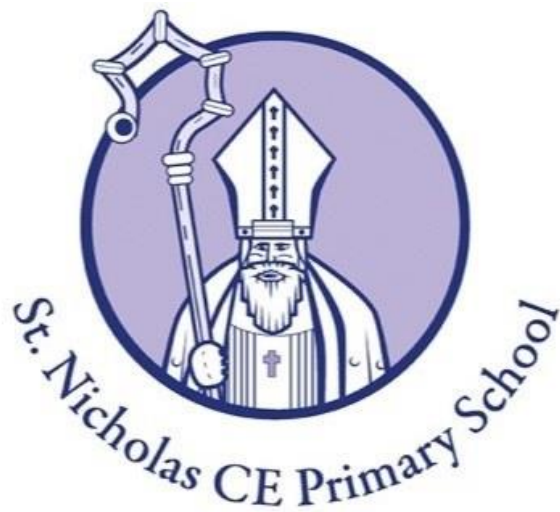
ABOUT THE CHILD/YOUNG PERSON:

Child/Young Person's name	
Known as	
Gender	
Age	
School	
Please tell us your child or young person's diagnosis or describe their disability	
Any preference to daytime or evening course?	
Course attending	

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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: Facebook¹⁰



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