



ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

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St Nicholas School Vision Statement

Delivering a firm foundation for our childrens' future success by celebrating individual and community achievement, built on Christian values.

ONLINE CHURCH SERVICE

Join us on at 11:00am on Sunday for our virtual service.
Visit www.thru-christ.org.uk for the link.



Children in Need Fundraiser Friday 13th November

A reminder that **tomorrow** we are inviting children to come to school wearing Pudsey-inspired items or accessories with their school uniform or PE kit, in exchange for £1.

This may include items such as a spotty T-shirt, sweater, headband, socks etc. All proceeds go to the amazing local charities and projects that **Children in Need** support in helping change the lives of disadvantaged children and young people all over the country.

Collection buckets will be available at the gate at the start and end of the school day; thank you for making a difference!

School Calendar

November

Fri 13th **Children in Need – £1 donation in exchange for wearing spotty-inspired top/accessories.**
Fri 27th PTA Meeting, 9:30am via Teams

December

Thu 3rd Flu Vaccination for all pupils from YR - Y6
www.berkshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu
Enter unique Code: BK147377
Fri 4th Virtual Christmas Disco (*more info to follow*)
Sat 5th Open Morning for 2021 intake (by appt only)
Tue 8th PTA Santa Run (*more info to follow*)
Tue 15th Christmas Craft Day
Fri 18th Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 18th **Last Day of Term, 1:30pm**

January

Mon 4th **INSET DAY - School Closed**
Tues 5th School reopens from 8:35am



This week's Growth Mindset thought...

Never give up on what you really want to do. The person with big dreams is more powerful than one with all the facts.

Albert Einstein

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SPECIAL EDITION: REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Junior children all took part in a socially distanced Remembrance Day Commemoration on the playground on Wednesday 11th November.

TS Eliot pupils read Haiku poems they had written, inspired by a BBC Live lesson on Remembrance. A Haiku is a poem consisting of three lines. There are only five syllables in the words on the first line; seven in the second line and five in the third line. Word selection therefore becomes very important and each line of the poem has a high dramatic impact.

Longfellow pupils read the very famous poem 'In Flanders Fields' and an excerpt from 'For the Fallen.'

Blake pupils read the poem 'Please wear a Poppy', which reminds us of the importance to uphold this very important tradition on Remembrance Day.

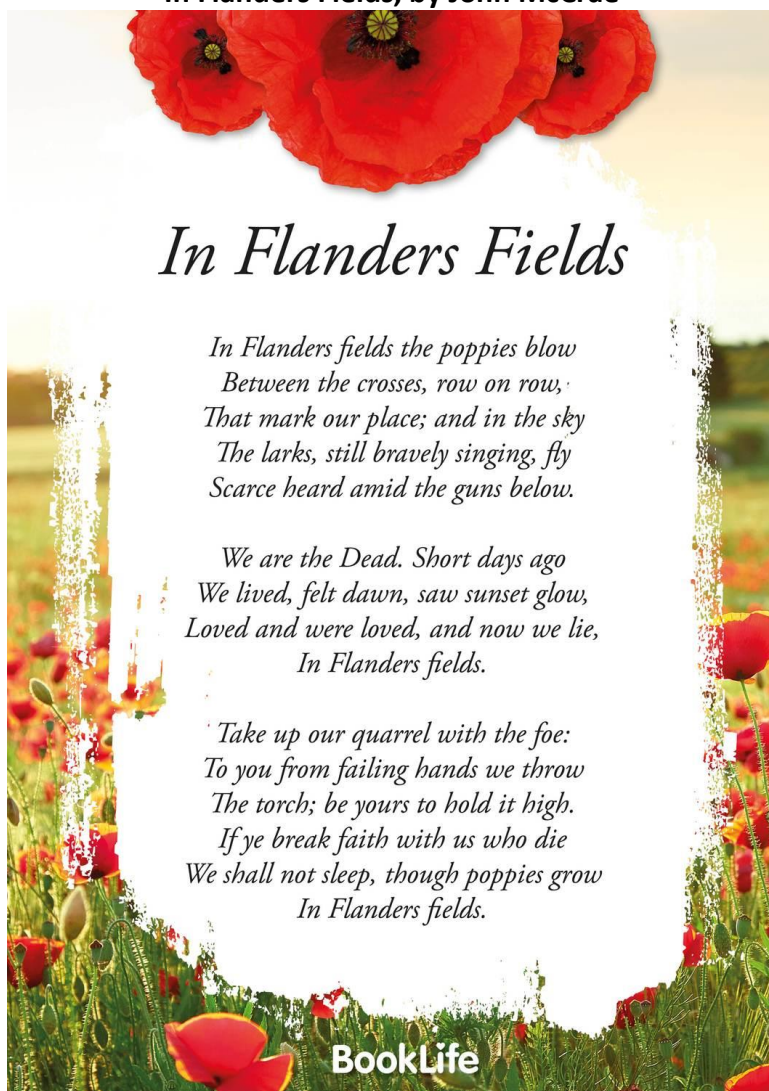
We observed a minute's silence at 11am and finished our commemorations with The Lord's Prayer. We are proud of the way pupils conducted themselves throughout the commemoration.



For the Fallen, By Laurence Binyon

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

In Flanders Fields, by John McCrae



'Please wear a Poppy' – read by Year 6 pupils

"Please wear a Poppy," the lady said,
And held one forth, but I shook my head,
Then I stopped and watched as she offered them there,
And her face was old and lined with care;
But beneath the scars the years had made
There remained a smile that refused to fade.
A boy came whistling down the street,
Bouncing along on carefree feet,
His smile was full of joy and fun:
"Lady," said he, "May I have one?"
When she pinned it on he turned to say,
"Why do we wear a poppy today?"

The lady smiled in her wistful way,
And answered, "This is Remembrance Day,
And the poppy there is a symbol for
The gallant ones who died in war,
And because they did, you and I are free,
That's why we wear the poppy, you see.

I had a boy about your size,
With golden hair and big blue eyes.
He loved to play and jump and shout,
Free as a bird he would race about.
As the years went by he learned and grew,
And became a man – as you will, too.

But the war went on and he had to stay,
And all I could do was wait and pray.
His letters told of the dreadful plight,
(I can see it still in my dreams at night)
With the tanks and guns and cruel barbed wire,
and the mines and bullets, the bombs and fire.

Till at last, at last, the war was won –
And that's why we wear a poppy, son."
The small boy turned as if to go,
Then said, "Thanks lady, I'm glad to know,
That sure did sound like an awful fight,
But your son – did he come back all right?"

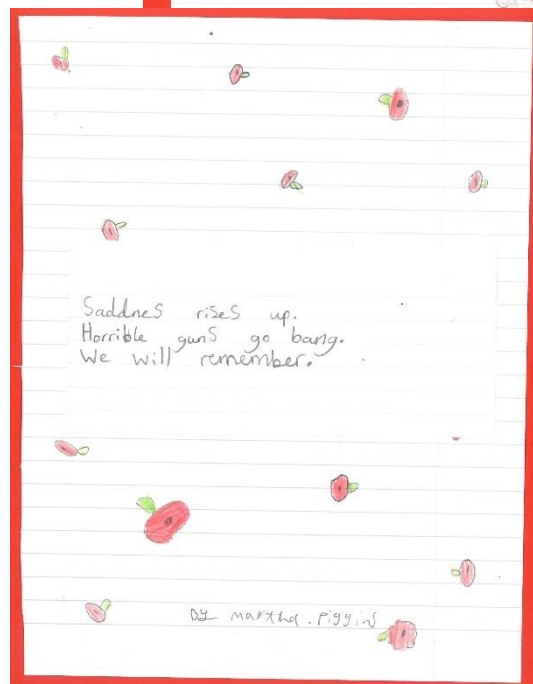
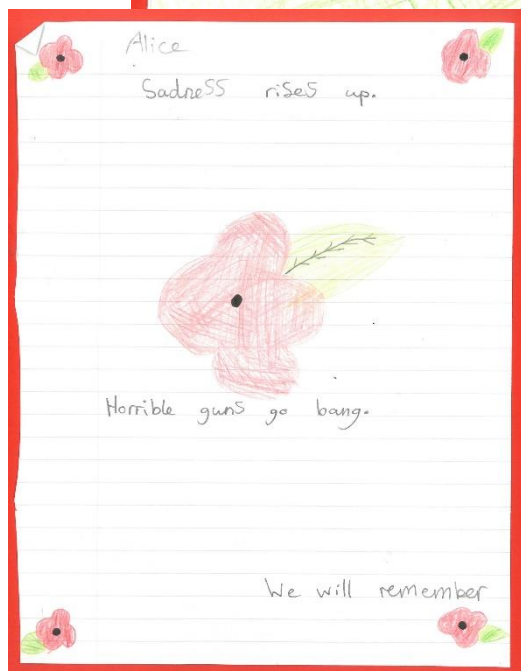
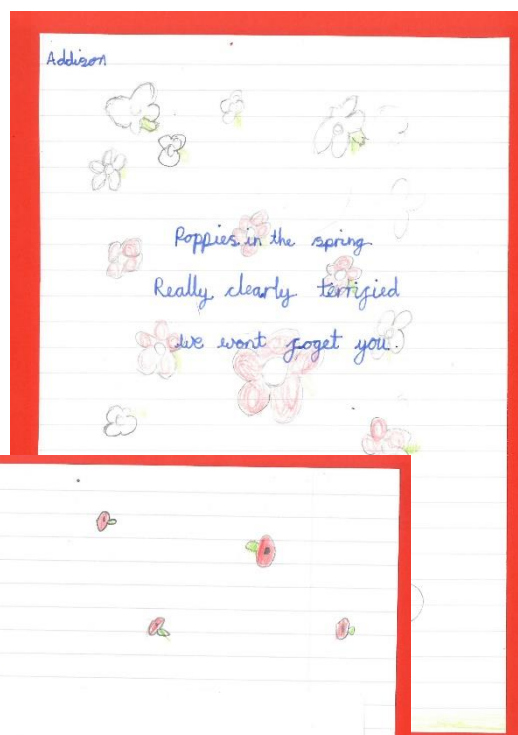
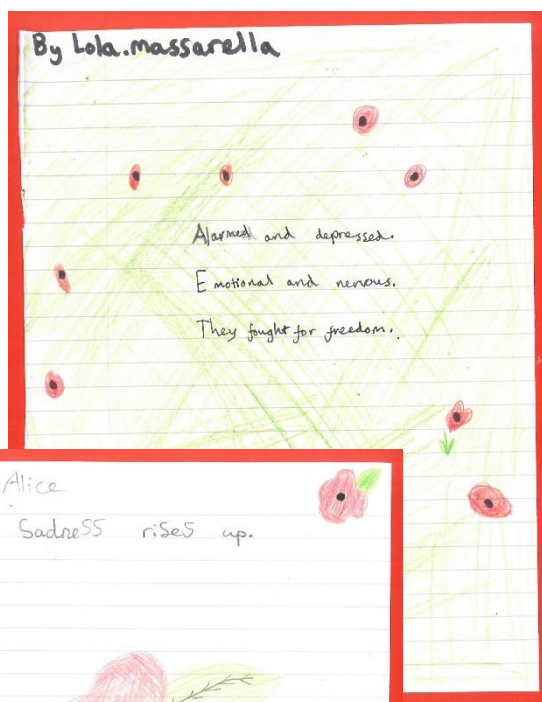
A tear rolled down each faded cheek:
She shook her head but didn't speak.
I slunk away in a sort of shame,
And if you were me you'd have done the same:
For our thanks, in giving, is oft delayed
Though our freedom was bought
And thousands paid.

And so when we see a poppy worn,
Let us reflect on the burden borne,
By those who gave their very all,
When asked to answer their country's call.
That we at home in peace might live.

Then wear a poppy,
Remember
And give.
"Why Wear A Poppy?" by Don Crawford



TS Eliot Haiku Poems A selection of Haiku poems by Lola, Addison, Alice and Martha P



Yvie's Art Installation

We are delighted with the new art installation by the School Hall which has been designed by **Yvie** (former Year 6 pupil). It depicts what it means to be part of the St Nicholas CE School community and encapsulates our school values. It is also a symbol of hope after an unprecedented year we have experienced, which saw national enforced school closures and much disruption to all our lives. Her masterpiece was sent to local print studio **RGB UK** in Hurst, to be

enlarged and printed on waterproof canvas. The installation is now proudly on display and can be seen from School Road and will be admired by parents, pupils, staff and local residents for many years to come. **Thank you Yvie!**



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Well done to Blake Class this week. **Charlie, Cruz** and **Roxy** have become Rock Legends; **Sean** is now a Headliner and **William B** is a Breakthrough Artist. In addition, **Cruz** has had the most correct answers and has earned the most coins. **Charlie** has also improved his accuracy. Congratulations also to **Oscar** (TS Eliot) who has become a Wannabe Artist and he also had a big improvement in his speed of recall.



In Numbots, once again there has been great work from **Bruno** (De La Mare) who is the first St Nicholas child to complete Gold Stage! Well done also to **Frankie** (De La Mare) for finishing Tin Stage and to **Holly** (Milne) for completing Iron Stage.

Parent Survey for Wrap-around care

Parents received information yesterday via email regarding a potential breakfast and after school club service by BA Sports. For parents who have a requirement for wrap-around childcare, we have created a short a survey for you to complete to gauge interest and assess viability. <https://forms.gle/sdk9N9o6CUbPUgoe7>
The deadline to complete this survey is Friday 20th November. If you would like to feedback any other views and comments, feel free to email the office admin@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk

STARS OF THE WEEK!

EYFS

Stars of the Week: **Chloe** for her dance floor creation and amazing dance moves; and **Charlie** for his fantastic effort in his name writing work.

Merits: **Mollie** for perseverance when writing her name independently; **Ronnie** for Growth Mindset in yoga when he did not find it easy and **Sean** for friendship and taking turns beautifully.



YEAR 1

Stars of the Week: **Margot** for always trying her best and **Sophia** for working super hard in spelling words in phonics.

Merits: **Sam J** for perseverance on improved accuracy when spelling words and **Koen** for perseverance and thinking carefully about a subtraction problem and **Joe** for being respectful towards adults and his peers.

YEAR 2

Stars of the Week: **Amelia D** for increasing her reading fluency and to **William** for excellent explaining in Maths.

Merits: **Bruno** for friendship by checking that a classmate was not upset, **Noah** for persevering with his handwriting and to **Lacey** for always respect and listening well to instructions.

YEAR 3

Stars of the Week: **Ted** for putting in such tremendous effort in Maths and making enormous progress and **Zoe** for performing so amazingly in Maths.

Merits: **Amelia** and **Martha P** for perseverance; **Myra** for friendship; and **William** for thoughtfulness.

YEAR 4

Stars of the Week: **Violet** for enthusiasm and adventurous word choices for her Remembrance poem; **Lara** for continuous hard work in all she does and a well written Remembrance poem and **Henry S** his fantastic attitude, motivation, hard work and always willing to help others with their work

Merits: **Evie** for perseverance.

YEAR 5

Stars of the Week: **Freddie** for an excellent retelling of the story of Abraham, **Amrita** for a fantastic Stonehenge project and **Aidan** for excellent use of 'appealing adjectives' in persuasive writing.

Merits: **Sienna** for respect; **Louis** for thoughtfulness and **Will** for perseverance.

YEAR 6

Stars of the Week: **Robyn** for being a proactive learner and **Sean** for showing respect towards staff and pupils at all times.

Merits: **Poppy** for perseverance in completing challenging Maths on factors; **Zenna** for friendship by teaching another pupil about 'factor trees', and **Bram** for thoughtfulness as shown in concentrated effort on his newspaper article.

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PTA NEWS UPDATE

Hello parents, we hope you are well.

School Events:

Next PTA Meeting – Friday 27th November at 9.30am via Microsoft Teams. If you would like to join, please send your email address to mike_rand@hotmail.com so you can be added to the meeting.

Dare to be Different Day – Thank you everybody for your support and we raised £240! Hopefully the children enjoyed it and we will do it again next term.

Virtual Disco Party – Following the success of the last virtual disco party, John Johnny has been booked for a virtual Christmas disco on Friday 4th December! **Save the date now!** Info on how to book will be out soon.

Santa Run – We are hoping to run (no pun intended!) this on Tuesday 8th December depending on the weather. More details to follow soon.

Second-hand School Uniform Please check the Facebook page for details about what is available. You can make donations by using the little post box on the left of the front door (main entrance to reception). The post box is outside and you are welcome to leave any donation in an envelope and pop it in there (please put your name on it and say it's for second-hand uniform). You can also make donations by using:

<https://www.paypal.com/gb/fundraiser/charity/3242825>

Funds raised will go towards the library/reading project.

Library/Reading Project We have tasked the school to look at how the PTA can help improve/add more books to the school library. Money raised at all the events this term will go to this project so we would appreciate your support (2x disco/ second hand school uniform/ Santa Run/ Dare to be different/ any donations) **Money raised so far - £400 and we are looking to raise £2,500.**

Christmas is coming! There are many ways to support the PTA:



Smile.Amazon.co.uk: If you order from here and choose 'St Nicholas Hurst PTA', Amazon will donate 0.5% of net purchases to PTA with no cost to the buyer.

Chocoholics: This is a great way to buy some Christmas presents (or just treat yourself!) whilst raising money for the school at the same time. Simply place an order on the Chocoholics website and enter the unique code (below) at checkout. This will enable them to keep track of any orders placed by parents/staff from our school. You can also pass our unique code on to friends and family, so that they can maximise the total orders for our school. The cut-off date for placing orders is 30th November. On 1st December, Chocoholics will add up the total sales for our school and the school will receive 10% of all sales in cash/bank transfer. Orders can be delivered to anywhere in the UK, so it's perfect for sending gifts to friends and loved ones. Prices start from just 25p, so there is something for everyone! www.chocoholicsrachel.co.uk / Unique code **stnichurst** (all lowercase)



Christmas Trees: If you buy a Christmas tree through www.christmastreeexpress.co.uk this year, you can get £5 off any tree and a further £5 will be donated to the school PTA! Pre-order your tree by 29th November with the unique code STNIC. Choose from 4Ft, 6Ft and 8Ft and the tree will be delivered to your home at no extra charge. If you are interested, please see the attached flyer for further information.



Easyfundraising App: Thank you to everyone who has already downloaded this app. If you haven't already done so and would like some support in doing so, please talk to us or your class reps. The lead up to Christmas is a great time to raise that little bit extra for the school at no additional cost to you- www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stnicholasprimaryhurst

If any parent would like to talk to us directly about the PTA, please contact Mike or Louise on mike_rand@hotmail.com or louisej125@hotmail.com . Many thanks for your continued support, The PTA Team 😊

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