



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 to their YouTube Channel.

'Happy Birthday' to pupils and staff who are celebrating a birthday next week (1st–7th March)

Charlie and Sebastian – Reception
Frankie – Year 2
William – Year 3
Evie – Year 4
Miss Wheeler



From Miss McGrail, and all the staff, governors, pupils and parents in our school family.

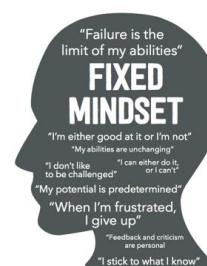
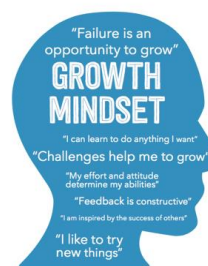
SCHOOL CALENDAR

March

Thu 4th World Book Day
Mon 8th School re-opens to all pupils, from 8:35am
Wed 10th Year 2 Cycling sessions commences
Sat 13th Your School Lottery prize draw
Fri 19th Red Nose Day
Mon 29th Year 6 Level 3 Bikeability Group 1
Tues 30th Year 6 Level 3 Bikeability Group 2
Wed 31st Last Day of Spring term, 1:30pm

April

Thu 1st INSET DAY – School Closed
Fri 2nd Good Friday
2nd-16th Easter Break
Mon 19th School reopens – Summer term



This week's Growth Mindset thought...

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow."

Albert Einstein

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Headteacher's Update

I am delighted the Government has confirmed that schools will return on Monday 8th March. Attendance at school is compulsory for all pupils on roll from this date and all measures will be in place to keep pupils and staff as safe as possible. I will be spending the next few days finalising the risk assessment in line with Government guidelines.

My initial thoughts are that we will maintain the measures that were in place from September 2020. Please see the attached information to parents. This includes a staggered start and end to the day. It also keeps pupils in 6 separate bubbles but this may be reviewed for outdoor break and lunch times.

We ask that pupils wear uniform and PE uniform on the days specified for their class. Cycling will take place for Year 2 pupils on Wednesday afternoons with Coach Lloyd starting on Wednesday 10th March. More information will be emailed to Year 2 parents next week.

Please continue to support your child/ren with accessing the remote learning live sessions and completion of tasks until Friday 5th March. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school.

Miss McGrail



Thank You!

A huge 'Thank you' to the PTA from Miss Wheeler and Milne class, who have very kindly purchased a large selection of new phonics books, which will be invaluable in continuing to support the children's early reading skills!

Dexter makes headlines once again!

Dexter in Longfellow class has made local news again. He was invited on Heart Radio with Jamie Theakston and Amanda Holden over half term and in addition, the Royal Berkshire charity have interviewed him for their social media news. When Government guidance allows, Dexter has been invited to the Hospital to meet the Directors and take a tour of the hospital so he can see where the money he has raised has gone!



<https://www.getreading.co.uk/news/reading-berkshire-news/determined-dexter-takes-marathon-challenge-19835910>



De La Mare Class have dominated the certificates this week, in both TT Rockstars and Numbots.

Well done to **Theo** (De La Mare) who has become a Support Act. Certificates for TT Rockstars during the last two weeks have been awarded to **Felix** (De La Mare) for the greatest improvement in the number of correct answers and coins; to **Violet B** (TS Eliot) for improved speed and to **Clementine** (De La Mare) for improved accuracy. Congratulations to them!

In Numbots, **Amelia D** (De La Mare) has had a magnificent fortnight, earning four certificates! Not only did she gain her Copper stage, but she also had the greatest improvement in correct answers, coins and levels achieved. Great work, Amelia! Well done also to **Megan** (De La Mare) who completed Iron stage and to **Noah** (De La Mare) who finished Copper stage.



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PTA NEWS UPDATE

We hope everyone had a good half term. Great ideas were shared and discussed for raising money for the PTA, as the current climate means we are not able to go ahead with our traditional ways of raising funds.

A graphic for the 'Your School Lottery' launch. It features a purple banner at the top left with the text 'YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY' and a logo of a person with arms raised. In the center, a blue and red rocket is launching upwards, leaving a trail of blue smoke. Surrounding the rocket are several colorful lottery balls with numbers: a yellow ball with '2', a red ball with '4', a purple ball with '7', and a blue ball with '4'. A small circular icon of a school building is in the top right. The text 'WE'VE LAUNCHED A LOTTERY' is written in large, bold, red and purple letters. Below it, the text 'Buy your tickets now to help our fundraising' is in red. At the bottom, a list of bullet points in purple text describes the lottery's features.

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

WE'VE LAUNCHED A LOTTERY

Buy your tickets now to help our fundraising

- Tickets cost just £1
- All profits go to our school
- Local cash prize every week
- Chance to win the £25,000 jackpot!

Your School Lottery is our new weekly lottery draw which not only raises vital money for the school but also gives our parents, carers and staff a weekly chance to win a cash prize!

Taking part is extremely simple as it takes just 1 minute to sign up. Tickets cost £1 per week and you can pay by direct debit or card payment. The draw takes place each Saturday and there is a **guaranteed school winner** every single week. The prize amount depends on how many tickets are in the draw so the more entries the bigger the prize.

There is also a chance to win the £25,000 jackpot by matching the winning six-digit number. There were 8 lucky jackpot winners in 2020 so it does happen!

For every £1 ticket bought, 40p goes to the school. This adds up to £1,000 per year for just 50 weekly tickets, just think what this money can buy for the children.

If you'd like to take part in our School Lottery, simply follow this link:

[Support St Nicholas CE Primary School when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery](#)

The first draw will take place on **Saturday 13th March**. Good Luck!

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Dates for your Diary

Due to the current pandemic, we are limited to the events we can run to raise funds for the school.

- Thursday 4th March – World Book Day
- March – Spring Virtual Disco (date TBC)
- **Friday 13th March – The first Your School Lottery draw**



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Easy Fundraising App <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stnicholasprimaryhurst/>

Thank you to everyone who has already downloaded this app. It's simple and free to use! It has helped turn everyday shopping into free donations for the school. If you haven't already done downloaded the app and would like some support in doing so, please talk to us or your class reps.