



# ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

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The organic baby food co.

## St Nicholas School Vision Statement

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



## Reading at Home

We all know that reading is the key to unlocking success and as families you play a huge part in ensuring your child's continuing success in school. Please help your children to enjoy reading each day by making it part of their daily routine. Try choosing a time of day when you and your child are not too tired and remember that a short daily session is much better than the occasional long one! Encouraging them to talk about what they are reading will also help develop their understanding skills.

Each child begins their reading journey at St Nicholas using our phonics programme and then moves on to the Accelerated Reader system in Key Stage 2. Please support them to engage fully. Those that engage – SUCCEED! If you have any questions about your child's reading, please do get in touch with your child's teacher.

## CHURCH SERVICE [www.thru-christ.org.uk](http://www.thru-christ.org.uk)

St Nicholas Church, Hurst

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 11am** Holy Communion, Harvest

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 11am** Messy Church

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 11am** Holy Communion (live stream)

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### October

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival Service, 10am St Nicholas Church

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Twyford Together 5K Charity fun Run

Piggott School [www.twyfordtogether.org](http://www.twyfordtogether.org)

Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Blake Class Cake Sale

20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> Year 6 Bikeability Level 1 & 2 (2 full days)

Thu 21<sup>st</sup> Open Morning (EYFS starters Sept 22)

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> **INSET DAY – School Closed**

25-29<sup>th</sup> **HALF TERM – School Closed**

### November

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> **INSET DAY – School Closed**

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Bag2School Collection, 9:00am

Tue 9<sup>th</sup> Tempest individual / sibling photos (PM)

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday

Tue 16<sup>th</sup> TS Eliot Trip – Reading Museum

Tue 16<sup>th</sup> Milne Class Cake Sale

Thu 18<sup>th</sup> Open Morning (EYFS starters Sept 22)

Thu 18<sup>th</sup> PTA Meeting (online); 7:00pm

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Messy Church, 11am St Nicholas Church

### December

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Open Morning (EYFS starters Sept 22)

Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Flu Vaccination (nasal spray) – all pupils

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fayre, Hurst Village Hall

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Disco, School Hall

## BA Sports Out of School Club



Short Stay After School 15:15-16:30 £7.50

Long Stay After School 15:15-18:00 £12.50

**Multi-sports** will run on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. **Football club** on Tuesdays. There will be a range of other activities on offer to children who would like to stay at after school but do not wish to participate in multi-sports or football.

Bookings via [www.basportstar.co.uk](http://www.basportstar.co.uk)



*This week's Growth Mindset thought...*

**"Only those who risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go."**

*TS Eliot*

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### Harvest Festival, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 10:00am Years 1-6

Children in Years 1 - 6 only are invited to attend the service at St Nicholas Church at 10am. As in previous years, EYFS children will have their own celebration in Milne class. Thank you to all parents and grandparents who have volunteered to accompany the children to and from Church.



We are accepting donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October**. Please leave all donations at the shelter area next to the school hall. This year, we are collecting donations for Alana House, a women's refuge to support women and children in crisis. They are in particular need of UHT milk, tinned tomatoes/fruit/veg, pasta sauces, breakfast cereals/porridge and basic toiletries such as deodorant and toothpaste. Other items for children include savoury snacks, chocolate, packets of jelly, baby food, nappies/wipes.

### Louis Taylor Road Safety Roadshow

On Monday, Louis Taylor and his puppet Troy, visited our school to give us all a road safety briefing to the infant and junior groups. He talked to us about the importance of being safe, and gave us a list of things to do when crossing a road.

Step 1: Find a safe place to cross, i.e. a zebra crossing

Step 2: **Stop**.

Step 3: **Look** both ways to make sure no vehicles are coming.

Step 4: **Listen** for cars coming from the distance, and REMEMBER to think before crossing.

We really enjoyed it; it was informative, and the puppet Troy was hilarious.

*By Ollie and Lewis, Blake class*



### Dexter's Italian Adventure

A congratulations and well done to Dexter in Longfellow who was invited to Milan in Italy to attend the Fair Play Festival, an organisation supporting good sportsmanship, respect and loyalty. To read about his Italian adventure, please read the attached document sent with this newsletter.



### Tempest Photographs Orders

A reminder that the deadline to return paper order forms is tomorrow **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October**. Please drop off any remaining orders to RECEPTION by 3.30pm as they will be collected by the courier at this time. Late orders cannot be accommodated. Orders can also be easily placed online via [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk) using the Reference number and Web Access code printed on the paper proof. Tempest

will be returning to St Nicholas on 9<sup>th</sup> November to take individual portrait photographs for new pupils and those who were absent when they last visited. In-school sibling photos can also be arranged however we are unable to invite pre-school siblings at this session. The photos will take place in the School Hall after lunchtime registration. All pupils should wear full school uniform.

### Treasures & Treats: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 5-6:30pm at St Nicholas Church Hurst

This year the Church's alternative to the spooks and scares of Halloween is a tea-time pirate adventure! Join the Messy Church team at St Nicholas Church in Hurst for games, crafts, treasure hunting, a shadow puppet story and a visit to our amazing hot chocolate creation station. We promise you will leave our end-of-half-term party with a bag of sweets! Our event is aimed at children aged 3-11 years, but they need to bring their grown-up along to supervise. Pirate costumes are encouraged but not obligatory, and do bring a torch to help with your (indoor) treasure hunting. Book your free tickets [here](#) or scan the QR code on the poster.





## Marwell Zoo Trip

Last Tuesday, Years 1 and 2 were excited to explore Marwell Zoo to support their Science and Geography learning. Above all, we would like to thank the wonderful volunteers who accompanied the children on the trip. Here are some of the children's thoughts on the day:

- I loved the penguins because we saw them underwater. (Zara)
- All the giraffes were inside eating leaves. (Georgia)
- We saw the pygmy hippo sleeping in the water. (Winnie)
- I loved the giraffes because they were so near to us. (Hallie)
- I saw a baby zebra! (Elliot)
- The snow leopard looked like it had snow on it. (Jack)
- I liked the cheetah, they can run fast. (Mollie)



Children in TS Eliot lead the way this week in TT Rockstars. Well done to **Clementine** who is now a Garage Rocker, **Leo** who has reached Headliner status and **Ted** who has become a Garage Rocker.

Last week **William** (TS Eliot) had the greatest improvement in correct answers, **Mena** (TS Eliot) had the most improved speed, **Isaam** (TS Eliot) improved his accuracy whilst **Addison** (Longfellow) was top earner. This week **Sammy** (Longfellow) is queen of the correct answers, **Mena** once again earns the certificate for improved speed and **Ted** is the most accurate player.



In Numbots, there has been great work from the following children who all achieved certificates for completion of a stage: **Amelia A** (EYFS) – Rust; **Charlotte D** (Year 1) – Iron; **Cyrus** (Year 1) – Rust; **Luna** (Year 2) – Rust; **Margot** (Year 2) – Copper; **Millie** (EYFS) – Rust; **Oskar** (EYFS) – Rust; **Sean** (Year 1) – Glass; **Ted** (TS Eliot) – Iron and **Taylor** (EYFS) – Rust.

Congratulations last week to **Archie** (EYFS) for the greatest improvement in correct answers, to **Cyrus** for the number of coins earned and to **Mena** (TS Eliot) for the greatest improvement in accuracy. This week **Oscar** (TS Eliot) is the top earner, and he also has the greatest increase in correct answers. **Georgia D** (Year 2) is the most accurate player. Well done all for your hard work!

## Looking for a New Challenge? Join Our Team!

We seek enthusiastic volunteers who are keen to learn new skills, work with young people and get out and about, to help out with our Beavers (6-8 years, Tues 5.30-6.45pm), Cubs (8-10 years, Wed 6.30 – 8pm) or Scouts (10-14 years, Thurs 7.15-9pm). No previous experience in Scouting is needed - our friendly team of local volunteers will work alongside you and provide all the support you need. Learn new skills and make a difference in young peoples' lives as well as to your local community. These fun, once weekly term time sessions are based our local Scout Hut on School Road in Hurst. If you would like to learn more about any of these opportunities, please visit <http://www.hurstscouts.org.uk/> or call James on 07909 913614 or email [GroupScoutLeader@hurstscouts.org.uk](mailto:GroupScoutLeader@hurstscouts.org.uk)



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## PGL September 2021

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September, Blake class went on a four night residential to PGL Liddington. We had lots of fun doing all the activities and spending time with our friends. PGL is an experience that we will never forget. Some of the activities included abseiling, the giant swing, canoeing, the giant zip wire, rock climbing and more. No matter what we were doing, we loved every minute of it. The day would consist of having breakfast, then two morning activities, then lunch, two more afternoon activities, dinner and an evening activity. By the end of the week, everyone was sad to be going home but relieved to be able to get a proper sleep as we were all so tired. We all had an amazing time and it will be something we will never forget!

By Phoebe Webber-Morris, Year 6



## PTA NEWS UPDATE

I did something dreadful today. I was in CostCo and I bought advent calendars. Why is this so terrible you ask? I'm always the one complaining about Christmas goods arriving in the shops too early (before late November) so I am now officially a massive hypocrite. But they did contain 24 cans of beer and 24 miniature bottles of gin respectively, making two particular people very happy.

### Upcoming Events

Blake class are busy in the kitchen preparing lots of goodies for their cake sale after school on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October. I definitely won't eat as much cake this time, making sure that there is enough left for everyone else.

The St Nicholas Church Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December in the large village hall. The PTA will be organising a chocolate tombola amongst other things. Please come along and support what is always a most excellent community event.

Staying with the festive theme we have booked an entertainer to provide a Christmas disco for the children on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. This will be 4:30pm to 5:30pm for the infants, and 5:45pm to 6:45pm for the juniors. I'm sure that the children will enjoy finally meeting John Johnny face-to-face instead of virtually!

### Dates for your Diary:

- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Blake class cake sale, 3:00pm**
- **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Bag2School Collection, 9:00am**
- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Milne Class cake sale, 3:00pm**
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November, PTA Meeting (online); 7:00pm**
- **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December – St Nicholas Church Christmas Fayre, Hurst Village Hall**
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party and Disco**

### Second hand School Uniforms Items Available

Age	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	8-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	13
Blue school jumpers	1	2	1			2		0	
blue school cardigans	1	6		3				1	1
grey dresses									
grey skirts		2		1	1	8	1		3
boys trousers		0		1	2	3	3	2	2
girls trousers				2			1	1	
grey shorts		2			1		4	2	7
girls summer dresses	4		1	2	1		1	1	2
PE tops		1			3				
PE Shorts		1			2				



### Your School Lottery

Congratulations to Mandy Rankin who was a cash prize winner this week and generously donated their winnings to the school.

Please buy some tickets if you haven't already done so. Good luck! Guaranteed winner from our community each week.

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

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### Bag2School Clothing & Textile Collection – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

This is a scheme to help raise funds for the school and it's a great way of clearing out your unwanted clothes and other items! The school receives money for the total weight of the goods received. Plastic sacks will be distributed to children to bring home over the next week or so. Alternatively you can use your own bags which they will recycle. If you have unwanted good quality adult/children clothing, shoes, handbags, hats, belts, scarves, jewellery, soft toys, curtains, towels or bed linen, please pop them in a bin bag (or fill as many smaller plastic bags as you can!) and drop them off to the shelter area by the school hall on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November by 9am**. You can also drop off bags to the school office on the afternoon of **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November by 3.30pm**.

*They do not accept duvets, blankets, pillows, cushions, rugs/mats, soiled/ripped clothing, school uniform with and without logos, or corporate clothing. For a full list of what is/is not accepted, please see*

<https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>



## Easy ways to support Fundraising for St Nicholas School

Tickets cost just £1 a week, and all profits go towards school funds.

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Aren't we all online shopping these days? As well as being very convenient it can now earn funds for your favourite village school! Support us by selecting us as your chosen charity, St Nicholas Hurst PTA. It's quick and easy to do! [smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1002238-0](https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1002238-0)

Once signed up, shop on Amazon as normal and Amazon will donate 0.5% of purchases towards the PTA.



[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stnicholasprimaryhurst/](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.



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