



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 children's future success by celebrating individual and community achievement, built on Christian values.



Thank you to the PTA
for purchasing all the Group Practice Reading books from the *Little Wandle* Phonics Scheme. They are very popular with the children.

ST NICHOLAS HURST - CHURCH SERVICES

www.thru-christ.org.uk

www.achurchnearyou.com/stnicholashurst

Sunday 29th May No service at St Nicholas Church

Sunday 5th June 11am Holy Communion

Sunday 12th June 11am All-Age Service

EVENTS CALENDAR

May

Thu 26th Sayers Croft Year 4 Parent Meeting, 5:30pm

Fri 27th Year 3 Swimming – Final Session (double)

Fri 27th Afternoon Jubilee Picnic 2:45-3:15pm and Last Day of Half Term. Non-Uniform day – children may wear red, white and blue)

30th-3rd Jun **HALF TERM – School Closed**

June

2nd - 5th

Hurst Village celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee www.hurst-jubilee.co.uk

Mon 6th Start of 2nd Half Summer Term, from 8:35am

Tue 7th Year 6 First Aid course

Wed 8th Cycling commences for Years 3/4/5/6

Wed 8th TKAT KS2 Cricket Festival (invited pupils only)

Wed 8th Y5 Maths Challenge (invited pupils only)

Wed 8th New EYFS Parent Information Evening, 5:30pm

Fri 10th TKAT KS1 Cricket Festival (invited pupils only)

Wed 15th Y6 Outdoor Activity Morning, RBCS

Thu 16th PTA Pyjama Day (Bottle Tombola Donations)

Thu 16th Year 6 Activity Day – Waterside Centre

Fri 17th PTA Fun Run and Obstacle Course (afternoon)

20th - 22nd Year 4 Residential trip – Sayers Croft

Wed 22nd Year 5 Activity Day – Waterside Centre

Fri 24th Whole School Transition (am), incl. new EYFS intake Taster morning. *Year 6 will have activities based around Sports and Y6-Y7 Transition*

Fri 24th Book Wagon Book Fair

25th - 26th Hurst Show and Country Fayre

Tue 28th Author Visit to KS1 pupils (Alison Simpson)



Designed by Amelia in Year 4
for www.hurst-jubilee.co.uk/



This week's Growth Mindset thought...

"Whatever life throws at us, our individual responses will be all the stronger for working together and sharing the load."

Queen Elizabeth II

Our School Values: Respect, Thoughtfulness, Perseverance, Friendship

Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe we are finishing another half term. There has been lots going on this last week with bell ringing, various trips and visitors taking the children back in time to learn about WW2. I am sure you will enjoy the photos in this newsletter edition.

The children have been working hard to learn their class songs for the Jubilee afternoon tea. We have several visitors from the Link Visiting Scheme and other friends and volunteers of St Nicholas. I am sure that those who can join us for a picnic on the field before pick up will enjoy a condensed performance by the children on the playground.

We look forward to welcoming Paul Palmer along to this event where he will be presenting the children with a commemorative mug, donated by the Parish Council, to mark the occasion of the Platinum Jubilee. I am sure there are parents and grandparents within our school community who have mugs, glasses and other gifts presented to them from the previous Golden and Silver Jubilees, or even the Coronation of our Queen.

I would like to thank our hard-working team of parents who make up our PTA. The PTA are currently organising several fundraising opportunities for the children.

For the Hurst Show, our PTA are looking for donations for various stalls and raffle prizes. Please take a moment to read below for more information about these.

Finally, please enjoy a restful half term break, ready for the final hurdle of the academic year.

Sarah Hilling, Acting Headteacher



Non Uniform Day – Friday 27th May

Please note tomorrow will be a non-uniform day where students can wear red, white and blue to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. No football shirts please.



Jubilee Picnic

*You are warmly invited to join us for a picnic on the field to celebrate the
Queen's Platinum Jubilee on
Friday 27th May 2022*

2:45pm

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Please bring along a picnic blanket and your own refreshments to enjoy with your children on the field. The children will be singing a collection of songs to invited guests from The Link, the children's chosen charity, earlier in the afternoon however due to space restrictions, we are unable to invite parents on this occasion.

Strictly no alcohol to be brought onto the school site please.



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Congratulations to the following children who have persevered to complete a stage in TT Rockstars: **Caleb** (TS Eliot) – Busker; **Konstantin** (Donaldson) – Wannabe; **Lexi** (Donaldson) – Unsigned Artist and **Martha P** (TS Eliot) – Breakthrough Artist and Support Act.

Well done also to **Sammy** (Longfellow) and **Ian** (Donaldson) for having the biggest increase in correct answers recently. **Sammy** was also top coin earner during this period and **Frankie** (TS Eliot) had the greatest improvements in speed and accuracy. **Violet** (TS Eliot) also receives a certificate for improved accuracy.

In Numbots, **Theo** (TS Eliot) has completed Titanium stage. Great work! **Freddie** and **Henry** (both Donaldson) have had the greatest improvements in correct answers with **Henry** also being a top coins' earner. Similarly, **Iman** (Donaldson) also received this honour. Finally, **Emilia B** (Milne) and **Mena** (TS Eliot) have shown the best increase in accuracy. Fantastic work from everybody!



Cycling Sessions for Years 3-6 from Wednesday 8th June



Coach Lloyd will be returning to St Nicholas to run cycling sessions for all KS2 pupils on Wednesdays after half term. The first session will commence on Wednesday 8th June. Year 6 will have a morning session, while Years 3, 4 and 5 will cycle after lunch in the afternoon. Your child will need a bicycle with two working brakes and a helmet and bring both to school each Wednesday. The cycle sessions will take place in all weather conditions so we ask that appropriate PE clothing is worn each week and there will be no need to send a change of clothes. Children can arrive in PE kit and stay in PE kit for the day. There are currently four spare school bikes available if your child does not currently own one.

For Whom the Bell tolls

On Tuesday the 17th of May, Blake class escaped the routine for a fun afternoon out at the church. Blake class walked down to the church and split into three groups. Each of the groups then went onto different and exciting activities, including playing the hand bells in order to get a feel for playing different tunes, doing some drawing in order to fill the time but also so that they got an idea of what the top of the bell tower looks like by colouring some detailed pictures of them and finally they got to play the actual church bells! Each of the children had a go at a technique called backstroke and some of the teachers even had a go! Overall Year 6 had an amazing time out and many are even thinking about doing it as a hobby!

By Phoebe, Year 6



Lucky Friday the 13th!

After a surprisingly fun four days of SATs, Year 6 got to go to Dinton Pastures for the day. When we all arrived, we wasted no time and set off on our little adventure. We walked around for a bit before stopping at the park for a little break. Then after the park, we took a short trip to crazy golf where we all wanted to win. Finally, we had lunch and walked back to school. We all had a great time!

By Lola, Year 6



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WW2 Workshop

This week, Longfellow and TS Eliot were sent back in time to World War II. They were visited by Mr Parsons, who was dressed as an air-raid warden (ARP). They looked at what people would have worn when they went to war and what items they took with them. They also experienced how an air-raid siren would have sounded (very loud!) and what gas masks were like and who would have worn them. Near the end of the day, they learnt to save someone if their house had been bombed using special bandages that were tied around the injured person's feet.

By Lara, Longfellow

Yesterday, it was World War II day and I learnt how to help someone in a medical situation if they got bombed and covered in rubble. Mr Parsons, a WWII expert, showed us the difference between a child's gas mask and an adult's. A child's mask was called 'Mickey Mouse' to encourage children to wear it. Mr Parsons told us a story of the Pied Piper, which is also the name of the evacuation that started in 1939 before the actual war had started. Then the whole class played a quiz about what we had learned. On World War II day I had a great experience and had a lot of fun.

By Reiley, Longfellow



'It was really fun and I learnt lots of cool facts, such as how to take care of a person who might have been unconscious and in a collapsed building that had been bombed.' *Mena, TS Eliot*

'I loved learning about the Women's Land Army and what they did. I also loved doing all the different activities like looking at all the memorabilia that the soldiers would have used and learning ARP first aid. I didn't realise that the Queen was a mechanic in WW2 either.' *Bruno, TS Eliot*

'I didn't know that Windsor Castle and Buckingham Palace got bombed! I also didn't know that you could make a shelter to protect you inside your house called the Morrison Shelter.' *Primrose, TS Eliot*



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After School Club - Update

Please let the school office know if you make a booking at After School Club for the same day your child is attending. The registers are downloaded in the morning, therefore any last minute bookings will not be seen. This may result in your child waiting to be collected unnecessarily at the end of the day.

From September 2022, BA Sports will no longer be providing wraparound care at St Nicholas CE Primary School. We are in the process of appointing a new provider of wraparound care and clubs, and we will communicate information to parents in the next half term.



Your local Scout Group is keen to offer fun, challenging and exciting activities to Beavers (6-8 years), Cubs (8-10 years) or Scouts (10-14 years). These fun, once weekly term time sessions are based at our local Scout Hut on School Road in Hurst.

We can also offer volunteering opportunities to adults who are looking for new challenges and would like to learn new skills.

For more information, please follow the QR to the short video on our website <http://www.hurstscouts.org.uk/>



Become a Hobby Horse World Record Breaker at Hurst Show!

The infamous hobby horses are now such a well loved and integral part of Hurst Show & Country Fayre that on Sunday 26th June, we will be attempting a Guinness World Record for "Largest Stick Horse Parade"! The current record stands at 250 participants and we would love the support of St Nicholas School to help break that number!

To get involved, simply pre-register for the attempt [when buying event tickets online](#) and then trot along to Martineau Green, Hurst from 1.15pm with your trusty hobby horse steed. Bring your friends, family and neighbours too!

Instructions for making a hobby horse are attached and could make a great half-term craft activity. There's also some fun online Guinness World Record related games at kids.guinnessworldrecords.com for inspiration!

Always a fun family day out, all the usual Hurst Show favourite attractions return for 2022, including hobbyhorse jumping, fun dog show, animal petting, bouncy castle, craft stalls, classic vehicle show, art show, live music and arena events including birds of prey and search and rescue dogs, plus bar and BBQ. Tickets available online – adults £5 for one day/£7.50 for weekend entry. Under 16s and carers accompanying the person they care for are free. Free parking included.



For more info and to buy tickets, visit www.hurstshow.uk/worldrecord

PTA UPDATE

A few reminders for the upcoming events.

Please sign up to volunteer at the events, any time you can spare will really help make these events great. We'll be adding more events to SignUp as soon as possible. [Please sign up here: https://signup.com/go/VKsgqdE](https://signup.com/go/VKsgqdE)

Hurst Show All games can be run alongside your (school aged) child/ren too if they wish to help and you can sign up for as little as an hour if you wish.

Raffle Prizes If you know of, or run any companies that might be able to donate a prize / voucher please get in touch. Raffle tickets will be sold from the PTA tent across both days of the Hurst Show. We'll be advertising the prizes and where they've been donated.

Project for the holidays? **Make a Treat Jar** to donate to the PTA for prizes at the Hurst Show.

So, what's a Treat Jar? Take a jar and decorate it any way you like! Fill it with sealed sweets, small toys, fun things that kids love. If your kids love it, then it can go in!

Have a great half term, fingers crossed the sun will shine!

Your St Nicholas PTA Team

What's On	When & Where	How to get involved
May		
Bag2School	Friday 20 th May	Thank you for your generous donations. £208 raised
Ice Cream/Lolly Sale	Friday 20 th May	£130 raised for Longfellow Class
Jubilee Afternoon Tea & School Picnic	Friday 27 th May 2:45pm for the children and their guests from their chosen charity 'The Link Visiting Scheme'	5 parents have volunteered to help with serving afternoon tea & scones as part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations – thank you! Ice creams and lollies will be on sale from 2:45pm at the picnic, cash, card, Apple Pay, Google Pay and PayPal payment methods available.
June		
New EYFS Parent Information Evening	Wednesday 8 th June 5:30pm – School Hall	Serving tea and coffee to our new cohort of parents joining in Sept or assisting with pre-loved uniform sales.
Non-Uniform (Pyjama!) Day & Tombola donations – Bring a Bottle!	Thursday 16 th June - collection boxes for bottles will be on the front gate	Monetary donations via collection buckets for the children to wear their favourite nightwear for the day! Donations of alcohol or non-alcoholic bottles will be used for tombola prizes at the Hurst show (see below).
Sponsored Fun Run & Obstacle Course	Friday 17 th June during school (afternoon) in school field	Your children can be sponsored to run a number of laps around the school field with an obstacle thrown in for added fun! Please ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to get involved in sponsoring the children. Come along on the day and cheer them on. Refreshments and cakes will be available to buy. Help needed to marshal the course and sell drinks. Ice lollies will be given out to each child at the end.

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Hurst Show & Country Fayre Hurst Show - 25th and 26th June 2022	Saturday 25 th & Saturday 26 th June – Events and attractions organised across Martineau Green, St Nicholas Primary School and Hurst Village Halls and Scout Hut.	Stalls to include tombola, hook-a-duck, spin-to-win, lucky dip, penalty shootout plus more! Come along and enjoy a great family day out. There will be plenty of games and refreshments to get involved in. Stall proceeds go directly to the PTA. Show proceeds are spread between a few charities including our school!
Wokingham Bikeathon	Sunday 26 th June – The riders are having the opportunity to stop for a comfort break	Parents are running a cake stall at school. Sign up to run the stall for 30mins and help the tired cyclists refuel!
July		
Summer Family BBQ	Friday 15 th July, School playground & field. 4-6pm	Please put the date in your diary for the last Friday of the school term. School is organising a summer family BBQ for the children and their families. Mrs Hilling will announce the details of the event over the coming weeks, but we will have a PTA presence there selling drinks and snacks. We'll be needing people to man the stand on a rota so we can all enjoy the event with our families.