



ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

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St Nicholas School Vision Statement

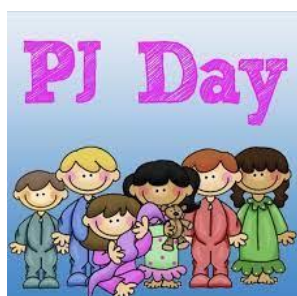
Delivering a firm foundation for our children's future success by celebrating individual and community achievement, built on Christian values.

ST NICHOLAS HURST - CHURCH SERVICES

www.thru-christ.org.uk

www.achurchnearyou.com/stnicholashurst

Sunday 12th June 11am All-age Service (10.30 refreshments)
Sunday 19th June 11am Holy Communion
Sunday 26th June No service at St Nicholas



PTA Non-Uniform Pyjama Day & Bottle Tombola Thursday 16th June

There will be a non-uniform 'pyjama' day next Thursday. In exchange for the excitement of the children wearing their nightwear to school, **please bring a bottle (alcoholic or non-alcoholic donations are all welcome!)** to contribute towards our tombola stall. Collection boxes will be available on the day at the school gate and in the School office.

EVENTS CALENDAR

June

Wed 15th Y5/Y6 Outdoor Activity Morning, RBCS (invited pupils)
Thu 16th PTA Pyjama Day (Bottle 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. *Year 6 will have activities based around Sports and Y7 Transition*
Fri 24th Book Wagon Book Fair
25th – 26th Hurst Show and Country Fayre
Tue 28th KS1 Author Visit - Alison Simpson
Thu 30th PGL Information Evening, 5:30pm (for current Year 5 parents and pupils)

July

Fri 1st District Sports at Reddam House
Tue 5th KS2 Junior Production
Wed 6th KS2 Junior Production
Fri 8th Year 1 and 2 Singing Event, Addington School
Fri 8th End of Academic Year Reports issued
Tue 12th Sports Day
Fri 15th Summer Family BBQ, 4-6pm
Mon 18th Wellington Country Park (whole school trip)
Tues 19th Singing Picnic Lunch (whole school)
Wed 20th **Last Day of Term, 1:30pm finish (no after school club)**

Year 6 First Aid Course

On Tuesday, Year 6 learned how to do CPR, how to put someone in the recovery position and how to dress a wound. It was really fun but very tiring. My favourite thing was CPR as we were listening to the Bee Gee's song 'Staying Alive' as we pushed down on a mannequin with the beat of the music.

By Tayla, Year 6



This week's Growth Mindset thought...

"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

Dr Seuss

Our School Values: Respect, Thoughtfulness, Perseverance, Friendship

Dear Parents and Carers

I trust you all had restful breaks and made the most of the exciting Jubilee celebrations during the extended bank holiday weekend. It was quite a remarkable celebration.

I have to express how proud the children made us as a school during their Jubilee singing through the decades for our visitors on the last day of term. Their performance of the Jubilee song *Rise up and Shine* was very uplifting. It was lovely that so many parents were able to join us for some relaxed time on the field at the end of the half term. I would also like to thank the children who represented the school at the Hurst Jubilee Show on Saturday with their country dancing. Without a team of dedicated staff, willing parents and enthusiastic children, these events would not take place. Thank you!

There have been so many activities already this term with cricket fixtures, Maths challenge, First Aid training and the return of cycling lessons for Key Stage 2. We have a busy term ahead so please keep an eye on communications from school and the PTA about upcoming events.

The PTA are busy preparing for the Hurst Show on 25th and 26th June. Please do support the committee with donations and time. All money raised at these events go towards the extra things for our pupils throughout the whole school which, without this funding, we would not be able to provide. Any support, no matter how small makes a huge difference.

With Miss McGrail leaving, it has been a difficult year and we all feel sad that we are unable to give her the send-off she deserves. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Governing Body for entrusting me to lead our school in the interim period. I am honoured to have been given the opportunity and delighted that I can continue as Head of School at St Nicholas Primary School from September. I have loved every minute of my time at our school; as a class teacher and as SENCO. I am determined to ensure that our school will continue to provide the best possible education, outcomes and experiences for your children. I look forward to continue to work closely with our amazing staff team, to ensure that the School continues to be one your children enjoy and are proud to attend - a place they feel safe and happy, excited and cared for. Thank you for your kind words of support that I have received since the news was officially announced to our community.

Sarah Hilling, Acting Headteacher

Staffing Update

It is with great regret that I announce that, at the end of this year, both Mrs Gia Middleton and Mrs Julie Baker will be leaving us.

Mrs Middleton will be taking early retirement; not to rest up, but to enjoy some campervan travelling adventures instead. As our longest serving member of staff currently at St Nicholas, Mrs Middleton has been an integral part of our school community. During her 18 years, Mrs Middleton has enjoyed teaching across the school in both Key stages. We have been privileged to have worked with someone with such dedication and commitment to her role, on a personal level, Mrs Middleton has been a huge support to me over years, for which I am grateful. While we wish her well on her travels and future adventures, in between a few Queen concerts, we will miss her greatly both as a teacher, a colleague and as a friend.

Mrs Baker is also starting a new and exciting chapter as she is moving to her home town of Wales. Mrs Baker has worked at St Nicholas for 7 years and alongside Mrs Middleton for the most part of this. They were quite the triumphant team! We will all dearly miss Mrs Baker and her calm, smiley disposition; she has been a valued member of our St Nicholas family. She assures me that Welsh cakes will continue to be delivered directly to my desk in her absence!

In September, Miss Victoria Canwell will be joining St Nicholas as a new member of the team and will be teaching Year 2 during the morning sessions. Miss Canwell comes with great experience, beginning her teaching career in 2003. Miss Canwell has been actively involved in Primary School leadership and has had a plethora of roles and responsibilities within school. We hope you join us in congratulating Miss Canwell in her new appointment.

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GIFT: Paul Palmer of Hurst jubilee committee with, from left, Jack, five, Clementine, eight, Lucy, five, William, nine, and Dhiyan, eight

School children given souvenir mugs

PRIMARY school children have received jubilee mugs which will remind them of the fun they had at the Queen's 70th anniversary celebrations.

Pupils at St Nicholas Primary in Hurst were presented with the mugs by Paul Palmer of Hurst Parish Council last Friday.

Paul, who still has his own Queen's 25th jubilee mug, was a pupil at St Nicholas at the time of the silver anniversary.

The presentations were made at the school's jubilee celebrations last Friday.

The children sang songs from the different decades of the Queen's reign and remembered events during that time.

The whole school joined together for the official jubilee song, Rise Up and Serve.

The school's charity is The Link Visiting Scheme, a charity dedicated to reducing loneliness in Wokingham borough. Among the audience last Friday were friends of the charity and also its volunteers. People who volunteer at the school and school governors also attended.

Acting headteacher Sarah Hilling told the guests: "Our children have worked so hard and had so much fun learning the songs, especially the jubilee song."

The children later enjoyed a picnic with their parents on the school field. They also sang to their parents.

Hurst Parish Council, sponsored by Stanlake Park Wine Estate, is organising many jubilee events from today through to Sunday.

■ www.hurst-jubilee.co.uk





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Judo Club Taster Session

We are excited to welcome back Oliver Fricker, our Judo Coach who will re-launching his weekly Judo club on Monday mornings (8am-8:45am) from September. Olly has been involved in Judo for 20+ years and coaching for 11 years and is a UK CC Level 2 Qualified coach. He is affiliated with the British Judo Association and guest coach at the Pinewood Judo Club in Crowthorne. Judo club will be open to pupils in Years 2-6 only.

On **Friday 17th June**, Olly will be visiting St Nicholas to run a taster session in during the school day (for pupils in Year 1 and above) to give the children an opportunity to meet Olly and get a flavour of the sport before committing to booking lessons. Children will need to wear their PE kit on Friday 17th June.

PTA Sponsored Fun Run, Friday 17th June

Every child is encouraged to take part and set themselves a target number of laps of the school field they can achieve on the day. As an additional challenge, this year we will be adding in some 'obstacles' to add an extra layer of fun! Every child taking part will be given an ice lolly at the end.



Please can all children come to school in their PE kit that day wearing trainers they can run comfortably in. On the day, you and any friends/relatives are warmly invited to come along and cheer on the children - bring a picnic rug/chair. The PTA will be selling refreshments under a gazebo (hot/cold drinks and cakes/biscuits) - we would welcome some help in setting this up and running the stall too. Please sign up here if you can help on the day - <https://signup.com/go/dJAgmkN>

Please ask family & friends to sponsor your child to complete their challenge (either a set amount or X amount per lap), and raise money for our school. This can either be done:

- Online via the PTA GoFundMe page via the following link - <https://gofund.me/6aca27c3>
- By completing and returning the attached sponsorship form (printed copies are available to collect from the school office if required). Cash payments can be left at the school office. Please ensure all payments are returned by Friday 1st July.



Well done to **Amelia L** (Longfellow) and to **Freddie** (Blake) who have both achieved Headliner status and to **Eva** (Donaldson) who is now a Wannabe. This week **Sammy** (Longfellow) has had the greatest increase in correct answers whereas **Eva** has had the biggest improvement in speed. **Konstantin** (Donaldson) was the most accurate player and **Felix** (TS Eliot) has been the top coin earner. Well done all!

In Numbots, **Sean** (Donaldson) has achieved his Carbon Fibre certificate whilst **Oskar** (Milne) has improved his accuracy. **Colette** (TS Eliot) has had the greatest increase in speed and in coins earned.



WOKINGHAM BIKEATHON

Sunday 26th June 2022
Event Hub: Cantley Park

FAMILY FRIENDLY

15, 25, 35
MILE
SIGNED ROUTES

Register 8:15 → 10:30am
Families from 9am

Adults £15
12-18 years £3
Under 12 - FREE

On the day entry available
Proceeds to charity

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PTA UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had an enjoyable half term! The fantastic Jubilee celebrations may be over but get yourselves ready for the next 6 weeks full of school events instead!

Please drop your **Treat Jars**, **Lucky Dip Prizes** and **Raffle Prize** donations into the office as soon as possible. These donations all go to making the Hurst Show fun for all our visitors across the weekend! The money raised by these events does make a real difference to resources we can provide for our children's classes.

Volunteer! - We cannot run events for our children to enjoy or pay to support school activities without volunteers. Please sign up and lend a hand – at little as 1 hour would be wonderful. Many hands make light work. It's a great way to meet other parents, get involved in the community, and really makes a difference to all the children in the school. Everyone is welcome. Please sign up here to whichever time you can commit to:
<https://signup.com/go/VKsgqdE>

Donations – to go straight to the office, a PTA Team member or drop off with bottle donations on Thursday 16th

- Treat Jars (filled with wrapped sweets, small toys and decorated by your child)
- Lucky Dip Prizes
- Raffle Prizes:
 - Good quality chocolates, candles etc. we can add to hampers
 - If you know of, or run any companies that might be able to donate a prize / voucher please get in touch with a member of the PTA team. Raffle tickets will be sold from the PTA tent across both days of the Hurst Show. We'll be advertising the prizes and the generous companies who have donated.

What's coming up soon?

Thursday 16th June - Non-Uniform (Pyjama Day)

- **Donate a bottle!** Alcoholic and Non-alcoholic donations greatly received, in return for your child(ren) wearing their favourite nightwear to school for the day. Any donations received will become tombola prizes at the Hurst show, so you could win your favourite tipple!

Friday 17th June – PTA Sponsored Fun Run

- **Help set up the course or sell refreshments!** Further information on the fun run itself (sponsorship form etc) has been sent out separately, but we do need support from parents to set up the course for the children, marshal it, and sell refreshments to parents/carers watching.

Please volunteer for the Hurst Show or Fun Run by signing up here:

<https://signup.com/go/VKsgqdE>

Your PTA Team

What's On	When & Where	How to get involved
May		
Bag2School	Friday 20 th May	£208 raised – thank you
Ice Cream/Lolly Sale	Friday 20 th May	£130 raised for Longfellow Class
Jubilee Afternoon Tea & School Picnic	Friday 27 th May	Thank you for your ice cream consumption! £95 raised And everyone had a great time!

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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	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.
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.
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