



# ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Road, Hurst, Berkshire RG10 0DR

**NEWSLETTER 21 – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022**



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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](http://www.thru-christ.org.uk)

[www.achurchnearyou.com/stnicholashurst](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/stnicholashurst)

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June** No service at St Nicholas  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** 11am Holy Communion  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July** 11am All-age Service (10:30 refreshments)

## BOOKWAGON

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## Popup Book Fair

St Nicholas Church of England Primary School

Bookwagon Limited- [www.bookwagon.co.uk](http://www.bookwagon.co.uk)



**Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**

Independent children's bookseller Bookwagon Limited visits with a pop up book fair on June 24<sup>th</sup>. There'll be a rich variety of fantastic titles sold by two experienced booksellers who read every book and seek to share and build reading joy. Cash and cards accepted, All titles discounted in price. Every book purchased builds a commission of books for St Nicholas CE Primary School.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### June

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup>** Whole School Transition (am), incl. new EYFS intake. Year 6 will have activities based around Sports and Y7 Transition  
**Fri 24<sup>th</sup>** Bookwagon Book Fair [www.bookwagon.co.uk](http://www.bookwagon.co.uk)  
**25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>** Hurst Show and Country Fayre  
**Tue 28<sup>th</sup>** KS1 Author Visit - Alison Simpson  
**Thu 30<sup>th</sup>** PGL Information Evening, 5:30pm (for current Year 5 parents and pupils)

### July

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup>** District Sports at Reddam House (selected pupils)  
**Tue 5<sup>th</sup>** KS2 Junior Production, 6:00pm  
**Fri 8<sup>th</sup>** Year 1 and 2 'The Big Sing', Addington School  
**Fri 8<sup>th</sup>** End of Academic Year Reports issued  
**Tue 12<sup>th</sup>** Sports Day  
**Fri 15<sup>th</sup>** Summer Family BBQ, 4-6pm  
**Mon 18<sup>th</sup>** Wellington Country Park (whole school trip)  
**Tues 19<sup>th</sup>** Singing Picnic Lunch (whole school)  
**Wed 20<sup>th</sup>** **Last Day of Term, 1:30pm finish (no after school club)**

### August

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup>** Hurst Horticultural Show, 12:30pm Village Halls

### September

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup>** INSET DAY – School Closed  
**Mon 5<sup>th</sup>** INSET DAY – School Closed  
**Tues 6<sup>th</sup>** Start of Autumn Term, from 8:35am

## Summer BBQ, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July

We warmly invite you and your family to join us for an end of term Summer BBQ here at the school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 4pm - 6pm.

**Please book your tickets via this link for a nominal entry fee of £1 per ticket**

**[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS](#)**

There will be a circus workshop, children's entertainment, refreshments and music for you to enjoy. There will also be a BBQ where you can purchase food and refreshments hosted by Vintage Hog Roast Catering Co (please ensure you choose meat or vegetarian option). Cash and card payments accepted.

**Tickets are now on sale to Parents and Governors and entry will be by ticket only.**

Please ensure you book early to avoid disappointment!



**Our School Values: Respect, Thoughtfulness, Perseverance, Friendship**

## *Dear Parents and Carers*

Welcome to a bumper edition of our School Newsletter! Lots of news and even more information on what is yet to come.

I am looking forward to seeing our families at the Hurst Show this weekend. Come along to see our Year 6 children perform our annual Maypole Dances for the opening of the show at 10am. *Thank you* has to go to the talented trio, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Holland and Mrs Prince for putting this together this year! Make sure you visit the circus tent hosted by the PTA and the parents who have signed up to help on the stalls.

Another “*Thank You*” to all those parents who helped organise and run the PTA Fun Run event which was held in school this morning and provided ice lolly medals. The families of the school have raised an amazing amount already, with more and more coming in. Once we have had a final count the PTA will announce the total amount raised for school. It was lovely to see so many supporters join in with the event, watching and cheering. This was followed by a “Frosty Friday” with more ice-cream sales from the PTA at the end of the school day. What a team! If you would like to support the PTA, in any capacity, please do speak to your class rep or any member of the PTA.

You and your child can also sign up to help at the Hurst Show on the PTA circus tent

here: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/337028348345170084/false#/invitation>

I would also like to thank Mr Butler-Willis and Mrs Mitchell for supporting the Year 4 children this week on their residential trip to Sayers Croft. There were stories of courage and determination as fears were faced; I gather the children were also very brave. Photos will be shared with parents as soon as they collated.

We still have lots of upcoming events to look forward to, including transition morning tomorrow, Bookwagon Book Fair, an Author visit, our family BBQ, Y6 Panto, Sports Day, Wellington Country Park and a Singing picnic. Please ensure you read the newsletters and communications from school at this busy time.

If you would like to contribute to the school community collection for Miss McGrail which is being organised by our governing body, please make your donations here where you can also leave a personal message. <https://pay.collectiv.com/miss-mcgrail-collection-59274>

*Sarah Hilling, Acting Headteacher*



### **Class Photograph Orders**

Have you ordered your school photos online yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **MONDAY 27th JUNE 2022**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk)

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

### **PGL Information Evening, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 5:30pm**

Mr Butler-Willis will be holding an information meeting for parents and children in Year 5 regarding the forthcoming Year 6 residential trip to PGL Liddington in September. The meeting will be held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 5:30pm in Blake classroom and should last approximately 30-45 minutes. For those who are unable to attend this meeting, the information will be sent out.





### KS2 Production 'Panto Pandemonium', Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

The performance will be from 6.00pm - 7.15pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Children will need to be in school at 5.30pm. Information on costumes and organisation will follow from the class teachers. [CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

We are limited to 138 tickets for hall capacity so tickets will be limited to 4 per family.

Priority will be given to the families of Year 6 until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June at which point the booking form will be opened more widely to other year groups.

### Sports Day, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

All children will participate in field events in the morning with no parent spectators.

In the afternoon, children will take part in the track races and parents will be invited to spectate and cheer them on! **Parents may arrive from 1.30pm.**



Well done to **Sammy** (Longfellow) who has achieved Rock Legend status. She has also had the greatest increase in correct answers. **Violet** (TS Eliot) has had the greatest increase in coins earned and in accuracy. Well done also to **Konstantin** (Donaldson) who has improved his speed.

In Numbots, **Sean** (Donaldson) has reached Titanium level and **Giovanna** (TS Eliot) has completed Tin. Fantastic work! **Xander** (Milne) has also had a great week, gaining certificates for the greatest increase in correct answers, accuracy and coins earned.



### How is your Hobby Horse coming along? Can we set a new World Record?



With names like 'Fairground Escapee' and 'Wired Up', our display of amazing hobby horses has to be seen to be believed!

Come along to Hobby Horse HQ on Martineau Green over show weekend to see the display, and get inspired to take part in our Guinness World Record Attempt!

Details at <https://hurstshow.uk/worldrecord>

These horses, plus more not shown have been kindly donated to us by St Mary's Church Penwortham in Lancashire and were part of their recent Jubilee display of over 250 Hobby Horses!

To buy tickets: <https://www.hurstshow.uk/tickets>







### **Year 6 Cricket**

The Year 6 cricket team took to the field at Aldryngton Primary School, for their first match of the new league. Captain Will won the toss and put Aldryngton into bat. Some superb bowling restricted Aldryngton to just 28 run, with Harry, Elliot, Lewis and Ollie producing some fine figures. Then St Nicholas began their innings. The game looked close until Jake came into bat, hitting 4s for fun! After that the result was never in doubt and we won comfortably scoring 68 runs!

### **Sports Update from Mrs Rudd**

We took some of our Year 5 and 6 cricket stars to Alder Grove School on 8<sup>th</sup> June to play against other schools in cricket pairs. The children really enjoyed it and the rain stayed away. We had two teams and both of them competed well and won one game each and lost one each. Both sets of games were played in great spirits.



### **Year 3/4 Cricket Skills**

We went over to Shinfield St Mary's on 8<sup>th</sup> June for the afternoon to improve our cricket skills, the children had the opportunity to bowl, bat and field. They all did very well and all had a great time. I am hoping to continue developing those skills in our PE lessons. We had a few of the young leaders commenting on how well behaved our children were. So, well done, children!

### **Year 1 Cricket Skills**

We took all of our Year 1 class to Alder Grove school on 10<sup>th</sup> June morning to introduce them to cricket for the first time. There were lots of stations dotted around the field so they got to have a go at throwing balls at cricket stumps and knocking them over, batting a static ball from a batting tee, volcanoes and craters and some throwing and catching games in partners. Again all of the children were very well behaved and they were a pleasure to take.



# PTA UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to parents who came along to support the Fun Run last week in the hot weather. A special thank you to the volunteers who helped to set up & marshal the obstacle course and give the children a fun twist on the traditional 'fun run'. The kids look like they really enjoyed it and chaotic ice lolly sale that followed on Friday afternoon. These ice lolly sales are proving to be quite a hit! We will update on the total raised at the Fun Run (fund matched by Microsoft!) event once all the donations have come in (see below).

**PLEASE READ ON... 2 VERY IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK...**

## **1. Roll up, roll up... it's Hurst Show time – A great family day out which significantly supports our school.**

**Volunteer** – please join us, **even for just a 1 hour slot** at our circus themed PTA tent. Any help will make a difference. We are short of people to run some of the games particularly in the afternoon slots on both days. The children can help run the stalls (except the Tombola) with you or by themselves if they have a supervised adult. Full instructions will be provided for each game.

If you are planning on coming to the Hurst show anyway, please do lend a hand. The small PTA team have worked very hard to make this year's offering from the PTA a good one. Many hands really do make light work for everyone. Everyone is welcome.

**Please volunteer for the Hurst Show by signing up here:** <https://signup.com/go/VKsgqdE>

**Donations** – Please send in any last remaining donations straight to the school office please ASAP.

- Treat Jars
- Lucky Dip Prizes
- Raffle Prizes

**Visit** – the Hurst Show promises to be a great day out with something for everyone, kids' games to classic cars, plenty of food on offer. Bring your 50ps

## **2. Fun Run – Please send any remaining sponsorship money by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July.**

Thank you to all those who have sponsored so far – online donations are around the £660 mark currently. Please send any remaining sponsorship in either the GoFundMe site <https://gofund.me/6aca27c3> or by handing in your paper forms and money into the school office by 1<sup>st</sup> July.

We are working really hard in the PTA team to deliver lots of varied events and have noticed a nice steady increase in support & higher fundraising totals over recent weeks, so **thank you**. Going forward, we will ensure we communicate very clearly where this fundraising is being spent in the school (in collaboration with Mrs Hilling) to support your child's school experience.

**Your PTA Team**

What's On	When & Where	How to get involved
<b>May</b>		
Bag2School	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	£208 raised – thank you
Ice Cream/Lolly Sale	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	£130 raised for Longfellow Class
Jubilee Afternoon Tea & Picnic	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	£95 raised – thank you
<b>June</b>		
New Parent Information Evening	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	We met some lovely new people and raised £28 in uniform sales, equally keeping good quality uniform out of landfill!
Non-Uniform (Pyjama!) Day & Tombola donations	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Thank you for the fantastic donation of 131 bottles! These will be prizes in the Tombola at the Hurst Show
Sponsored Fun Run & Obstacle Course	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	A great morning of obstacle fun! Thank you to all that took part in whatever way. We'll post the total here at the end of the month.
Hurst Show & Country Fayre <a href="#">Hurst Show - 25th and 26th June 2022</a>	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> & Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> June – Events and attractions organised across Martineau Green, St Nicholas Primary School and Hurst Village Halls and Scout Hut.	Sign up to man one of the PTA stalls (with/without your child!) for a 1 hour slot at our funfair themed tent. 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 <sup>th</sup> June – The riders are having the opportunity to stop for a comfort break	Riders will be using facilities at the Early Years end of school
<b>July</b>		
Summer Family BBQ	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July, School playground & field. 4-6pm	You should all have received your email invite by now, please book your nominal £1 tickets online. We'll be needing people to man the stand on a rota so we can all enjoy the event with our families.  <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2k2hmmu5">https://tinyurl.com/2k2hmmu5</a>

### Read on for information on:

- **Wokingham Bikeathon on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June**
- **Summer Tennis Camp in August for children aged 4-11 years at Wheatfield Primary School, Winnersh**

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# 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**

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## Wheatfield Primary School

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**9<sup>TH</sup>-11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**  
**23<sup>RD</sup>-25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

**4-11 YEAR OLDS**

9.30am-12.30pm

**£20 per day | £50 per week**

To book your place, visit  
**[popuptennis.co.uk](http://popuptennis.co.uk)**

For all other enquiries, email  
**[info@popuptennis.co.uk](mailto:info@popuptennis.co.uk)**

Please remember to bring a snack and/or lunch, along  
with some warm layers (depending on the weather).