



December 9th 2022

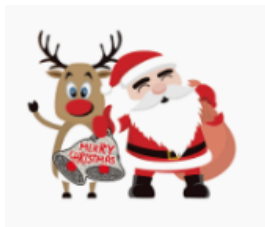
Upcoming Dates

December

Tue 13th Christmas Exhibition with St Nicholas Church
Wed 14th Caterlink Christmas Lunch
Wed 14th PTA Christmas Grotto -No KS2 PE
Thu 15th Whole School Christmas Panto
Fri 16th PTA Bauble hunt
Fri 16th PTA Festive Cake Sale 3.00pm
Mon 19th Christmas Craft Day
Tue 20th Carol Service at Church
Tue 20th School finishes 1.30pm

January

Wed 4th INSET Day
Thu 5th Back to school
Mon 9th Year 1 and 2 Trip to Windsor



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Well done and thank you to the Choir and Recorder groups who attended the Hurst Village Christmas Fayre last Saturday. They truly represented our value of courage to perform in front of all the families!



On Wednesday and Thursday, Infant pupils all came together for their Nativity production of 'Baarmy Bethlehem'. After hours of work learning songs, dances, lines and acting skills, they put on some fantastic shows for our local community, including visitors from 'The Link' and 'St Nicholas Pre School' before performing to a hall packed full of their grown-ups and our very special guest, the Mayor of Wokingham.



Thank you to parents and carers who helped with all the learning of lines at home and preparing of costumes and to all the teachers and teaching assistants who worked tirelessly to put the performances together. I'm sure you will all agree, it all came together perfectly and the children did extremely well. Well done to all!





Wokingham Borough Mayor, Cllr Caroline Smith, enjoyed a tour of the school before the Nativity began.

Cllr Caroline Smith said:

“I was smiling the whole way through the children’s performance, which was simply magical. The children were perfectly charming and did a wonderful job today. It was a great pleasure to attend.”

St Nicholas Day Service – 6th December

Thank you to those who volunteered to help safely walk the children to the church for our St Nicholas Day Collective Worship.

The children shared songs, prayers and poems inspired by the life and stories of the Saint. St Nicholas lived almost 2000 years ago with his uncle and would demonstrate his kindness and generosity towards the sick, poor and needy, in many ways. St Nicholas, patron saint of children and sailors, is surrounded by such stories which also are reflected in our own school values of Respect, Honesty, Courage and Kindness. His stories help build the foundations for an ethos based on kindness here at St Nicholas.

St Nicholas was an ancestor of Santa Claus, more commonly known as Father Christmas, he was one of the mysterious gift givers, giving love, kindness compassion and time. He also gave his own money to those who needed it more.

His generosity and spirit brings a smile to children around the world at Christmas time. In the Netherlands and Germany, children put their shoes out on the night before Saint Nicholas Day. The next morning, children wake up to find their shoes are filled with small presents from Saint Nicholas. In School, through our own school values, we too make sure the legacy of St Nicholas lives on. *Thank you to Chocoholics for the donation of the chocolate coins given to the children to celebrate St Nicholas Day.*



An anonymous parent emailed school following the service with some lovely feedback;

“I had the absolute joy of attending the St Nicholas day service this morning and just wanted to say how wonderful I thought the children’s’ singing was. They all appeared to be singing with all their hearts. I think you have a very musically gifted set of children at school! And their singing ‘in the round’ was super confident. “

New Age Curling

Mrs Rudd and Mr Godden took Georgia, Megan and Mena (TSE Class) to Bohunt on Tuesday to have experience the unusual sport of New Age Curling. The children were fantastic and they played like they had been playing for years!

We are very proud of them all for representing the school so well. If you do not know what "New Age Curling" is, then these are the girls to ask!



Many thanks indeed to **Mr Boyden** for showing great courage and giving his time to put up our beautiful outdoor Christmas lights. The staff were not brave enough, or qualified, to scale a ladder to the dizzy heights of our school roof! I think you will agree that it is lovely to see the school looking so festive. Please see his details should you need to use his services too!

We think "Christmas Lights" need adding to his specialist list!

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Bespoke Enrichment Opportunities

Day	What's On?	For more info/ booking
Monday	8.00am Morning Judo with Ollie Fricker 1.00pm Guitar Tuition with Tony Lyons 7.00pm Adult Yoga with Katy Meads	https://judo-school.class4kids.co.uk/term/33 tonytonylyons@gmail.com Call 07761591605
Tuesday	1.00pm Berkshire Maestros Music Tuition	www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk
Wednesday	8.00am Morning Fencing Club with The Little Musketeers (dates for next term will be 11th January to 22nd March 2023) Lunchtime Books and Board games club	https://musketeerseducation.com/ Mrs Hilling & Mrs Hattrick
Football Free Thursday	Lunchtime Dance Starz for all!	No sign up! Just step up!
Friday	12.00pm Recorder Club 1.00pm – Group Piano tuition	admin@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk admin@wekey.co.uk
Everyday	Get Active After School Club	https://getactivesportsuk.coordinate.cloud/project/30962

Our very popular Books and Board Games Club would be grateful if anyone is able to donate any board games or colouring books. Please could you ensure that all the pieces are with the games and that they take less than half an hour to play. Please bring to the School Office. Thank you 😊

Local events over the festive period

Saturday 10th December

Christmas Dinner Dance 6:00pm - 11:59pm

Hurst Village Hall

Organised by St Nicholas School PTA and Hurst Village Society

Sunday 11th December **Messy Christingle**

11:00am St.Nicholas Church

Friday 16th December **Youth Club**

7:00pm Hurst Scout Hut

Any children in school years 7-9 are welcome to come along.

£2 a session to cover the cost of hiring the scout hut.

If you are interested in coming along, then please [email](#) for a registration form.

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/stnicholashurst>

Sunday 18th December **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

11:00am St.Nicholas Church

Parish Communion, conducted by Reverend David West

Sunday 18th December **Christmas Carols**

5:00pm Hurst Gospel Hall

Followed by refreshments.

Sunday 18th December **Carols in the Castle**

6:30pm The Castle Inn

Informal community carol singing, led by Hope and Claire Lawrence

Saturday 24th December **Crib Service**

4:00pm St.Nicholas Church

Saturday 24th December

Midnight Communion Service

11:30pm St.Nicholas Church

Conducted by Reverend Graham

Sunday 25th December

Christmas Morning Service

10:30am - 11:15am Hurst Gospel Hall

Followed by refreshments.

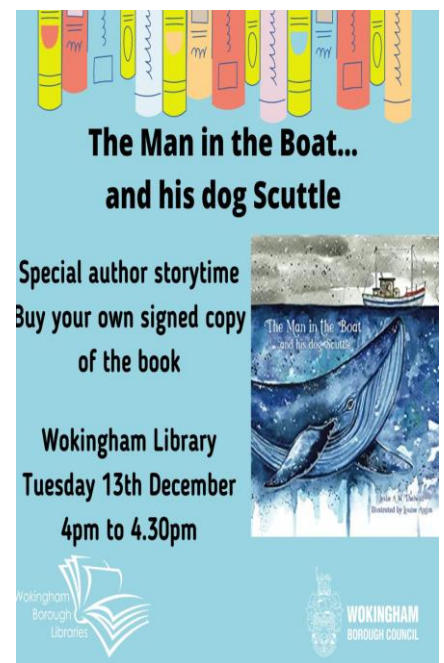
Sunday 25th December

Christmas Day Communion

11:00am St.Nicholas Church

Conducted by Reverend David West

Community News





At Wokingham Library on the first and fourth Saturday of each month Code Club is run for 9-13-year-olds. Code Club aims to introduce coding to young people, helping them progress through projects, to create games, animations, and web pages using Scratch, Python.

Limited spaces are available.

If you would like to apply please get in touch with us at volunteer@wokingham.gov.uk

WINTER CAMPS

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19th December - 23rd December 2022 & 3rd January 2023.

HOW TO BOOK	VENUES, TIMES & PRICES	WHAT WE'RE UP TO...
<p>Visit www.getactivesports.com and register yourself and your child. If you're new to GetActive, sign in with the usual login if you have used us before.</p> <p>Select your nearest venue and view live availability.</p> <p>Select the days and session times required.</p>	<p>8am - 3:30pm £28.45 OR 8am - 6pm £31.45</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shinfield St Marys, RG2 9EJ Radstock Primary, RG6 5UZ Willowbank Infants, RG5 4RW Robert Piggott Infants, RG10 8ED Hillside Primary, RG6 4HQ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football Tennis Team Games Hockey Basketball Rounders Gaming Mad Science Jewellery making Arts & Crafts Lava Lamps Dress Up

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the national sleep helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

03303 530 541
Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Wednesday 9am - 11am

the national sleep helpline

50%

Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?
In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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