



St Nicholas School Bulletin



The organic baby food co.

January 13th 2023

Upcoming Dates

January 2023

Fri 13th Willow Dome
 Wed 18th Parent IPP Meetings
 Thur 19th Parent IPP Meetings
 Thur 19th Cross Country Running League KS2
 Fri 20th Y6 Bikeability
 Fri 20th Y3/4 Football Festival
 Mon 23rd Discovery Swim Gala 8chn Y5/6
 Fri 27th Y6 Bikeability

February 2023

Weds 1st Y2 / Y6 SATS information Evening
 Fri 3rd Y6 Bikeability
 Weds 8th Bookwagon Book Fayre
 Thur 9th PTA Disco
 Fri 10th INSET Day
 13th-17th Half Term
 Tue 21st PTA Bake Sale and pancake races
 Fri 24th Y6 Bikeability
 Tues 28th Y5 Hockey Festival
 Thur 2nd WORLD BOOK DAY
 Thur 2nd 6pm Bedtime Stories

March 2023

Fri 3rd Year 6 Trip to Ashmolean Museum
 Tue 7th Y6 Parent Evening
 Wed 8th Parent Evening All classes
 Thur 9th Parent Evening F2 – Y5
 Fri 10th Y6 Bikeability
 Fri 17th Adult Quiz Night
 Fri 24th TKAT Y3/4 Sports Event
 Tue 28th PTA Bake Sale
 Thur 30th Easter Exhibition for Children
 Fri 31st 10am Church Easter Service
 Fri 31st 1.30pm End of Spring Term

April 2023

Mon 3rd – Fri 14th EASTER HOLIDAY
 Mon 17th Children back to school
 Fri 21st Year 3 Swimming starts

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all.
 We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas break.

Poppy Appeal



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Poppy Appeal. The snapbands were certainly a popular choice!!
 Your kind donations raised **£113.87**.

PE Days Schedule

Please see below the allocated PE days for each class. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing the appropriate PE uniform on these days. As a reminder, PE Kit consists of plain blue or navy tracksuit bottoms or shorts, School PE polo shirt, School jumper and trainers.

MILNE	DONALDSON	TS ELIOT	LONGFELLOW	BLAKE
Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Thursday	Thursday	Wednesday	Friday	Friday

Those who are participating in morning Judo or Fencing may come to school in their PE kit. For Forest school, please ensure the children bring to school waterproofs and wellies to change into. The children will be outside whatever the weather!



Windsor Castle

The children in Year 1 and 2 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Windsor Castle this week. Their history topic was brought to life as they explored the castle's State Apartments, saw Queen Mary's Dolls House and had the opportunity to see Queen Elizabeth II's resting place in St George's Chapel. Each year group also learnt a wealth of historical information during their entertaining interactive workshop, focusing on the reign of Queen Victoria.

Additionally, it was noted that the children were excellent representatives of our school where they demonstrated our value of Respect when listening to adults and while walking around the castle. We would like to take the opportunity to thank the parents who accompanied us on our visit.





Forest Fun Afterschool Club

We are delighted that Forest Fun After School Club will be starting at St Nicholas CE Primary School on Thursday 19th January 2023, after school until 4.30pm. This club is full and we currently hold a waiting list. If there is further interest we will explore the option to expand on this and introduce a second Forest School Club. Please do contact the team at Wilderness and Wonder and let them know of your interest if you would like to be placed on the waiting list.

Contact Vicki 07977129819

Web www.wildnessandwonder.co.uk

For Bookings <https://bookwhen.com/wildnessandwonder>

A flyer for the Forest Fun Afterschool Club. The top half features a photograph of a young girl in a pink sweater and white pants, sitting on a log in a forest. The bottom half contains text about the club. The text is as follows:

Wildness & Wonder →

Forest Fun Afterschool Club

Every Thursday
after school until 4.30pm.

Led by the Wildness and Wonder team in our outdoor area, they will be running an afterschool club for children Reception to Y6 at St Nicholas CE Primary School. The Outdoor Forest School club will have an emphasis on child-led activities, natural play and woodland arts and crafts. Each session will focus on different skills such as den building, assault courses, Hips Zone printing, whittling, team building, fire lighting, tool projects, campfire cooking and much more.

Thursday 19th January – Thursday 30th March 10 weeks £95

<https://bookwhen.com/wildnessandwonder>

Please make sure your children come to school with outdoor wear and woggles to change into or put over their school uniform.

www.wildnessandwonder.co.uk for more information please call Vicki on 07977129819.

Bespoke Enrichment Opportunities

Day	What's On?	For more info/ booking
Monday	8.00am Morning Judo with Ollie Fricker *Coming Soon* Lunchtime Football Coaching 12.00pm *day change* recorder club 1.00pm Guitar Tuition with Tony Lyons 7.00pm Adult Yoga with Katy Meads	https://judo-school.class4kids.co.uk/term/33 Core Coaching – Free – limited spaces admin@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk tonytonylyons@gmail.com Call 07761591605
Tuesday	1.00pm Berkshire Maestros Music Tuition *Coming Soon* Lunchtime Football Coaching	www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk Core Coaching – Free – limited spaces
Wednesday	8.00am Morning Fencing Club Little Musketeers Lunchtime Books and Board games club WASMA Choir Group	https://musketeerseducation.com/ Mrs Hilling & Mrs Hatrick Mrs Clacy and Mrs Prince
Thursday	Lunchtime Dance Starz for all! *NEW* 3.15- 4.30pm Forest Fun After School Club	No sign up! Just step up! https://bookwhen.com/wildnessandwonder
Friday	*NEW* Lunchtime Book Club 1.00pm – Group Piano tuition	Mrs Hatrick KS2 only admin@wekey.co.uk
Everyday	Get Active After School Club https://getactivesportsuk.coordinate.cloud/project/30962	

We are very excited how our offer has grown over the past year regarding the enrichment opportunities that we can offer at St Nicholas. We are still looking to expand on this offer to cater for more children. If this is something that you think you might be able to help with, please get in touch!

Attendance



St Nicholas School believes that punctual and regular school attendance is essential for effective learning.

We are committed to ensuring that all students attend school regularly and where possible have an attendance of above 96% for the academic year. Regular school attendance is vital if students are to benefit from the experiences which the school offers them; we believe that students should attend school regularly to give them the best opportunity to learn and grow.

Our vision states that we are building firm foundations for our children. Poor attendance makes this increasingly challenging, compromising these foundations meaning children and teachers have to work even harder to make up missed time.

Our teachers are ready to start their first lesson at 9.00am, and our teaching assistants are already listening to readers and working with small groups from 8.35am.

Why is attendance so important?

It is difficult to “catch up” when time is missed. Even starting the day late can impact your child’s entire day and effects learning in the classroom.

Your child will feel connected academically and socially when they have good attendance.

Good school attendance helps to build habits that last a lifetime and transfer beyond school.

0 days off school in a year 0 lessons missed	100%	Perfect attendance
2 days off school in a year 10 lessons missed	99%	Excellent attendance
5 days off school in a year 25 lessons missed	97%	Good attendance
10 days off school in a year 50 lessons missed	95%	Slightly below average attendance
14 days off school in a year 70 lessons missed	93%	Poor attendance
20 days off school in a year 100 lessons missed	90%	Very poor attendance

Reporting Absence

Whilst attendance is key to learning it is also important that when your child is ill they have time off to rest and get better. Please telephone the school office before 8.45am if your child is going to be absent. This should be done on the first and every day of their absence. Alternatively, send an email to the school office at admin@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk

PTA NEWS

A productive PTA meeting was held at school on 11th January. Lots of ideas and plans were put in place for exciting events over the remaining academic year. We'd love to see as many parents & carers get involved in organising these events. Any offer of help, no matter how small, will be gratefully received.

What has the money raised been used for:

Enough money has been raised to buy the much-needed canopy to go over the Early Years outside area. This will enable the children to continue using the area come rain or shine. We are hoping to see this appear over the next 6-10 weeks!



Artist impression!

What are we raising money for now?

A new adventure playground!

Part of the adventure playground has already been declared unsafe and the other apparatus only has one year of life left. We need to raise enough money for the school to replace it this summer! The picture below shows the equipment we are hoping to install.



We'll be updating the PTA board by the field end entrance to show how the fundraising is going. Watch this space!

Upcoming Events For Your Diary:

Date	Event
Thu 09 Feb 23	School Disco
Tue 21 Feb 23	Yr 2 Bake Sale
Fri 17 Mar 23	Quiz Night - Adults
Tue 28 Mar 23	Bake Sale (Yr TBD)
Fri 12 May 23	Family Bingo (+Food)
May	Bake Sale (Yr TBD)

Community News

Waking up to Healthy Sleep

Face to face course for parents who have a child or young person aged 3 -18 who live in the Wokingham borough

*Please note parents with a child or young person who does not have a disability may attend this course if capacity allows

Is your child experiencing sleep problems?
We can help you to improve their sleep routine.

Thursday 26th January 2nd & 9th February 2023

10am – 11.30am

The Ambleside Centre

Woodley

RG5 4JJ

To book or for more information, please contact us via:

Email – First@wokingham.gov.uk

Our training is delivered by practitioners trained by The Sleep Charity & Southampton University Hospital Sleep Disorder Service

Attendees are required to attend all 3 sessions which include:

- Understanding sleep cycles
- Causes of sleep issues
- Establishing appropriate routines
- Identifying and managing sleep problems
- Positive bedtimes



waking up to Healthy Sleep



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Bikeability sessions during February Half Term

Avanti Cycling will be running some sessions at a few locations during February Half Term. These are for parents and children who can already ride a bike confidently (not complete beginners). The instructors will take a family for a ride and give them some tips to increase their confidence when cycling as a group. To take part, the minimum number is a group of 2 people (1 adult, 1 child) and the maximum number is 6 people. At least 1 adult over 18 years must attend each group session.

Places are FREE of charge but MUST be booked in advance. Further information and link for booking can be found on our My Journey website at:

<https://myjourneywokingham.com/events/free-bikeability-family-cycle-sessions-during-february-half-term-2023/>

Any other questions please email MyJourney@wokingham.gov.uk

Sleep is an essential part of our lives and makes a big impact on how children learn and respond at school.


Please contact the school office if you would like to be referred for a place on the course.

Twyford Drama presents

The Pied Piper of Hamelin

A pantomime by Lorraine Mason

TWYFORD & RUSCOMBE THEATRE GROUP
noda
Be inspired by amateur theatre



7.45 pm Fri 13 Jan
2.00 pm Sat 14 Jan
7.00 pm Sat 14 Jan
2.00 pm Sun 15 Jan

LODDON HALL, TWYFORD

Tickets: £10/12
Box Office: 0118 328 2825
www.twyforddrama.co.uk

By arrangement with Lazy Bee Scripts

The traditional story of the Pied Piper told within a pantomime.

READING FC COMMUNITY TRUST

February Football Camps

	13TH	14TH	15TH	16TH	17TH
Cantley Park, Wokingham RG40 5QG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
South Reading Leisure Centre RG2 8DH	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Select Car Leasing, Indoor Dome & 3G RG2 0FL	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓

£25 per day

Scan QR to book online

New Year, new challenge, new hobby?



ringing in the UK, meaning that there are few corners of this land where the sound of bells cannot be heard. This has helped shape the soundscape that we associate with quintessential England, whether in city, town or country village.

Hurst's bells are kept ringing today for church services, for weddings, for public celebrations and commemorations, and sometimes just for ringer's entertainment. It requires a team of people to do this, because ringing is not a solo performance. We enjoy the opportunity to engage in a unique pastime which helps keep our minds and bodies active whilst promoting friendships and social interaction with people of a wide age range and backgrounds. It is an activity that is well suited to family participation, and there are plenty of examples of multiple generations becoming involved.

Learning the basics to ring church bells safely can be undertaken in around 10 hours of tuition, mostly on a one-to-one basis with an experienced tutor on a tied bell (bell is silent). Thereafter, practice is required to ring a bell proficiently with others in the band and can take a few weeks up to a few months to confidently ring for public performance. As experience and skill is increased, there are more facets to be discovered in the world of bell ringing, and for many it becomes a life-long hobby.

If you think you might be interested in coming to find out more and would like to consider our call to arms to ring for the King's coronation in May, then now is the time to start. It is often found helpful to learn in a small group of 2 or 3, so why not grab a friend and come together. Alternatively, perhaps your Mum or Dad, or your son or daughter, might be interested to learn as a shared family activity? To find out more, please contact the Tower Captain at hurst@sdb.odg.org.uk or call Graham on [07762 922172](tel:07762922172).



Messy Church

**11am in St Nicholas Church
on:**

**Sunday, 22nd January 2023
Sunday, 26th February 2023
Sunday, 26th March 2023
Sunday, 23rd April 2023**

*at a Messy Service we celebrate God in our community
by listening to stories, making things,
singing, praying, sharing refreshments, talking.....*

Suitable for everyone – adults and children alike!

For more details please see our website:
www.achurchnearyou.com/stnicholashurst