



St Nicholas School Bulletin



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9th March 2023

Upcoming Dates

March 2023

Tue 14th Information and Coffee morning for parents
Weds 15th NEU Strike possible school closures
Thu 16th NEU Strike possible school closures
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
Fri 28th Year 3 Swimming

May 2023

Mon 1st May Day BANK HOLIDAY
Tue 2nd Museum of English Rural Life trip – Longfellow and TSEliot
Fri 5th Year 3 Swimming
Mon 8th BANK HOLIDAY King Charles III coronation
Fri 12th Year 3 Swimming
Fri 19th Year 3 Swimming
Fri 19th Tempest Year Group Photos
Fri 26th Year 3 Swimming
Mon 29th to Wed 31st HALF TERM

June 2023

Thu 1st to Fri 2nd HALF TERM

Football Match – St Nicholas CE Primary v St Sebastians

The year 5/6 boys are into the semi-final of the Wokingham Schools Cup, after a very thrilling, game on Monday afternoon against St Sebastians School. We were 5-1 up at half time with goals from Will, Oscar and Adam, nice set up for them by their team. For the second half St Sebastians came back to 5 - 5 forcing it into extra time!! We stepped it up again to score in the first and second half of extra time to win the game 7 - 5.

I would like to thank the boys for all their hard work and commitment. Also, a big thank to you Mrs Mitchell who coaches the boys whilst I am being the referee and the parents for coming along in support.

We are all looking forward to the semi-finals.

In other exciting news, we have some friendly matches upcoming for our KS2 girls! Watch this space! Thank you Mrs Rudd



Great Day for World Book Day

Well done to all those who completed their competition entries for World Book Day. We were really impressed with all the entries and required the helping hand of a visitor to choose the overall winners.

Congratulations to Zara, Lucy, Megan and Emily who received a £5 book token! We would love to know what book you choose!



Thank you to all those who bought in donations towards our Reading Scheme, we raised an additional £75 towards our fundraising for books.



Blake Class trip to the Ashmolean Museum

Year 6 had a trip to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford last Friday to learn more about Ancient Egypt as part of their unit on Egypt for History and English. Below is a part of one child's account of the day:

"We were met by our guide, Lee, who showed us a shrine that a Pharoah had had made for him. The Pharoah was called Taharqa. We also got to touch ancient artifacts - my group had an ancient Egyptian mirror. We also saw Djed's sarcophagus and had a box with things in. We had to guess which person it was, a priest or a dancer."



Music Performance Assembly



We have some very talented musicians in school, thanks to our new music teachers. Our guitarists performed in assembly to the rest of the school. Tony Lyons finished the assembly off with a drum performance and will be starting drum lessons at school very soon! All our musicians showed incredible courage – well done! We are looking forward to our pianists next week, performing on the keyboards with Tom Jones from WeKey.

Phonics and Early Reading Training session

Miss Wheeler is opening up our annual training for Teaching Assistants to our parents and visitors in school. Mrs Hattrick will share the importance of early phonological awareness and Miss Wheeler will demonstrate how we teach phonics and early reading throughout our infants. We encourage all parents to attend, especially those with children in Key Stage one, EYFS or younger siblings.

To book your space, please complete the google form via the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/deXmyiQNE3>

Join us for a phonics and
reading information and
workshop morning
on Tuesday 14th March

For parents, carers, our school visitors, reading
helpers, staff and governors.

Session will cover;

- How and why we are using Little Wandle Phonics
- How reading is being taught in **EYFS and Key Stage 1**
- What's next - our next steps to support **Year 2** children as they move on from Little Wandle and phonics
- A chance to have a closer look at the resources used in school n
 - Question and answer session with staff



Accelerated Reader

Tea, coffee, refreshments
and treats from 9am
Session 9.15am-10.15am



Bespoke Enrichment Opportunities

We are hoping to introduce a Breakfast Club for September 2023. Thank you to those who completed the Wrap-Around Care questionnaire. If you are still yet to complete this, you can do so here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/ZDYfUbwTLL>

Day	What's On?	For more info/ booking
Monday	8.00am Morning Judo with Ollie Fricker Lunchtime Football Coaching 12.00pm recorder club 1.00pm Guitar Tuition with Tony Lyons *NEW* – Drum Club with Tony 7.00pm Adult Yoga with Katy Meads	https://judo-school.class4kids.co.uk/term/33 Core Coaching – Free – initially 25 spaces admin@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk tonytonylyons@gmail.com tonytonylyons@gmail.com Call 07761591605
Tuesday	1.00pm Berkshire Maestros Music Tuition Violin Lunchtime Football Coaching 1.00pm – Group Piano tuition	www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk Core Coaching – Free – initially 25 spaces admin@wekey.co.uk
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! 3.15- 4.30pm Forest Fun After School Club	No sign up! Just step up! https://bookwhen.com/wildnessandwonder
Friday	*COMING SOON* Morning Yoga *COMING SOON* KS1 Spanish Adventures Lunchtime Book Club	Mrs Goff https://thebilingualapproach.weebly.com Mrs Hatrick KS2 only
Everyday	Get Active After School Club	https://getactivesportsuk.coordinate.cloud/project/30962

Little Musketeers

Bookings for the Summer 2023 term can now be made via the link <https://bookings.littlemusketeers.com/>

Drum Lessons

We are delighted to announce that St Nicholas will start offering drum-kit lessons for students in Key Stage 2 from next term. Lessons will take place on Monday afternoons on the new school drum-kit with our drum teacher Tony Lyons. Tuition is £120 for ten 1/2 hour lessons a term.

All students need to begin lessons is a pair of drumsticks.

If you would like to enroll your child, or you would like to know more, please email Tony at:

tonytonylyons@gmail.com or on: 07946 344202, or check the website: www.drumclub.co.uk

Tony Lyons has been a drum teacher for 25 years; teaching students how to play & enjoy playing the drums - also helping them pass their grades. He has also played professionally all over the world playing in the UK: Wembley Stadium, The 02 Arena & Glastonbury Festival.

Get Active Sports – After School Club

Various activities will be taking place in the after school club with Get Active Sports during March and April.

Details and information can be found at www.getactivesports.com



New Club
Reception & KS1 Spanish
sessions!



Spanish Adventurers

A fun-filled and highly interactive Spanish group,
with familiar stories, original songs, creative
activities for your little ones.

Join us at St Nicholas CE
Primary school

For more information
contact the school office or
visit our website



<https://thebilingualapproach.weebly.com/spanish-adventurers.html>

Cricket

We had a visit from Berkshire Cricket Foundation where the children had the opportunity to try their hand at playing cricket. A great time was had by all!!

Below is a club finder link if your child would like to explore the sport a bit more.

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/allstars/searchresults>

NEWS FROM THE PTA

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Hi Everyone!

£23 for '23!

We would like to introduce a challenge for all the children in the school to take part. The £23 in 23 Challenge! We'd like all the children (friends, family and siblings if they can get involved too!) to try to raise £23 to go towards their Adventure Playground equipment, which we know they all love and will be upset when the current equipment needs to be removed, later this year.

They can raise the money helping around the house, helping grandparents / neighbours with gardening, doing their homework on time, reading every night, litter picking. Whatever they choose to help them raise £23 by the May half term – about 11 weeks, so £2 per week! More details to follow.

You can make a donation by bank transfer to: Sort Code 30-91-11 Account Number: 01428355 or on our [go fund me](#) page.


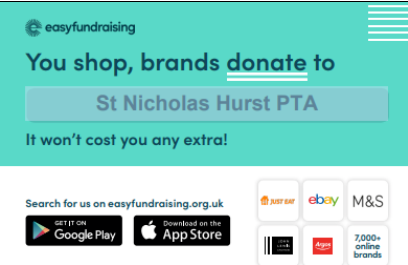

If you're a tax payer you can also increase any donations by gift aiding – simply fill out this [form](#) and send to PTATreasurer@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk

NEXT EVENT - QUIZ - Ticket sales for the Quiz on 17th March will end soon, if you haven't already, get your table booked! If you would like to join an existing table, we do have a few spaces email PTAChair@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk.
Book now - [St Nicholas Hurst PTA \(pta-events.co.uk\)](http://St Nicholas Hurst PTA (pta-events.co.uk))

Sowing seeds? If you are able to, please can you sow extra? We would like to run a Bring and Buy Plant Sale. This will help us fund the children's Gardening Club which has annual PTA investment for soil, seeds, and other supplies. Thank you



Help us raise money with all the following. More details can be found on our Facebook page or ask any of the Committee.

		
<p>Play the lottery each week, guaranteed winner from our supporters every week.</p> <p>Also national jackpot of £25,000!</p> <p>Support St Nicholas CE Primary School when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery</p>	<p>Online shopping via an EasyFundraising account, triggers payments to the PTA at no cost to you.</p> <p>https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/panel</p>	<p>For companies that offer to Match Fund your donations, this is often through Benevity. Direct donations can be made to the project below via your employee portal.</p> <p>Adventure Playground - Replacement Equipment Benevity Causes</p>

Date	Event	Raised	What's Needed	Request for help	Main Contact
Thu 09 Feb 23	School Disco	£550			Abby Joby
Tue 21 Feb 23	Yr 2 Bake Sale	£112			Clare Waymark
Fri 17 Mar 23	Quiz Night - Adults		Book your table	Volunteers to run bar	Kirsty Dowding
Fri 31 Mar 23	Easter Bunny		140 chocolate eggs + GF and Dairy Free to be purchased	Volunteer to be the Easter Bunny	Clare Waymark
Tue 28 Mar 23	Bake Sale (Yr TBD)		£ to buy cakes		
Fri 12 May 23	Family Bettledrive w Fish & Chips			Please get in touch if you could help organise	Shanae Eastland
May	Bake Sale (Yr TBD)		£ to buy cakes		
Sat 24 Jun 23	Hurst Show			We'll need helpers on our stall for the whole weekend, booking in <u>1 hour</u> long slots	
Sun 25 Jun 23	Hurst Show				
July	Bake / Ice cream Sale (Yr 6)		£ to buy cakes / ice creams	Year 6 Parents to run this event	
October	Auction Night			Donations of prizes or promises; People willing to ask the community for donations	Shanae Eastland


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FOOTBALL**

Have Fun!

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**The perfect way
for girls aged 5-11
to get involved
with football**


TIME AND DATE

Every Tuesday from 5pm to 6pm


LOCATION

Cantley Park New 3G Pitch


NEXT STEPS

Head to thefa.com/WeetabixWildcats to book on to a session,
or for more info contact us via: reeves.rangers@outlook.com





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LATE PICKUP
4:30 PM**

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Building Brighter Futures Together!

Children love our holiday clubs, because the diverse experiences we offer are so much fun. With a brilliant mix of sports, energising activities that get children moving, creative sessions that bring out their inner inventor and much more, our expert teams ensure an inclusive and fun environment that delivers an important role for every child in every session.

Our Whole of Child Programme

We design all our activity programmes to prepare children for the future, nurturing vital life skills in each and every one of them in a way that taps in to their unique skills and interests. With fun activities spanning seven core categories, it's easy to see why children's time at JAG is always their favourite time!



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 Brain Boosters Activities include: • Quizzes & Brain Teasers • Puzzles & Building Projects • Code-breaking	 <div>  Childcare Vouchers Accepted  Weekly Booking Discounts </div> <div>  Tax Free Childcare  Flexible Payment Options </div>	







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Infinite variety at the ultimate Holiday Club! Discover unforgettable memories with JAG this Easter Holidays!

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<https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/holiday-clubs/whats-on/> or check out the activities on offer below:

-  **Super Sports:** action-packed multi-sport sessions!
-  **Power Teams:** fun, movement-based activities, and challenges!
-  **Global Kids:** a chance to practice life skills through a range of engaging learning experiences!
-  **Zen Masters:** activities that promote physical, emotional, and personal wellbeing and happiness!
-  **Creative Inventors:** exciting opportunities for children to express themselves creatively!
-  **Brain Boosters:** captivating games and puzzles to entrain and perplex!

With over 75+ venues running across the country, find your nearest Easter Holiday Club at:

<https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/find-us/> and book now to take advantage of their limited-time only 10% off discount! Save 10% off your child's booking today by using code: **EBEASTER23**

Hurry! Offer ends Sunday 19th March. Find your local Holiday Club, further information, and confirm your booking now at: <https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/holiday-clubs/>

If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to call the friendly bookings team on 0333 577 1533 or drop them an email at hello@junioradventuresgroup.co.uk



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Wokingham Highways Alliance have a couple of initiatives running currently, or are coming up in the near future.

Firstly, The Big Walk and Wheel will be running between the 20th and 31st March 2023. This event is designed to promote walking, cycling and scooting to school, and includes daily prize draws. You can find more information, or register to take part here: <https://bigwalkandwheel.org.uk/> Secondly, there is still time for pupils to enter the Active Travel Scavenger Hunt. You can find details here: <https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events/active-travel-savenger-hunt/>.



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**Director of Children's Services
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ASSIST are pleased to offer the following autism specific workshops

For information about any of the following workshops, or to book a place, please contact:

ASSISTWorkshops@wokingham.gov.uk

ASSIST Children's Services, Wokingham Borough Council

Woodley Airfield Centre, Hurricane Way, Woodley RG5 4UX

The workshops appear in date order up to July 2023 & will be repeated Sept to December 2023

Cost of each workshop, per adult:

Parents		Professionals	
Carers	£10.00	Practitioners	£40.00
Autistic individuals		Others	

These workshops are suitable for adult learning

Daytime workshops are offered face to face at the Woodley Airfield Centre RG5 4UX

Evening workshops are usually online

Free parking and refreshments available

Autism aware – it is important that you have a basic understanding and knowledge of autism either through your own experience or because you have attended an autism awareness workshop.

'What is autism' is covered in depth on the autism awareness workshop only.



Champions for an autism perspective

EVENING ONLINE WORKSHOP!

Supporting autistic individuals to understand and self-manage emotions & feelings (including anger)

Tuesday 16th May 2023

7pm start, workshop concludes at 9pm (MS Teama presentation)

Build a deeper understanding of autism and consider how autistic people can be supported to promote positive behaviours, their understanding of their own and others' emotions (feelings) including anger, and so support them to develop their own self-management strategies.

Drawing whilst talking! (at Woodley Airfield Centre)

Thursday 18th May 2023

9.30am start, workshop concludes at 12 noon (Registration open 9.15am)

How to use drawing as an intervention whilst having a conversation.

Enabling the exploration and enhancement of conversational skills, social understanding and perspective of others – seeing something from a different point of view!

'This has been the BEST training I have attended, and definitely the best autism training, I really enjoyed the session!'

Autism specific workshop on sexual development and puberty (at Woodley Airfield Centre)

Tuesday 13th June 2023

9.30am start, workshop concludes at 12 noon (Registration open 9.15am)

An opportunity to discuss and develop your understanding of the physical and emotional changes at puberty, then how to prepare and support autistic individuals to manage these changes.

Exploration of the concept 'public, private and personal safety'.

Participants must understand that there will be discussion and visual materials that are of an explicit nature relevant to the subject

Supporting Siblings (at Woodley Airfield Centre)

Thursday 22nd June 2023

9.30 start, workshop concludes at 12 noon (Registration opens 9.15am)

(Registration opens 9.30am)

An opportunity to explore the impact on siblings of having an autistic brother or sister. We discuss the difficulties that this can bring as well as the benefits. Included within the workshop are lots of practical strategies and ideas that may be helpful in supporting siblings to understand autism, cope with their experiences and feel valued for who they are.

Autism Awareness (at Woodley Airfield Centre)

Tuesday 7th March 2023

9.30am start, workshop concludes at 12 noon (Registration opens 9.15am)

Build your understanding of autism – the 'hidden' disability including language, social interaction, sensory issues, anxieties and discuss some strategies and tools that might help and support autistic individuals to make sense of the world around them.

Supporting autistic individuals to understand and self-manage emotions & feelings (including anger) (at Woodley Airfield Centre)

Thursday 16th March 2023

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Build a deeper understanding of autism and consider how autistic people can be supported to promote positive behaviours, their understanding of their own and others' emotions (feelings) including anger, and so support them to develop their own self-management strategies.

Understanding and writing social/visual scripts to an advanced stage (at Woodley Airfield Centre)

Thursday 4th May 2023

9.30am start, workshop concludes at 12 noon (Registration opens 9.15am)

An intervention using social/visual scripts which can help support development and improved understanding of social events and expectations in a given situation. This may then lead to more effective social responses. You will have the opportunity to write social/visual scripts to describe a social situation, skill or concept and then go on to build and practice these skills.

'Really got me thinking'

'Your workshops help me to really understand the possible perceptions of an autistic person'

'I've learnt more in 2.5 hrs than in the last 6 months'

A positive, systematic approach to finding solutions (at Woodley Airfield Centre)

Tuesday 9th May 2023

9.30am start, workshop concludes at 12 noon

(Registration open 9.15am)

An opportunity to develop new skills in finding solutions, responding in a positive and creative manner towards difficulties and gaining confidence in a team approach to addressing challenges in your setting.

'This was so interesting and insightful – the best training I have ever had on autism, I am now really motivated and inspired.'

Working in small groups to discuss issues that are preventing autistic individuals from moving on and then using a process to identify positive solutions. Candidates could bring a difficulty or challenge from their own setting and use the workshop to generate some ideas to take back and try!

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Wokingham Borough Council are running Autism specific workshops. Please get in touch with them if you are interested in attending.