



St Nicholas School Bulletin



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28th April 2023

Upcoming Dates

May 2023

Mon 1st May Day BANK HOLIDAY
Tue 2nd Museum of English Rural Life trip – Longfellow and TS Eliot
Wed 3rd Bag2School
Fri 5th Year 3 Swimming
Fri 5th PTA Coronation Afternoon Tea
Mon 8th BANK HOLIDAY King Charles III coronation
Fri 12th Year 3 Swimming
Mon 15th Year 6 Educational visit
Fri 19th Year 3 Swimming
Fri 19th Tempest Year 6 Photos
Fri 26th Year 3 Swimming
Mon 29th to Wed 31st HALF TERM

June 2023

Thu 1st to Fri 2nd HALF TERM
Fri 9th Optional non-uniform day – PTA bring a bottle donation for Hurst Show
Wed 14th New Parent Information Evening
Fri 16th PTA Sponsored Fun Run
Sat 24th Hurst Show
Sun 25th Hurst Show
Wed 28th Transition Day – children to visit new classes

July 2023

Tue 4th District Sports Event
Wed 5th to Fri 7th Year 4 at Sayers Croft
Tue 11th Sports Day
Wed 12th Year 6 Production
Thu 13th Reports to Parents
Thu 13th KS1 children singing at Addington The Big Sing!
Fri 14th Family end of year BBQ
Tue 18th Whole School Trip
Fri 21st Leavers service at church
Fri 21st END OF TERM – finish at 1.30pm

September 2023

Mon 4th INSET DAY
Tue 5th Children back to school



@HurstStNicholas



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a rather wet summer term!

This term, the children will be continuing on their journey towards achieving their academic and personal development goals. Our teachers have been planning ambitious and engaging lessons to ensure your child continues to grow and succeed in school. We have been busy organising various extracurricular activities, such as sports and music events, to enrich your child's learning experience. I am pleased to see that the children have enjoyed their first Bikeability and swimming lessons this term. We are excited to welcome Mrs. Goff to St Nicholas who has started teaching Yoga on Friday mornings. You may have noticed the exciting new improvements on site, including the new allotment area and the canopy in the Milne garden area. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Davis for their time and efforts in creating our wonderful new allotment area. Mrs. Davis is new to our team and as a keen gardener she is looking forward to working in the new garden with the children.

For the Year 2 and Year 6 children, the SATS will take place towards the end of this half term. We understand that this can be an anxious time for both children and families, but please rest assured that our teachers are fully committed to supporting the children throughout the process. We have been working hard towards the expectations for these tests and we are confident that the children are well-prepared. This term we also to begin to prepare the children for their transition to the next phase of their primary journey, or indeed for our oldest children, their journey on to year 7. We have lots in store to help prepare the foundations for this transition and make the process as smooth as possible. We know that the summer term can be a busy time for families, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us. We value your input and are always looking for ways to improve the primary school experience that St Nicholas can offer to all our families.

Please look out for the Summer Term Questionnaire, which will be coming out this week via email. We would like to invite the children to complete this questionnaire as their feedback is invaluable in helping to make our school a better place. Please take some time to support your child/children to think about their school life and what could improve their experience.

Finally, please don't forget to email in photos or videos of your child completing the £23 in 23 challenge for our video compilation. We are eager to see how your child is taking on this challenge and to showcase their challenges to the rest of the school community on our newsletter and social feeds.

Thank you again for your continued support, kindness and partnership.

Sarah Hilling, Head of School!



A massive THANK YOU to our parent community:

Our New Canopy!



Thank you to the PTA and parents who have worked so hard raising money for our fabulous new canopy outside our EYFS classroom. The children have been making great use of it since returning after the Easter holidays and we're sure you agree, it looks really amazing!

And to the members of staff and parents who worked tirelessly over the Easter holidays in tidying the plant beds and the Professors garden ready for planting. Our little gardeners have been hard at work already!

Volunteer Readers



A big thank you also to all of our volunteers who come into school each week to listen to our children read. We appreciate you giving us your time and the children really enjoy reading to you and get so much out of it.

Twitter

Some parents have already noticed, but for those who haven't and are on Twitter, the school now has a twitter feed! We have been playing a little bit but please follow us for news and photos! @HurstStNicholas
We will be sending out information to parents on our updated photo permissions for school.

Pony Club Quiz



Evie in Blake class was part of a team in the Pony Club Quiz National Final last weekend. Here is how she got on.

"On Saturday I had a great opportunity to go to the pony club nationals with my team from Wokingham Pony Club. There were different activities in this quiz such as: memory game, charades, guess the item and lots more.

To get to the championships we had to go to the areas, a lower level of the champion ships, to qualify for the nationals. To qualify we had to come 1st, 2nd, or 3rd. We came 2nd!

Even though we didn't do as well in the championship, I still had a lot of fun!"

I think you would all agree that Evie showed great courage to participate in such an event, competing against those many years older! Well Done Evie!

Football

Another huge “well done” goes out to Adam Woodward in Year 5 who has been representing Wokingham District at football in Jersey! Here is what Adam has to say about his experience:



In June 2022 I trialed for a place in the Wokingham District Primary Schools Football Team. I was chosen along with 13 other Year 5 and Year 6 boys from the area to represent Wokingham District for the 2022/23 season.

My team have been playing home and away matches all season in league and cup matches and are currently in the final of the Shires Cup and the Southern Counties League cup, both of which are being held in May.

Over the Easter holidays the team attended the 47th Jersey Primary Football Festival held in Jersey and represented Wokingham District playing matches against teams such as Gloucester, Hackney, Newbury and Plymouth. The team won 2 matches, drew 2 matches and lost 2 matches. I played in every match and in the game against Hackney, I was Player of the Match where I played in my favourite position of Central Attacking Midfielder and assisted 2 of the goals in a 5-1 victory. We played matches every morning of the tour and then spent the afternoons exploring the island and beaches.

You can watch Adam's video which he presented to the school on our new twitter feed! [@HurstStNicholas](#)

Bespoke Enrichment Opportunities

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 7.00pm Adult Yoga with Katy Meads Drum Club	https://judo-school.class4kids.co.uk/term/33 Core Coaching – Free – initially 25 spaces admin@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk tonytonylyons@gmail.com Call 07761591605 tonytonylyons@gmail.com
Tuesday	1.00pm Berkshire Maestros Music Tuition Lunchtime Football Coaching	www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk Core Coaching – Free – initially 25 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! Forest Fun After School Club	No sign up! Just step up! https://bookwhen.com/wildnessandwonder
Friday	8.00am Morning Yoga with Little Yoga Tree Piano Tuition (Group and Individual) Lunchtime Book Club Spanish Adventures After School Club – KS1 only	Mrs Goff – claire@littleyogatree.co.uk admin@wekey.co.uk Mrs Hatrick KS2 only Mrs Ramos – thebilingualapproach@gmail.com
Everyday	Get Active After School Club https://getactivesportsuk.coordinate.cloud/project/30962	

NEWS FROM THE PTA

Hi Everyone!

The PTA hope you all had a great Easter break.

Raise Beds - Two of our parents did an amazing job over the Easter weekend moving the Professor's Garden and the raised flower beds. If you haven't looked then make sure you do. Thank you, Ash and Jen Davis for all your hard work.

EYFS Canopy – The canopy is finally in place after a few years of waiting. A huge thank you to everyone that's helped raise the much needed funds for this. Check out the pictures on either Facebook or Twitter

UPCOMING EVENTS

Special Coronation Afternoon Tea/ Stay & Play Picnic – 2pm (on school field – weather permitting!)

Please join the children and staff for a 'stay & play' royal picnic with garden games, line dancing and crown parades! The PTA will be providing tasty 'cream tea boxes' for you to pre-order in advance, a selection of treats and hot/cold drinks fit for a King to buy on the day.

Seating will be provided on the field or you are welcome to bring your own chairs/rug if you prefer along with any picnic food/snacks if you wish.

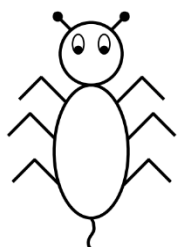
This is a FREE to attend event in celebration of the King's Coronation, but to give us an indication of numbers attending, please pre-register asap. You can also pre-order a cream tea box too (Each box is £5 and will contain 4 x scones, jam & cream) to enjoy there and then, or take home. A small selection of scones will be available on the day (cash and card payment options available) – but please do buy in advance to avoid disappointment!

To register for the Stay & Play picnic (and to purchase cream tea boxes) please visit: https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stnichurstpta/#.Y8fl_kHP23B

You will also have seen that children have brought home some bunting to colour in which is Coronation themed.

Please can this be brought back into school on Tuesday 2nd May 2023 ready to be hung up for the picnic.

Family Beetle Drive Friday 19th May 5:30pm-7:30pm (arrival from 5:15pm)



Come down to the school hall for a fun evening for the whole family! We'll be playing the classic game of Beetle where people take turns around a table rolling dice trying to get the right numbers to draw out a beetle. It's a fun, fast paced game where some move tables between rounds so is a great way to get to know different people too!

You'll play in pairs - we suggest EYFS and KS1 children pair with a parent. There'll be some added extra challenges in between as well.

Entrance is £3 / person which includes a soft drink and a Krispy Kreme donut! Other snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. To book your tickets please visit [St Nicholas Hurst PTA \(pta-events.co.uk\)](https://www.pta-events.co.uk)

Want to help or find out more email PTAviceChair@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk.

Coronation Commemorative Tea Towels & Totes – Order by Friday 12th May

By way of commemorating a historical milestone, the children of St. Nicholas have been busy drawing a lovely profile picture of themselves and applying a royal theme where they would like to! Every child's profile drawing will be printed onto either a **Tea Towel (KS1)** or a cotton **Tote Bag (KS2)** for the school community to purchase and keep, in commemoration of King Charles III Coronation year. Whilst this is a PTA initiative, it's very much in aid of creating memories of the children's time at school to keep for many years to come.

TEA TOWELS: Key Stage 1 Drawn Children Profiles (EYFS - Yr 2) £5.50 each. Extra items: Discounted at £3.50 each

COTTON TOTE BAGS: Key Stage 2 Drawn Children Profiles (Yrs 3 - 6) £6.50 each. Extra items: Discounted at £4.50 each



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<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stnichurstpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=62912#.ZEKCRuzMI6>

£23 for '23!

The £23 in 23 Challenge! Some families have started raising money for the £23 in 23 already. Your children will be sent home with a leaflet giving more information on this challenge.

Don't forget to send photos of the children in action to the school office so they can be added to a photo gallery in school. All the money raised goes will go towards their Adventure Playground equipment.

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







Sowing seeds? If you're able to, please can you sow extra? We'd 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

Bag2School 3rd May 8:15 - 9am – Donate unwanted, good quality clothes and textiles, and the school is paid per Kg. What can be donated [Bag 2 School](#). Great opportunity for a clear out!

PTA Committee

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

	 You shop, brands <u>donate</u> to St Nicholas Hurst PTA It won't cost you any extra!         			
Play the lottery each week, guaranteed winner from our supporters every week. Also national jackpot of £25,000! Support St Nicholas CE Primary School when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery	Online shopping via an EasyFundraising account, triggers payments to the PTA at no cost to you. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/panel/	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. Adventure Playground - Replacement Equipment Benevity Causes		
Date	Event	What's Needed	Request for help	Main Contact
Wed 03 May 23	Bag2School	Donate your good quality items before 9am https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect		Clare Waymark
Fri 05 May 23	King's Coronation Celebration	More details above	Please contact Emma Henderson	Emma Henderson
Fri 12 May 23	Deadline	Order Tea Towels and Tote Bags		Samantha Love
Fri 19 May 23	Family Bettledrive	Come along with your family!	Please contact Shanae Eastland	Shanae Eastland
May	Bake Sale (Yr TBD)	£ to buy cakes		
Fri 9 Jun 23	Optional Non-uniform day	Bring a bottle donation for Hurst Show		
Fri 16 Jun 23	Sponsored Fun Run			Clare Waymark
Sat 24 Jun 23	Hurst Show	Donations of wine etc for tombola; gift items for raffle hampers; toys and games for children's games	We'll need helpers on our stall for the whole weekend, booking in 1 hour long slots	Kirsty Dowding
Sun 25 Jun 23	Hurst Show			
July	Bake / Ice cream Sale (Yr TBD)	£ to buy cakes / ice creams		
October	Auction Night		Donations of prizes or promises; People willing to ask the community for donations	Shanae Eastland

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3:30 - 4:30 PM

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Royal-themed arts & crafts.
This event is open to children aged
4 to 10.

£2 CHARGE
BOOKING ESSENTIAL!



**ROYAL
GET ARTY**

LOWER EARLEY LIBRARY
TUESDAY 2 MAY
3:30 - 4:30 PM

Come and join us for a fun afternoon of
Royal-themed arts & crafts.
This event is open to children aged
4 to 10.

£2 CHARGE
BOOKING ESSENTIAL!



**ROYAL
GET ARTY**

FINCHAMPSTEAD LIBRARY
FRIDAY 5 MAY
3:30 - 4:30 PM

Come and join us for a fun afternoon of
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This event is open to children aged
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AGES
6-7
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4 TO 5 YEARS 10.05AM-10.45AM	Song Keepers (Reception)	Music Centre Children's Choir <small>FREE membership to Mini Maestros children (from Reception)</small>
5 TO 6 YEARS 10.05AM-10.45AM	Rhythm Makers (Year 1)	
6 TO 7 YEARS 10.50AM-11.30AM	Music Makers (Year 2)	

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THRU Meets Crown It



Sat 6th May
(From 10am)
St Mary's Twyford

**Come together to watch the Coronation,
procession and enjoy an afternoon BBQ**

Food tickets: Adults £10 Primary aged children £5
(Includes: BBQ, Salad and a Pudding)

Tea and Coffee provided
Please bring & share drinks/snacks



Join us for

Afternoon Tea

*In Celebration of the
Coronation of King Charles III*

On: Monday, 8th May 2023
@: St Nicholas Church, Hurst
From 2pm - 4pm

Scones, jam, cream, & unlimited hot drinks
£5 per person

Ice-creams & lots of other delicious treats too!

Children's Craft Activities in Parish Room

