



St Nicholas School Bulletin



8th Sept 2023

September 2023

Thu 14th Parent Info Meetings - 5pm & 5.30pm
Mon 25th Year 1 & 2 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo
Thu 21st Open Morning

October 2023

Tue 10th Harvest Service at Church – 9.30am
Thu 12th TKAT Annual Church Service for Yr6
Fri 13th Open Morning
Mon 16th Flu Vaccinations
Mon 23-Fri 27th HALF TERM

November 2023

Fri 10th TEMPEST Photographer
Tue 14th Open Morning

December 2023

Wed 6th St Nicholas Day Service at Church – 9.30am
Fri 8th Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 8th Open Morning
Mon 11th Christmas Craft Day
Thu 14th Christmas Panto visiting school
Fri 15th Christmas Church Service – 9.30am
Fri 15th End of Term – 1.30pm



@HurstStNicholas



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a bright new school year!

I hope this message finds you well and filled with excitement as we embark on another wonderful journey together at St Nicholas. It is with great pleasure that I welcome our families, old and new, for the start of a new academic year.

In Fossil class we had 22 smiling faces who started this week and have skipped through the gates with confidence and joy. It has been a pleasure visiting the Fossil classroom seeing them all settle in so well.

The summer break has allowed our children to recharge their spirits and a new school year brings with it the promise of new beginnings. We have been hard at work throughout the summer, preparing classrooms, curriculum, and staff to provide your children with the best educational experience possible. Our dedicated team is committed to nurturing each child's unique talents, fostering a love for learning and building a strong foundation for future success.

Please keep an eye out for upcoming communications from our school, including important dates, school policies and ways to stay connected with our community. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office where we can assist you.

Once again, welcome back to St Nicholas! Let us make this school year another one to remember.

Attendance

St Nicholas School believes that punctual and regular school attendance is essential for effective learning. We celebrated excellent attendance last academic year where we ended the year with 95.4%. We are committed to aiming for 97% attendance for all our children.



We are committed to ensuring that all students attend school regularly and have an attendance of above 97% 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 because this is where they learn and this is where they grow.

Our vision states that we are laying firm foundations for our children. Poor attendance makes this increasingly challenging and therefore the foundations are compromised and 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?

Lessons are sequential, building one on the other, making it difficult to “catch up” when time is missed. Even starting the day late can impact your child’s entire day and affect learning in the classroom.

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

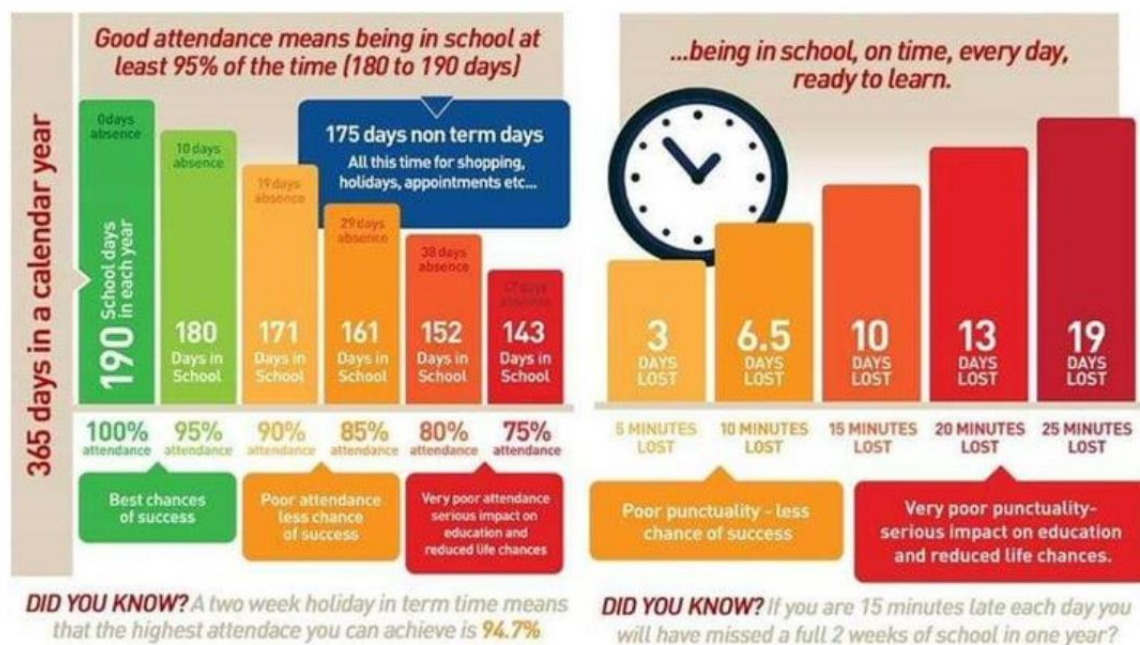
Good school attendance helps to build habits that last a lifetime and transfer beyond school.

Please note that family holidays in term time are not authorised. We are in school for 190 days over the year, which leaves 175 days in which to take authorised holidays. We expect all routine medical appointments to be made during holidays, weekends and after school, where possible.

If you need to take your child out of school, please complete a form which can be obtained from the office. Only the Head of School has the discretion to grant absence from school in very exceptional circumstances.



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



Thank you!

I would like to take a moment to thank Mr and Mrs Burrows who have given up their time during the summer break to remove and prepare the groundwork for our new adventure playground equipment. With the continued support from the PTA, donations from parents and Mr and Mrs Burrows' generosity, we are now able to have the equipment installed this half term! Watch this space as the new equipment will be going in very soon!




Not only do our children enjoy the events held, but the children benefit from the funds raised which are used to fund the extra resources for school. Not only have we purchased the new equipment for the field, but the PTA also raised enough funds for our outside canopy for EYFS, which has improved our outside garden area and equipment and provided an outside classroom.

We value your partnership and believe that, together, we can create a nurturing and supportive community where our children can thrive. We have planned various events and opportunities for you to get involved throughout the year and your presence and support are always appreciated.

Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on the day their class does PE.

PTA NEWS

Help us raise money with all the following, more detail 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. 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>

Details of events and meetings, along with how you can get involved are to follow.

BESPOKE ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Day	What's On?	For more info/ booking
Monday	<p>8.00am Morning Judo with Ollie Fricker</p> <p>Lunchtime Football Coaching – KS1</p> <p>12.00pm Recorder club</p> <p>1.00pm Guitar and Drum Tuition with Tony Lyons</p>	<p>https://judo-school.class4kids.co.uk/term/33</p> <p>Core Coaching – Free</p> <p>Mrs Clacy</p> <p>tonytonylions@gmail.com</p>
Tuesday	<p>8.00am Dance Starz with Zoe (coming soon – date tbc)</p> <p>1.00pm Berkshire Maestros Music Tuition</p> <p>Lunchtime Football Coaching – KS2</p>	<p>TBC</p> <p>www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk</p> <p>Core Coaching – Free</p>
Wednesday	<p>8.00am Morning Fencing Club Little Musketeers</p> <p>Choir Group</p> <p>Lunchtime Core Coaching – Tag Rugby</p>	<p>https://musketeerseducation.com/</p> <p>Mrs Clacy and Mrs Prince</p> <p>Core Coaching - Free</p>
Thursday	<p>8.00am Funbox (coming soon – further details to follow)</p> <p>Lunchtime Core Coaching – Girls Only Football</p> <p>Forest Fun After School Club</p>	<p>TBC</p> <p>Core Coaching – Free</p> <p>https://bookwhen.com/wildnessandwonder</p>
Friday	<p>8.00am Yoga (coming soon – further details to follow)</p> <p>Piano Tuition (Group and Individual)</p> <p>Lunchtime Books and Board Games</p> <p>Lunchtime Core Coaching – Netball</p> <p>Spanish Adventures After School Club – KS1 only</p>	<p>TBC</p> <p>admin@wekey.co.uk</p> <p>Mrs Hattrick KS1 & KS2</p> <p>Core Coaching - Free</p> <p>Mrs Ramos – thebilingualapproach@gmail.com</p>
Everyday	<p>Get Active Breakfast Club</p> <p>Get Active After School Club</p>	<p>https://getactivesportsuk.coordinate.cloud/project/44177</p> <p>https://getactivesportsuk.coordinate.cloud/project/30962</p>

We are delighted that Get Active Sports has started a Breakfast Club, in addition to the After School Club. More details can be found below. Please use the following link to book: <https://getactivesportsuk.coordinate.cloud/project/44177>

ST NICHOLAS PRIMARY SCHOOL BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



5th September 2023 - 19th July 2024

You don't have to require childcare to send your child for an abundance of fun at Get Active Clubs!

Come and Join us to learn new skills, make friends and take part in a wide range of activities this term!

WHAT TO EXPECT

Arts And Crafts	Talent Shows
Football	Mad Science
Dodgeball	Cookie Decoration
Athletics	Disco Party
Ping Pong	Board Games
Foot Golf	Mini Olympics
Team Games	Free Play
Tag Rugby	Music

TIMES & PRICES

Breakfast Club

7:30am - 8:30am
£6.50 includes breakfast

Afterschool Club:

Short: 3:15pm - 4:30pm
£6.50 includes a small snack

Long: 3:15pm - 6:00pm
£12.95 Includes a small snack and a larger snack around 5pm

Payment options include childcare vouchers, tax free childcare, credit/debit card and payment plans.

**WONDERFUL
WEDNESDAY**

Join us on Wednesday for our special events! These can include Milkshake making, cupcake icing, and much more! Make sure you sign up to hear about our weekly events!

HOW TO BOOK

Simply head over to our website www.getactivesportsuk.co.uk and select your Childs school. Find this under parents tab. Select the activity you require and then click "Book now".

To book over the phone call one of our lovely team on 01344 860868

BOOK NOW





WeKey

Group Piano Lessons

We are passionate about the benefits of connecting young minds to the piano.

We provide accessible lesson costs, taught by highly qualified piano teachers, to primary schools through group piano lessons.

We believe that the **Key** to learning is through connecting with our students musical interests;

We take musical requests from our students and teach the fundamentals of piano through the lens of their own musical worlds, aiming to do all of this through accessible lesson costs;

It's all about getting more children inspired and excited about learning to play the piano, and music more widely.

£9.00 per 30 minute lesson, **Fridays in school time**, 11 weeks termly.



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Your Teacher:

Tom Vaughan Jones (Royal Academy of Music)

Information on me:

www.wekey.co.uk/oureducators

COMMUNITY NEWS

WATER SAFETY PARTNERSHIP



Did you know that every year, in the UK, around 400 people die from drowning as a result of an accident in or around water?

Drowning is the third most common cause of accidental death in children, (NWSF, WAID 2018).

It's really important that children, from a young age, should be taught the dangers they may encounter around water. Not only in their home such as paddling pools and ponds, but also when out and about, such as at the swimming pool, near rivers, canals and the sea.

The Water Safety Partnership is a joint partnership with Thames Valley Police and Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service to try to prevent as many water based fatalities and injuries as we can.

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WATER SAFETY PARTNERSHIP



Teach your children the Water Safety Code

STOP & THINK



Look for the dangers.
Always read the signs and
understand what they
mean.

STAY TOGETHER



Never go near water on
your own. Always have an
adult with you.

FLOAT



If you fall in, float or swim on
your back and stay calm.
Throw something that floats
to someone who has fallen
in.

CALL 999 or 112



In an emergency call
999 or 112 (coastguard).

For more information visit:

www.publicprotectionpartnership.org.uk/about-us/campaigns/water-safety-partnership/





Your local Scout Group in Hurst has space in its Beavers Section. Beavers is a fun way to get your child into Scouting in your community, and progresses on to Cubs (8-10) and Scouts (10-14). Our sessions offer a fun & challenging programme of activities to boys and girls aged 6-8 years of age on Tuesday evenings from 17.30-18.45 during term time at our local Scout Hut on School Road in Hurst. We can also offer volunteering opportunities to adults who are looking for new challenges and would like to learn new skills. For more information, please contact GroupScoutLeader@hurstscouts.org.uk