



St Nicholas School Bulletin



17th November 2023

November 2023

Fri 24th Non Uniform Day – chocolate donation for Christmas Fayre
Fri 24th PTA Christmas Wreath Workshop
Mon 27th PTA Christmas Wreath Workshop

December 2023

Fri 1st EYFS Vision Screening (eye tests)
Fri 1st School Christmas Disco Party
Sat 2nd St Nicholas Church Christmas Fayre (PTA chocolate tombola)
Tue 5th Christmas Lunch
Wed 6th St Nicholas Day Service at Church – 9.30am
Thu 7th EYFS and KS1 Nativity at 1.30pm
Fri 8th EYFS and KS1 Nativity at 1.30pm
Fri 8th Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 8th Open Morning
Mon 11th Christmas Sing Along and festive bake sale and Bauble Hunt
Wed 13th Christmas Craft Day
Thu 14th Christmas Panto visiting school
Fri 15th Christmas Church Service – 9.30am
Fri 15th End of Term – 1.30pm

January 2024

Tue 2nd INSET Day
Wed 3rd Back to School
Wed 10th Open Morning
Thu 18th IPP Meetings

Christmas is Coming!!!



Tickets are now available to book for **EYFS and KS1 parents/carers** for the Key Stage 1 nativity play “Whoops-A-Daisy Angel” via <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stnichurstpta>. Performances are on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th December at 2.00pm.

Christmas Craft Day is on Wednesday 13th December. If any parents/carers are able to come into school for the morning or afternoon to help, we would love to see you. Please contact the school office – admin@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk – to confirm your availability.



@HurstStNicholas



Thank you to the PTA for organising the Film Night. A great time was had by all. For more info, see the PTA section below.





St Nicholas School PTA

PTA NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2023

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers, On behalf of the new PTA team, a big hello and welcome to our first new style newsletter – designed to keep you up to date on all PTA activities across the year. We hope you will find this a useful source of info, with fundraising totals regularly updated, as well as dates for your busy diaries. Please do reach out to myself or any of the team if you have any questions or suggestions. A big thanks to the new team for getting us off to a great start with lots of exciting events to get involved in across Nov & Dec. Join us – all are welcome!

See you there! Best wishes from Abby (Robin's mum, Year 2)

FUNDRAISING UPDATES

The recent bake sale raised a record **£239.38** and the film night raised a whopping **£551.34!!!** Thank you to all who bought cakes and also came along to watch Sing2 (we welcomed over 100 children!) as well as all those who helped out at both events. Amazing work and fundraising totals! See next page for photos!

From the fundraising totals in 2022/23, we are now able to provide: **3 x new classroom natural leaf rugs for EYFS & years 1 & 2 to sit on**, as well as a suite of **new library books for all KS2 children to enjoy!**

Hurst Village Society has also confirmed that we will receive a very generous **£5000** from Hurst Show (Summer 2023) 🎁. Thank you to the previous PTA team for all their efforts in this key fundraising event. We will now work with school to look at where this money will be spent. (see below right for projects).



THANK YOU!

A big thank you to **Kate Brownie, Gaby Gregory, Chrissie Bradbury, Emily Quinn** and all the many volunteers who supported with the film night, especially for their creative signage skills in making this a memorable night for the children (see photos overleaf).

Thank you also to **Louise Gawthorn, Mike Rand and Kathryn Jaworski** for entering the October school lottery and donating their winnings to school! See overleaf on how you can play the lottery!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 21st Nov – Bags2School
Friday 24th Nov – Non-uniform Day (in exchange for choc donation) AND Christmas Jumper 'pop-up shop'
Friday 24th Nov – Wreath Making workshop
Friday 1st December – Christmas Disco Party
[CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS](#)
Saturday 2nd Dec – PTA choc tombola @St Nics Christmas Fayre
Saturday 9th Dec – Hurst Village Society Christmas Dinner Dance
Monday 11 Dec – Christmas sing-a-long & bake sale and Bauble Hunt



SCHOOL PROJECTS

This year we are supporting 2 big fundraising projects:

IT Equipment – the current equipment is old and limited so we are investigating sourcing 36 new classroom tablets for use across the school for improved digital learning.

Outdoor classroom – A large fundraising project requested by school is an outdoor cabin (to replace the shelter) providing vital additional space for learning (incl. music lessons etc). This is an expensive project which will need huge amounts of your support! If you (or a company you know/ work for) can help with any aspect of this, please do get in touch!





FUN AT FILM NIGHT WITH SING2!



Tuck shop ready & cinema themed signs to welcome the children !



Sing2 in full swing – the children brought sleeping bags, their favourite cuddly toys & danced away to the songs too!

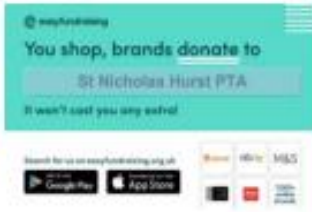


Parent volunteer Emily Quinn – our chief popcorn seller greeted the children on arrival – great outfit Emily!

EVERY LITTLE HELPS!

There are 2 great ways you can easily raise money for our St Nicholas School PTA:

1. **Your School Lottery** – play the lottery each week – there is a guaranteed winner from our supporters each week. Also a national jackpot of £25,000! Visit [the St Nicholas Lottery Page here](#)
2. **Easyfundraising** – Online shopping via an EasyFundraising account, which triggers a donation to the PTA at no extra cost to you! visit <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/panel/>



JOIN US!

PTA

St Nicholas Hurst School

Meet the PTA Team

 Abby Chair	 Shanae Vice Chair	 Nichola Treasurer	 Emma Secretary
 Mike Chair Support	 Amy Treasurer Support	 Tanya Secretary support	
 Sam Event Co-ordinator	 Gabby Event Co-ordinator	 Kate Event Co-ordinator	 Sarah Event Co-ordinator
 Gemma Event Co-ordinator			

We are a welcoming bunch! Please do join us with any offers of help, ideas or resources throughout the year. Together we can do so much.




Join our PTA St
Nicholas School
Facebook
Group for
updates

*This is a private group for parents & carers of St Nicholas School pupils. You will be prompted to answer a couple of security questions relating to your child when requesting to join the group.



One key project that the school are raising money towards this year are some tablets for the children to use in class. Can you help? Do you know anyone who works for Microsoft or Apple? If you have any connection with any large company who might be interested in supporting the school upgrade their IT equipment, please do get in touch!

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! 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. 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. Adventure Playground - Replacement Equipment Benevity Causes</p>

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>3.15pm Football Club</p>	<p>https://judo-school.class4kids.co.uk/term/33</p> <p>Core Coaching – Free</p> <p>Mrs Clacy</p> <p>tonytonlyons@gmail.com</p> <p>Mr Godden and Mrs Thomsa</p>
Tuesday	<p>1.00pm Berkshire Maestros Music Tuition</p> <p>Lunchtime Football Coaching – KS2</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 (KS2 only)</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</p> <p>Lunchtime Core Coaching – Girls Only Football</p> <p>Forest Fun After School Club</p>	<p>bethany@thelondonballetcompany.co.uk</p> <p>Core Coaching – Free</p> <p>https://bookwhen.com/wildnessandwonder</p>
Friday	<p>8.00am Yoga</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>bethany@thelondonballetcompany.co.uk</p> <p>admin@wekey.co.uk</p> <p>Mrs Hatrick 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>

Forest Fun will be opening their bookings for the Spring Term on Friday 24th November 2023. Details of dates for the next terms sessions are below.



www.wildnessandwonder.co.uk
wildnessandwonder@gmail.com
07988 826506

Forest Fun Afterschool Club

Thursdays from 11th January after school until 4.30pm
10 Weeks £95

Led by the Wildness and Wonder team in our outdoor area, for children from Reception to Year 6 at St Nicholas CE Primary School. This will be a fully outdoor club based on forest school practice with 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, Hapa Zome printing, whittling, team building, fire lighting, tool projects, campfire cooking and much more.

<https://bookwhen.com/wildnessandwonder>

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



ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



Academic Year 2023-2024

Get Active Sports are a leading provider for Childcare and Sports Education. 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:

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

After School Club:

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

Large: 3:15pm - 6:00pm
£12.95 includes a small and large snack

WACKY WEDNESDAYS

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.getactivesports.com 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 Office team on 01344 860868

COMMUNITY NEWS

DESIGN A LOGO FOR A HIGH VIS JACKET



This competition is open to all primary aged pupils in Wokingham borough. The winner's class will each receive high vis jackets with the design printed on.

Simple black and white designs will look best.

Send your designs to us by
25 November to:
myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk



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Further details can also be found on the My Journey website at:

<https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events/design-a-logo-for-a-high-vis-jacket/>

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1.30pm-3.30pm at our
Bracknell Music Centre, Ranelagh School
Ranelagh Drive, Bracknell RG12 9DA
admissions@berksmusictrust.org.uk

Please see below details/advice from Wokingham Borough Council regarding the current cost of living:

Get help with the cost of living

The [Household Support Fund](#) can help you pay for food, energy, bills and other essentials. It's open to:

- Families where [children receive means-tested free school meals can get £20 per week](#) during the school holidays until Easter 2024
- [Anyone struggling to pay bills or buy food can apply for £240 or £120](#) depending on the size of their household

If you've already applied for the Household Support Fund you do not need to apply again.

Other cost of living help options

There's a range of help and support options you can use to help you this winter:

- Check the [cost of living help hub](#), including our guides
 - [Help for people with children](#)
 - [Help for single people](#)
 - [Help for pensioners](#)
 - [Help if you're in an emergency](#)
- SHARE Wokingham offers fresh produce, like bread and vegetables, for those who need it. These are surplus stock from local supermarkets. More than 2,000 people use it each week and it has saved more than 1,000 tonnes in food waste since it was launched a few years ago. [View the food map](#) to see SHARE's 15 locations and find your nearest.
- Follow these [top tips for households](#) on how to lower your energy bills this winter. Or you can try:
 - The [council's new home energy advice](#) service to see how to lower your bills
 - See if you're eligible [Great British Insulation Scheme](#) is offering free or cheaper insulation to reduce your home's energy bills
 - [Check if your home is eligible](#) for a Heat Pump Grant a part of the Boiler Upgrade Scheme – up to £7,500 on offer towards the costs
- We're encouraging people to [register with power, water and gas suppliers](#) if they are potentially vulnerable this winter. These are known as priority services, which mean you get help faster if you are cut off or additional warnings if there are outages like loss of water pressure or power cuts
- The [Winter Warmers scheme](#) can help you get free items, if you're struggling with the cost of living. This includes things like air fryers, slow cookers, heated airers and more. These will lower your energy usage and bills
- Contact Citizens Advice, Wokingham, to find the most appropriate support for your situation. Use the [online referral form](#) or call [0808 278 7958](#), Monday to Friday.