

St Nicholas School Bulletin



30th November 2023

December 2023

Sat 2nd St Nicholas Church Christmas Fayre (PTA chocolate tombola)

Tue 5th Christmas Lunch & Santa's Grotto 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

Tue 12th Christmas Exhibition 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

February 2024

12th – 16th HALF TERM

March 2024

Fri 15th Red Nose Day – Crazy Hair Day Thu 28th End of Term – 1.30pm









The organic baby food co.

Sports Update

We were delighted to celebrate the achievements of both our boys and girl's teams who represented St Nicholas CE Primary School at the recent Wokingham Schools' FA Football Tournaments. The tournaments, held in association with Reading Football Club Community Trust and the Premier League Primary Stars, was a fantastic opportunity for our children to showcase their skills and sportsmanship.

Below is a report from the boys on their tournament:

On 13th October the boys in Year 5 and 6 football team went to Cantley Park. Reading Community Trust representatives split the schools into three groups. In our group we had: Colleton, Beechwood, Nine Mile Ride, Evendons and Robert Piggott. The first match we won 3-2; second match against Colleton we went two up after a great team goal, but conceded a late goal from a free kick. The third match we sadly lost 3-0. The fourth match we won 3-0. The next match we won 2-0 against Evendons and then won 4-0 against Beechwood! In the semi-final we played Emmbrook Juniors but lost 2-1.



Our boys went on to play their first league match on Tuesday 28th November 2023 and won 2-1 against Charvil Piggott Primary School. Well done boys, Mrs Hilling was especially proud of you!



Below are a reports written by the girls who took part in their tournament:

On 17th November Year 5 and 6 girls attended a football tournament in Cantley Park. We were split into four groups, we played the following teams: Polehampton, Westend, Colleton and Robert Piggott. We drew four of our matches in the tournament and lost two of our matches to Westend. After we played all of our matches, at 12.15pm we had our lunch. Next Mrs Thomas and Mr Godden arranged some friendly matches. We played Reddam, Robert Piggott and Emmbrook. Violet was goalie, Dhiya was striker, Lily, Willow and Sammy in defence and Zoe, Lola and Gianne wingers. We finished the day by watching the final. Aldryngton won.



When we found out we were going to be taking on the tournament champions, we were shocked. This was a chance for us to prove ourselves as a great team!

St Nicholas football team strode onto the pitch at Aldryngton School, ready to kick off. Everybody gave it everything they had, with some incredible passes, shots, tackles, saves, clearances and runs. Unfortunately, it wasn't our day and we lost to Aldryngton, but we are motivated by their skill and our team will train harder and hopefully, one day, we will win! All we know is we gave it our all and had great fun.

School Council

In other news, our school council has been working tirelessly this term to keep you informed about various activities and events. The School Council have been making improvements and changes to our break and lunchtimes. They have listened thoughtfully to their peers and suggested ways to make things fairer. In addition to this, school councillors have introduced class trophies, a reward for the house group that receives the most house points for that week. We are hoping this will encourage more children to win more house points! The children would like to thank the PTA for purchasing the trophies for the classes. Children were also tasked with talking to their peers about the ICT equipment we currently have in school. They took part in important discussions about a possible update to our computing facilities. Looking ahead to next term, school council will be taking part in the Woodland Trust award scheme where they will be accumulating points for various environmental activities.

Children In Need

The children all looked great wearing their spots and stripes for Children in Need day. We even had some Pudsey look-a-likes in school for the day!! Thank you for your kind donations. We collected a £155.11 (3)

Christmas Craft Day

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.

School Uniform

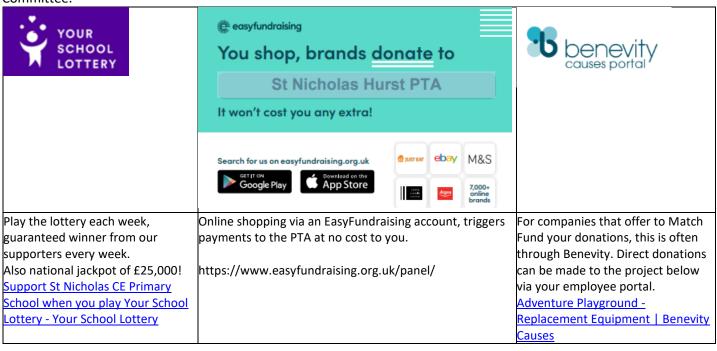
A message from School Days Direct:-



Our store will be closing for the Christmas period on Wednesday 20th December 2023 at 5:00pm and reopening on Tuesday 2nd January 2024 at 8:00am. Parents can continue to place uniform orders during this time, however orders will not be processed until our return and may take a few days to be completed due to a high volume of orders at the beginning of term. All information regarding ordering and our shutdown period is also available on our website should you need to refer to this.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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



BESPOKE ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Day	What's On?	For more info/ booking
Monday	8.00am Morning Judo with Ollie Fricker	https://judo-school.class4kids.co.uk/term/33
	Lunchtime Football Coaching – KS1	Core Coaching – Free
	12.00pm Recorder club	Mrs Clacy
	1.00pm Guitar and Drum Tuition with Tony Lyons	tonytonylyons@gmail.com
	3.15pm Football Club	Mr Godden and Mrs Thomas
Tuesday	1.00pm Berkshire Maestros Music Tuition	www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk
	Lunchtime Football Coaching – KS2	Core Coaching – Free
Wednesday	8.00am Morning Fencing Club Little Musketeers	https://musketeerseducation.com/
	Choir Group (KS2 only)	Mrs Clacy and Mrs Prince
	Lunchtime Core Coaching – Tag Rugby	Core Coaching - Free
Thursday	8.00am Funbox	bethany@thelondonballetcompany.co.uk
	Lunchtime Core Coaching – Girls Only Football	Core Coaching – Free
	Forest Fun After School Club	https://bookwhen.com/wildnessandwonder
Friday	8.00am Yoga	bethany@thelondonballetcompany.co.uk
	Piano Tuition (Group and Individual)	admin@wekey.co.uk
	Lunchtime Books and Board Games	Mrs Hattrick KS1 & KS2
	Lunchtime Core Coaching – Netball	Core Coaching - Free
	Spanish Adventures After School Club – KS1 only	Mrs Ramos – thebilingualapproach@gmail.com
Everyday	Get Active Breakfast Club https://getactivesportsuk.coordinate.cloud/project/44177	
	Get Active After School Club https://getactivesportsuk.coordinate.cloud/project/30962	



SPANISH ADVENTURES

Explore Spanish in our fun, playful and interactive

sessions

For children in reception, year I and year 2

Friday 3.15-4.00pm £7.5 St Nicholas CE Primary School

contact us for more information thebilingualapproach@gmail.com

ST Nicholas Church

Whilst the Twyford Christmas Fayre is happening in the Village on Friday 1st December from 6pm to 9pm, St Mary's church will be open. There will be a warm welcome for all as well as:-

Flower arrangements and wreaths on display
Refreshments
A raffle

There will also be a display of 150+ nativity sets in celebration of Advent.

It was 800 years ago this year that St Francis of Assisi first used a scene to tell the story of the birth of Jesus. This 'First Nativity Scene' took place in a cave (and with animals), in Greccio, in Italy, on 25th December 1223.

From the congregation of St Mary's Church, Church Road, Twyford



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.





Forest Fun Christmas Holiday Club

Led by the Wildness and Wonder team in the woods at Braywick Nature Centre for children aged 6 plus, this will be an outdoor holiday club based on Forest School practice, with an emphasis on child-led activities, natural play and woodland arts and crafts.

This time whilst as usual, we will be outdoors all day with lots of free play, there will be lots of different activities on offer such as tree climbing, den building, campfire cooking etc. alongside some with a slight festive/winter twist such as decoration making, lanterns, hot chocolate and lots of games and fun!!

Three Days - Monday 18th December -Wednesday 20th December

9am-3pm: £50 per day (inc. lunch)

To book: bookwhen.com/wildnessandwonder **Enquiries:** wildnessandwonder@gmail.com

Braywick Nature Centre, Hibbert Rd, **SL6 1UU**







COMMUNITY NEWS







Keep safe at this festive time

It's that time of year when you may be thinking of celebrations, decorating your home and maybe dressing up in festive clothes and your finest jewellery.

If your celebrations will involve your whole household going away for a period of time, think about what you will be leaving behind and ensure valuables are not left out on view to opportunist passers by, and that your home is left secure, preferably with some lights on automatic timers so that your home always appears occupied even when you're out.

The police advise;

- Ensure doors and accessible windows are shut and locked
- · If you have them, that alarms and CCTV are switched on and working.
- · That lights are left on inside your property when not home.
- · You maintain a list and take photos of valuable items
- · Don't splash "selfies" or other photos containing your jewellery and valuables on social media.
- · Valuables, large amounts of cash and jewellery are securely stored elsewhere when not in use.

For advice on how to keep your home safe, visit the Thames Valley Police website, www.thamesvalley.police.uk

Information on approved security products can be found at www.securedbydesign.com

Neighbourhood Watch is a successful crime prevention initiative. Getting together with your neighbours to take action can cut local crime. If you would like information on setting up or joining an established local scheme visit www.ourwatch.org.uk

Please pass this advice to friends, family members and neighbours who might not receive Neighbourhood Alert emails.

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Message Sent By Jon Morris (Police, Neighbourhood Administrator, Bracknell & Wokingham)

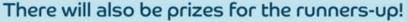


Festive bling your bike, scooter or yourself!

We are getting into a festive mood in the My Journey team.

We would love you to join in by adding some Christmas decorations to your bikes, scooters or yourselves, when you travel to, or from school.

Please send a picture of your festive creations into
MyJourney@wokingham.gov.uk by the 13th December and be in
with a chance of winning a £25 Decathlon voucher.













The Wokingham Air Quality Project is delivered by Intelligent Health in partnership with My Journey, Wokingham Borough Council and funded by Defra.

Join JAG Holiday Clubs this Winter!

This Winter, join **JAG's Winter Wonderland Holiday Club** for a world of wintery fun as your child embarks on a magical journey filled with exciting activities like Jingle Bell races, Santa obstacle courses, and Relay Tree Decorating. **Running at multiple locations in your local area**: find your closest holiday club at <u>Find Your Nearest Club</u>.

What's on this Winter Holiday?

JAG's Winter Wonderland program is designed to provide your child with an unforgettable winter adventure. Themed activities alongside our whole of child programme will ensure children's time at JAG will always be their favourite time!

- ✓ Ages 4-11 years
- ✓ Keep active & improve wellbeing
- ✓ Release Creativity
- ✓ Make memories to last a lifetime
- ✓ Explore a variety of child interests

Early Bird Offer: Use code JAGWINTER for 10% off at checkout - Offer ends Sunday 3rd December at midnight! Discover more and secure your spot now: Book Now

For more information, explore: Parent Support Dur Locations Dur Story Mew to JAG

Unlock a Weekly Booking Discount if you book a full week (Mon-Fri) - automatically applied at checkout!

Contact JAG at hello@junioradventuresgroup.co.uk or give their friendly customer care team a call today at 0333 577 1533.