



# St Nicholas School Bulletin



28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## April 2024

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> EASTER Break  
Tue 16<sup>th</sup> KS2 Cycling  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Swimming  
Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> KS2 Cycling  
Wed 24/25<sup>th</sup> IPP Meeting  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Swimming  
Tue 30<sup>th</sup> TEMPEST Photography  
Tue 30<sup>th</sup> KS2 Cycling

## May 2024

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Year 3 Swimming  
Tue 7<sup>th</sup> KS2 Cycling  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Swimming  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup> PTA Quiz Night (tbc)  
Tue 14<sup>th</sup> KS2 Cycling  
Thu 16<sup>th</sup> CENSUS Day  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Swimming  
Tue 21<sup>st</sup> KS2 Cycling  
Tue 21<sup>st</sup> PGL Parent Info Meeting – 5.30pm  
Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Swimming  
Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Sports Day (PM)  
Mon 27<sup>th</sup> – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> HALF TERM



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St Nicholas CE Primary School, Hurst



## Easter Update

What a busy term we have had! The children have been really busy this term and there have been so many events to enjoy. It has taken a while to collate all the latest for the last couple of weeks. I think you'll agree, everyone deserves a well-earned Easter Break! We look forward to seeing you in the new term.

## Easter Service

The Children prepared and delivered a joyous Easter Service with a Theme of "Signs of Easter"

## Easter Bonnets:



## Easter Crosses:





## Easter Eggs:



## Easter Hot Cross Buns:



## Easter Chicks:





## Palm Leaves:



We were all very proud of the children, how they had prepared, rehearsed and sang so confidently. The organization from behind the scenes from the Church Team, staff and children really comes together on occasions such as this and it is a delight to celebrate the coming together at the end of the Term.

## Sandstone Cornet Concert:

The children in Sandstone class have been learning to play the cornet this term, taught by a music teacher from the Berkshire Music Trust and we are really pleased with the progress they have made and the enthusiasm they have put into their lessons. To that end, they recently performed some short pieces to some of their peers and their parents to demonstrate what they have learnt:



Videos to follow





## Musical Theatre Club

The children who attend the Musical Theatre before school club on a Tuesday delighted us all with a performance of Matilda they have been learning this term. Well done to all the children who showed great courage performing in front of the whole school and visitors. We clearly have some budding performers amongst us!!



## Easter Exhibition:

The team from Hurst Gospel Hall joined us at the end of term to deliver the Easter exhibition for the children. The children were able to explore the Easter Story and the significance of the week leading up to Easter Sunday



## School Council and First Days Children's Charity

Our children, through the School Council, Have been working hard supporting local charities including The Link Visiting Scheme, Alana House and more recently, First Days Children's Charity. We are pleased to be hosting a collection box in the school entrance for donations for First Days until the end of the Summer Term.



If you would like to drop a donation into school you can see their wish list here: <https://www.firstdays.net/current-donations-list> We ask that the items are washed and cleaned and in a good working condition.

The School Council have organised a charity fun run to raise money for their Children's Charity of the Year, First Days Children's Charity so we will be attending Dinton Pastures Junior parkrun on **Sunday 28th April at 8.45am.**

The children will complete their 2k run, hop, skip, walk with their friends supported and cheered on by family. They must arrive in suitable clothing and shoes, we are encouraging the children to wear purple if they can to represent the charity colours.

### What you need to do:

- Register for the junior parkrun event here: <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/>
- Print off or save your barcode on your phone
- Ask friends and family to support and donate to their JustGiving page here: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-nicholas-1711055485895>
- Arrive at Dinton Pastures Activity Centre promptly at 8.45am on Sunday 28th April for welcome on the decking with your barcode.
- Walk, Run, Hop or skip 2km with friends
- Meet afterwards at the play park to celebrate, bring cake!!

Come along and join in whatever your pace! We look forward to seeing you there! Mrs Hilling has pledged to donate 50p to every child who comes along!





Mrs Clacy, Mrs Prince and 18 children from St Nicholas, joined many Berkshire schools for “A Night at the Movies” The children prepared for several weeks on the run up to the event and performed with excellence. We were proud that the children represented St Nicholas. Here are a few photos shared:







## Photo Sharing

As a school, we are looking onto how best we can share photos with our families. We understand that sharing photos in the newsletter is not always the easiest way to view using mobile devices. Some of our events are shared on Social Media, such as X (formerly known as Twitter) and Facebook. We have videos and photos which we would like to share from this term, so please watch this space.

## St Nicholas PTA Events

This term we have seen a wide range of exciting events from our amazing team on our School Parent and Teacher Association. This term the children have enjoyed Film Nights, Discos, Easter Egg Hunts (not to mention an egg-stra special visit from the Easter Bunny himself!), Cake Sales, Bags2School and the Sponsored Leap Into Spring Event.

Money raised this term, along with the 2023 Hurst Show Contribution has paid for a multitude of items for the children. These include:

- 36 tablets and charging trolley
- 3 large class carpets for KS1
- A water tray for EYFS
- Books on Diversity for our library for the whole school
- SEN and phonics resources



The PTA are also organising an Art Exhibition which we encourage all children, parents, siblings and other family members to participate. Canvas' will be available at the school office if you do not already have yours. Completed artwork must be returned to school by **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April** for judging on Friday by local artists. We will then be hosting an Art Exhibition where prizes for different categories will be awarded.

These events do not just happen by themselves, it takes hard work and commitment from the team of volunteers on the PTA. There is a meeting on the first Wednesday back **on 17<sup>th</sup> April at 5.30pm**. If you would like to know more about what the PTA are planning for the Summer term, how you can help, we encourage you to attend.

## BESPOKE ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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





We are delighted to be hosting our first **St Nicholas Easter Camp** with Core Kids Club for ages 5 -12 years from 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April. Sibling discounts available.

**Sibling Discount**  
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**NORMAL DAY 9AM – 4PM £25**  
**EXTENDED DAY 8:30AM – 5PM £32**





## COMMUNITY NEWS



To enter, simply email a photo of the entry along with your name and your school to [re3info@reading.gov.uk](mailto:re3info@reading.gov.uk), with the subject line 'Fantastic Foil'. The closing date for **entries is 19th April** and winners will be announced within two weeks. For full details, including some resources to use, please [visit the re3 website](#).

### Prizes for winning schools:

£100 voucher each to the winning school in Bracknell Forest, Reading and Wokingham Borough  
£50 voucher to the runner up in each borough.

### Prizes for winning pupils in each borough:

1st Prize: £20 voucher  
2nd Prize: £15 voucher  
3rd Prize: £10 voucher





# GET ARTY!

**WOODLEY LIBRARY**  
**TUESDAY 9 APRIL**  
**10:30 AM - 11:30AM**

Come and join us for a fun morning  
of  
arts & crafts.

This event is open to children  
aged 4 to 10.

 £2 per child





**FREE**

## A SPRING IN YOUR STEP WORKSHOP

Ages 7-9

**Woodley Library**

Wednesday 10 April  
3:30 - 4:30pm

Booking required





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FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY



**COLOUR RUN**

**SUNDAY 12 MAY - 2PM**  
Prospect Park, Reading




Scan for tickets



www.firstdays.net  
Charity No. 1157855

A family event at  
**Sandhurst Memorial Park**  
this Easter holidays (29<sup>th</sup> March - 14<sup>th</sup> April)

# Easter Hop



Purchase a map for £3 from the Sandhurst Park Café.


Find the Easter Hop posters around the park.

Each poster has a letter that you write down on your map.

Unscramble the letters to find the secret words.


Learn about Sandhurst Memorial Park organisations.

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### Healthcare Assistant £22,572

Nursing Home in Wokingham, looking for caring and compassionate individuals to support residents who have significant care needs. Calm under pressure and flexible enough to deal with a variety of tasks in a changeable environment. Seeking days and night staff to deliver the very best care to our residents. Walkable from Wokingham train station and bus routes.

### Support Worker, £22,572

Residential Home in Wokingham, very close to Wokingham Town Centre. Caring for 37 residents and short stay accommodation. Specialist dementia environments for individuals requiring the support of a secure location. 8 step down beds for assess to discharge too. Looking for committed and patient individuals to join and compliment this team

### Support Worker - £22,572

In this role you will work with people with learning disabilities, supporting them in their own homes with all aspects of their daily routines to ensure that they are able to live the lives they want to. You will work with residents and their support networks to help individuals retain practical and social skills.

