



# St Nicholas School Bulletin



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13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## September 2024

*Fri 13<sup>th</sup> PTA New parent Coffee morning*  
*Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Meet the Teacher – Curriculum information evening*  
*Fri 27<sup>th</sup> PTA Film Night*

## October 24

*Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Bag2School*  
*Tue 8<sup>th</sup> Harvest Service at 10am*  
*Wed 9<sup>th</sup> TEMPEST Photographs*  
*Thu 10<sup>th</sup> World Mental Health Day (wear Yellow)*  
*Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Spirituality Week*  
*Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Flu Vaccinations (whole school)*  
*Tue 15<sup>th</sup> "Parenting in a Digital World" parent workshop*  
*Thu 17<sup>th</sup> TKAT Annual Service (Y6)*  
*Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Ashmolean Museum - Marble*  
**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY**  
*Mon 28<sup>th</sup> – Thu 31<sup>st</sup> HALF TERM*

## November 2024

*Fri 1<sup>st</sup> HALF TERM*  
*Thu 7<sup>th</sup> TKAT Sports Festival*  
**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> PTA AGM**  
*Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Elfridges Pampering/Shopping*  
*Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Children in Need (wear spots)*

## December 2024

*Fri 6<sup>th</sup> St Nicholas Day Service at 10.00am*  
**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> PTA Disco**  
*Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fayre*  
*Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Nativity 2pm*  
*Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Nativity 2pm*  
*Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Rock Steady Concert*  
*Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Exhibition*  
*Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Craft Day*  
*Thu 19<sup>th</sup> Panto (PM)*  
*Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Carol Service at Church 10.00am*  
**END OF TERM – school closes 1.30pm**

## January 2025

*Tue 7<sup>th</sup> BACK TO SCHOOL*  
*Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Reading Museum Trip - Sandstone*



## Welcome back!

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope everyone had a restful break. We have started the term with great energy, and despite the rain, it has been a fantastic first week.

A special welcome goes out to our new families joining us this term. I've really enjoyed getting to know the children starting at our school, within the foundation class and within other year groups and I am excited to see them flourish in the weeks ahead.

It was a delight to meet our new families at the PTA Coffee Morning today and our teaching staff look forward to giving you the class and curriculum information you will need for the year ahead at the "Meet the Teacher" evening, so please ensure you book your place.

As always, everything we do is underpinned by our vision and values. It has been wonderful to see the children already demonstrating our value of kindness as they begin making new friends. Together, we aim to create an environment where every child can believe in themselves and achieve their best.

Please note all the dates for your diary listed to the left of this bulletin, this will be updated regularly and sent out fortnightly.

Thank you all for your continued support; we look forward to a successful year ahead.

*Mrs Hilling*



## Rock Steady Music

We were joined in assembly last week by Rock Steady Music who will be starting lessons at St Nicholas on Monday mornings for the children to learn various instruments, or sing, and ultimately create a band. After assembly they took part in class workshops where they could try out their skills.

If your child is interested in joining the sessions, please contact [rocksteadymusicschool.com](http://rocksteadymusicschool.com)



## Free School Meals - How registering for free school meals helps us

We want to make sure we are providing your child with the best education and support we can.

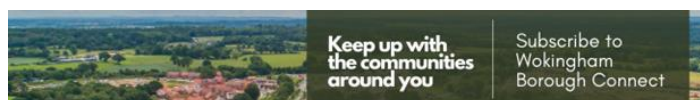
Healthy school food has obvious benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life and can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. To qualify, your child must be in school and you must be receiving one of the following benefits:

- [Income support](#)
- Income based [Job Seekers Allowance](#)
- Income related [Employment and Support Allowance](#)
- [NASS support](#)
- Guarantee element of [State Pension](#)
- [Child Tax Credit](#), provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- [Working Tax Credit](#) for the four weeks after employment ends
- [Universal Credit](#), provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400

If this applies to you but your child isn't registered for free school meals, complete a form and return it to your child's school.

[Download the form and apply for Free School Meals](#) on Wokingham Borough Council's website.



At St Nicholas we offer a wide range of bespoke enrichment opportunities as well as our regular wrap around care. We encourage all children to try something new. Please see our schedule below. If you have any questions or would like more information please do not hesitate to ask, or email using the contacts below.

## St Nicholas Bespoke Enrichment Opportunities

Day	What's On?	For more info/ booking
<b>Monday</b>	8.00am Morning <b>Judo</b> with Mark Fricker  8.30am Rock Steady Music  <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="mailto:judoschooluk@gmail.com">judoschooluk@gmail.com</a>  <a href="http://rocksteadymusicschool.com">rocksteadymusicschool.com</a>  Core Coaching – Free  Mrs Clacy  <a href="mailto:tonytonylyons@gmail.com">tonytonylyons@gmail.com</a>  Mr Godden and Mr Townsend
<b>Tuesday</b>	8.00am <b>Musical Theatre</b>  <b>Lunchtime Football Coaching – KS2</b>	<a href="mailto:bethany@thelondonballetcompany.co.uk">bethany@thelondonballetcompany.co.uk</a>  Core Coaching – Free
<b>Wednesday</b>	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
<b>Thursday</b>	<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>
<b>Friday</b>	8.00am <b>Gymnastics</b>  <b>Piano Tuition</b> (Group and Individual)  <b>Lunchtime Core Coaching – Netball</b>	<a href="mailto:bethany@thelondonballetcompany.co.uk">bethany@thelondonballetcompany.co.uk</a>  <a href="mailto:admin@wekey.co.uk">admin@wekey.co.uk</a>  Core Coaching - Free
<b>Everyday</b>	<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>



## Our PTA

We are incredibly fortunate to have a dedicated and hardworking Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) that goes above and beyond to support our school community. From organising fun events, to fundraising for essential resources, they play a vital role in enhancing the educational experience for all our children.

But they can't do it alone – they need your support! Whether you can volunteer some time, donate, or simply attend events, every little bit makes a huge difference.

Get involved, meet other parents, and help make our school the best it can be for our children. Together, we can achieve amazing things! 🤝 ✨

Join the next PTA meeting or contact Abby on [ptachair@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:ptachair@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk) to find out how you can help

Dates for your diary!

- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Film night**
- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November – PTA AGM**
- **End of November – Wreath & Wine Evening**
- **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Infant & Junior Disco**
- **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Dinner and Dance (black tie event, 3 course meal and live band at the Village Hall)**



**Parentkind** – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – **all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at [Asda.com](https://www.asda.com), between 2nd September and 30th November 2024.**

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our PTA. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving **£50** to every school to get them started.





## Meet the Team!

**PTA**

# St Nicholas Hurst School

## Meet the PTA Team

				
<b>Abby</b> Chair	<b>Shanae</b> Vice Chair	<b>Nichola</b> Treasurer	<b>Emma</b> Secretary	
				
<b>Mike</b> Chair Support	<b>Amy</b> Treasurer Support	<b>Tanya</b> Secretary support		
				
<b>Sam</b> Event Co-ordinator	<b>Gaby</b> Event Co-ordinator	<b>Kate</b> Event Co-ordinator	<b>Sarah</b> Event Co-ordinator	<b>Gemma</b> 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.





# HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL



## HELP AT SCHOOL EVENTS

If you can spare time to help at our fundraising events, come and make new friends in your community. Many hands make light work, whether it's doing the shopping for Santa and the Easter Bunny, baking for your class cake sale, donating to or joining the fun of the Hurst Fayre helping to run our stall. Every effort really is appreciated!



## PLAY THE SCHOOL LOTTERY

Your school lottery - a little fun each week. Play the lottery! 40% of ticket sales goes straight to school. 1 player from school will win a share each week. Country wide prize of £25,000 each week, together with special extra prizes from meal boxes to Lego vouchers etc.

[www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)



## DONATE WHERE YOU CAN

If you are able to, why not give £2.50, £5 or £10 per month, particularly if you can allow us to claim Gift Aid, builds up quickly. This goes directly to school projects, not being spent on fundraising events. If parents did this for each child, we could raise £10,000 - £20,000 per year and concentrate on fun activities for all the children. We know not every household can afford to do this, but very much appreciate those that can. Contact [PTATreasurer@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:PTATreasurer@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk) for more information



## ORGANISE MATCH FUNDING

Does your company match your charitable donations? Often this is a 100% match, so far more than Gift Aid offers. Whether this is monthly, annually, or when you want to help school reach a goal. Contact [PTATreasurer@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:PTATreasurer@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk) for more information



## EARN WHEN YOU SPEND ONLINE

Easyfundraising - make your shopping even more worthwhile, and it won't cost you anything! Register, choose the PTA as your charity, go through the website when you make a purchase (rules apply like filling basket after going through the website). The big donations come from holidays and utilities, but the small shops all build up!

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## Half Term Holiday Club at St Nicholas

**10% OFF** Sibling Discount

Childcare Vouchers Accepted only at certain venues

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# OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITY CAMPS!

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**OCT 28TH - NOV 1ST**

**STANDARD DAY: 9AM - 4PM**  
**EXTENDED DAY: 8:30AM - 5PM**

**AGES: 5 - 12**

Friday Halloween Costume Day

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**CORE Kids Club**

# OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITY CAMPS!

**OCT 28TH - NOV 1ST**

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If you are looking for after school activities for your children then HydroKidz Swim School offer children's small group lessons after school and at weekends at several locations close to our school. They are taking bookings for this term and have offered our parents a **£20 discount** off the first month's lessons.

They teach children of all abilities from age 3 and up and in small groups (typically just 4 for beginners) following the National Learn to Swim Plan. All teachers are fully qualified, enhanced DBS checked and safeguarding trained.

To take advantage of the £20 discount, simply book your child into the preferred lesson times online by visiting [www.hydrokidz.com](http://www.hydrokidz.com) and use the code SCHOOL20 in the checkout.

If you need any further information before you book then email the team on [info@hydrokidz.com](mailto:info@hydrokidz.com) or call them on 0118 402 2899.



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## OCTOBER HALF TERM 2024

### What's on?







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