



Message from Mrs Crouch

As you are aware, we received the Ofsted inspection report this week. The whole school community's dedication was recognised as contributing to the school's success, with the report highlighting many positive aspects of school life. Some of the key comments include:

"Pupils are welcomed with care and kindness in this nurturing school."

"Pupils live out the school's vision to believe and achieve."

"Staff know pupils well. This means that the right support is put in place, at the right time, to reduce barriers to learning and wellbeing."

"Pupils achieve well and feel a sense of belonging within the school family."

Inspectors were particularly impressed with the area of Personal development and wellbeing. Staff provide effective pastoral support to all pupils.

The inspections also praised the children for being courteous and positive pupils. They were impressed by how the children showed respect and understanding that everyone is different. Pupils also demonstrated confidence and empathy throughout. They noted pupils' actions reflect the school's values of kindness, perseverance, hope and responsibility. I am so proud of our children.

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff for sharing the wonderful work they do to support our children's academic progress and wellbeing. Our governors also played an active role in the process, sharing the strategic decisions that guide our school's vision. We would also like to thank our parents for their continued support and active involvement in the school community.



Core Values



Kindness



Perseverance



Hope



Responsibility

School Photographs – Ordering

School photograph proofs have been sent home with children this week.

If you would like to order your child's photographs, please remember that the closing date for **free delivery back to school is Thursday 22nd October**.

You can **scan the QR code on your child's proof/order form** to access the ordering page directly. Alternatively, you can place your order through the Tempest website using the unique link that was emailed to you. www.tempest-orders.co.uk.

If you need any assistance with ordering your photographs, please contact Tempest directly on **01736 751555 (option 5)**.

Dates

12th Oct—Year 6 Girls Football Match at Sauncey Wood Primary School 3.30pm

14th Oct—Diamond Class Visit to St Albans Cathedral—Harvest Service

14th Oct Year 5/6 Netball Match at St Hilda's School 3.45pm

20th Oct—Parents Evening 3.15pm—6pm

22nd Oct—Closing date for free delivery back to school for school photos

22nd Oct—Year 5/6 Netball Match at Roundwood Primary School 3.30pm

22nd Oct—Parents Evening 3.15pm—7.30pm

23rd Oct—INSET Day—School Closed no Children attending

26th—30th Oct—Half Term

2nd Nov—Children return to School wearing Winter Uniform

2nd Nov—All Saints Day—Children to wear house coloured t-shirts

16th Nov—Odd Socks Day and Anti-bullying week

<https://www.stnicholasce.org/diary/grid/2025/01/>

This half term we are learning about:

Generosity

Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

HEBREWS 13:16

Year 6 Ambassadors

Congratulations to the following children as they have been appointed in the various St Nicks Ambassadors roles:

AMBASSADOR

News Reporters—Cecilia & Riley

Performance—Charlotte, Damien, Ines, Luisa & Margot

Reading— Charles, Ella, Everly & Olivia

School Representatives —Amelia DM, Elicia, Isla A, Izan, Joanna, Oscar

Sports & Health—Amelia, Emily, Fred & Oliver

Worship—Alex, Dash, Isla S, Max & Tyler

These roles provide an opportunity for all the Year 6 children to contribute to school life by fulfilling the various responsibilities.

School Council:

Following the elections, the newly elected School Council members were delighted to receive their badges.



Well done and congratulations to all of our successful candidates and thank you for all who took part!

Diamond: Amelia M and Jack S

Sapphire: Eliana and Zidan

Emerald: Nico and Rosie

Topaz: Edward and Emily

School Council News:

Our newly appointed school council members have been busy this week making posters for the St Nicholas PTA Christmas Fair on Saturday 21st November. They have all worked really hard together to make colourful and engaging posters.



Awards: Stars of the week:

Diamond: Oliver for working so hard to develop both your understanding and presentation in maths. Olivia for perseverance in maths when rounding numbers. Well done.



Sapphire: Louis and Penelope for being committed to reading regularly at home.

Emerald: Daniella for thinking carefully about the structure of her story, taking responsibility and persevering throughout. Nico for showing how responsible he can be for his own learning resulting in a story he can be really proud of.

Topaz: Freddie P for showing kindness and always helping with jobs. Inessa for trying really hard with her reading.

Garnet: Charlotte for her great work in maths ordering and comparing numbers. Jeremy for always being ready to learn and giving 100% into all his learning tasks.

Extra-Curricular Achievements:

Sapphire: Congratulations to Stefan for taking part in the HSC Bryan Thompson Legacy swimming Meet as part of his Swimming Club. Stefan took part in 7 different races and was awarded 7 medals with 2 of them being gold.



Prayer

Generous God,
Make our hearts like yours, always ready to give.
Help us to see opportunities to give our time,
so we can achieve amazing things together.
Amen



Rotary Friendship Boxes 2026:

As you know, the ongoing war is seriously affecting the mental health and educational progress of children and young people living in war torn Ukraine.

They need interesting and stimulating things to do. Working with our fellow Rotarians in Ukraine, Rotary has developed the Friendship Boxes project.

With your help, Rotary in Harpenden, seeks your support please for the third consecutive year we kindly ask for donations of interesting and stimulating items e.g.

- Coloured pencils, crayons, colouring books, puzzles and reading books (English is now being taught in Ukrainian schools)
- Small toys
- A "good wishes card" if your family would like to do so but we suggest with no home contact details

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE

Foods, liquids, powders, batteries, religious artefacts or items with sharp edges.

We kindly ask for any donations to be brought into St Nicholas School by Wednesday 21st October.
Thank you so much for your support.

Rotary in Harpenden

