



St Nicholas eBulletin

Issue 6

Friday 16th October 2026

Message from Mrs Crouch

It has been another busy and exciting week at school. Diamond Class had the wonderful opportunity to participate in the Harvest celebration at St Albans Cathedral. It was a lovely service, and the children did themselves proud with an excellent rendition of the Harvest Poem. Their behaviour throughout the visit was exemplary, and we were incredibly proud of the way they represented our school.

The netball team enjoyed a friendly netball match against a local school this week. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to develop their teamwork, sportsmanship and confidence. Thank you to Mrs Stichbury and Mrs Twelftree for their coaching and encouragement.

Emerald Class took their learning outdoors today with a local field study. The children explored Ordnance Survey maps, learning how to interpret map features and recognise the symbols used to represent different places and landmarks. It was a valuable opportunity to put their geographical knowledge into practice and develop their map-reading skills.

We look forward to sharing how the children have settled in their new classes during parent consultation meetings next week. Please come 10 minutes before the appointment through the main entrance to look at children's work in the following areas:

Waiting area	Books available for
Library	Topaz
Pearl room	Sapphire and Emerald
Diamond classroom	Garnet and Diamond

Parents can come to the hall for their appointment. Each appointment will be 9 minutes. A bell will ring to signal the end of the appointment. If everyone keeps to the timings, then it will be much appreciated.

Core Values



Kindness



Perseverance



Hope



Responsibility

Upcoming Events

Pupil Data Collection Sheets

Data collection sheets will be given to parents at their Parents Evening appointments. There will be an opportunity for parents to complete and return the sheets after appointments. A post box will be placed outside the school office to return completed sheets. Alternatively, we kindly ask these are returned to the school office by Wednesday 4th November.

Friday 23rd Oct—INSET Day

A polite reminder that there is a staff training day on Friday 23rd October. The school will be closed.

Dates

20th Oct—Parents Evening 2.30pm—5.50pm

21st Oct—Last day for "Rotary Friendship Boxes" donations

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 2.30pm—7.20pm

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

13th Nov—Diamond class assembly 9.05am

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

W/c 16th Nov—Year 5 Bike Ability Week

16th Nov—Diamond Class last swimming lesson

19th Nov—Sapphire Class last swimming lesson

21st Nov—St Nicholas PTA Christmas Fair

25th Nov—Open Day for Reception Intake September 2027 9.30am

<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

Diamond Class St Albans Cathedral Trip:

On Wednesday, Diamond class went to St Albans Cathedral to participate in the Harvest Service and make clay tiles in a workshop. When we arrived at the Cathedral we recited our poem to an audience of different schools and were able to listen to all the other schools who were taking part. We really enjoyed watching the other schools' performances. We learnt about the importance of sharing what we have saved and the values of Harvest.

After we had our lunch in the walled garden we had the opportunity to create our own clay tiles with designs of our choice inspired by the architecture of the building itself.



Written by Cecilia and Riley

Year 6 News
Reporters



Year 6 Friendly Netball Match Report:

We competed at St Hilda's School who are a very strong school. We split the game into 3 thirds as they played 3 separate teams. We won the first third 1-0 with Ines scoring for St Nicholas. The second third we narrowly lost 0-1 which was a real shame. The third third we lost 8-0, St Hilda's had a very strong team with a number of players who play in local clubs, their GA was very impressive, but the girls never gave up and tried really hard against a strong team.

Match 1: player of the match was Ines, Match 2: player of the match was Isla and Match 3: player of the match was Margot.

Congratulations to all for showing great team work.



Awards: Stars of the week:

Diamond: Diamond class for demonstrating outstanding behaviour and delivering an excellent rendition of the Harvest Poem at the St Albans Cathedral Harvest Festival.



Sapphire: Theodore and Zidan for using sophisticated, formal vocabulary with great skill to create a powerful impact on the reader.

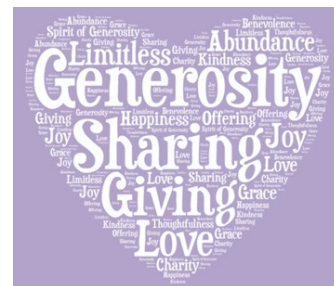
Emerald: Alexander for thinking about being careful with his handwriting every time he writes and for all his hard work. Alexis for getting involved with class lessons and being conscientious about her learning in all subjects.

Topaz: Izzy for always being kind and working hard in class. Oscar B for working really hard on his handwriting.

Garnet: Owen for persevering in writing and completing all of his tasks. Vogue for her brilliant focus and perseverance in all her tasks.

Prayer

Heavenly Father,
Our generous Provider, there is nothing I have that has not come from your hand.
Every act of generosity on my part is only a response
to the generosity with which you have already blessed me.
Help me not to strive for more and more,
but grow in gratitude.
Shape within me a generous heart,
empowering me to give sacrificially,
not under compulsion, but in joy and faith.
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

