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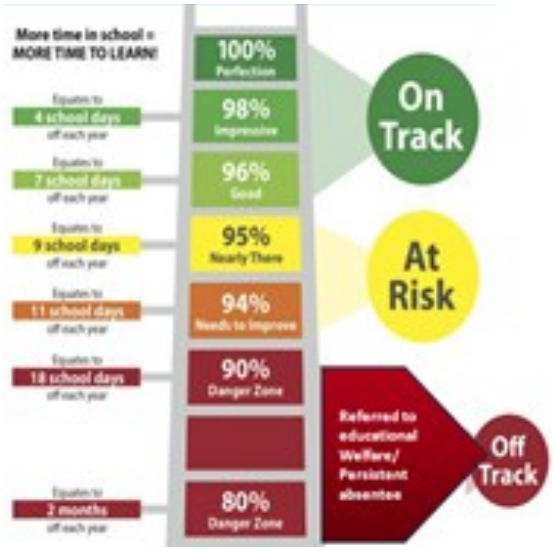
Message from Mrs Crouch

The nights may be darker, but I am very pleased to report that we have started this half term with lots of great learning and a real positive buzz around school.

With the colder weather, there are several illnesses doing the rounds. If your child is unwell, please remember to email the school office by 9.00am, giving the reason for their absence. Being aware of any illnesses circulating helps us to remain vigilant and take appropriate steps to protect the health and wellbeing of our whole school community. For further guidance on when to keep your child off school, please visit our website.

https://www.stnicholasce.org/medical-information

A reminder about attendance: 96% attendance equates to approximately seven days of missed learning over the school year. Attendance is everyone's responsibility, and every day really does count. Learning is carefully sequenced, with concepts building cumulatively throughout the week. Missing even one day can make it more difficult for children to access and fully understand the learning that follows. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child is in school, ready to learn, every day.



Core Values



Upcoming Events

Pupil Data Collection Sheets

Data collection sheets were handed out at Parents Evening appointments. We kindly ask these are returned to the school office by Tuesday 10th November.

Diamond Class Assembly

Diamond class Parents are warmly invited to the Class assembly on Friday 13th November at 9.05am.

Dates

11th Nov—Year 5/6 Harpenden District Cross Country Championship at The Wheathampstead Wanderes Ground at 1pm
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
16th Nov—Year 5/6 Home Netball Match Playing Harpenden Academy 3.30pm
19th Nov—Sapphire Class last swimming lesson
20th Nov—PTA Bottle Tombola Non-Uniform Day
20th Nov—Year 5/6 Boys Football Match at The Grove Primary School 3.30pm
21st Nov—St Nicholas PTA Christmas Fair
23rd Nov—Sapphire Class Viking Workshop
25th Nov—Open Day for Reception Intake September 2027 9.30am
30th Nov—Year 5/6 Netball Match at The Lea Primary School 3.30pm
2nd Dec—Rotary Carol Service—7pm
4th Dec—KS 2 Piano Recital at St Nicholas Church 5-6pm
7th Dec—Emerald, Sapphire and Diamond class Carol Service at St Nicholas Church 6pm
9th Dec—Nativity performance to Garnet class parents 9.05am
10th Dec—Nativity performance to Topaz class parents 9.05am
11th Dec—Talent Show 1pm
16th Dec—KS1 Piano Recital at St Nicholas School 10-10.45am

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

This half term we are learning about:

Compassion

"Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble." 1 Peter 3:8



Emerald Class Geography Field Work:

Emerald class enjoyed taking part in geography field work in Harpenden to study land use.

They followed a route on a map, identified different types of land use and explored why physical and human features are in certain locations.





Awards: Stars of the week:

Diamond: Charles for showing great enthusiasm in his learning at Silverstone. Riley for showing fantastic curiosity at Silverstone by reading information and exploring displays.

Sapphire: Connie for making valuable contributions to class discussions and confidently sharing her ideas with the class. Daniel for showing great effort in writing about an invented gadget.

Emerald: Philip for being responsible for his learning in the classroom and in PE. Sanav for always working hard in all his subjects and being kind to his classmates.

Topaz: Hugo for always setting a great example to the other children and always being focussed in lessons. Olivia G for always persevering and trying her best.

Garnet: Louie for his fantastic addition and writing accurate number sentences. Sebby for sharing thoughtful ideas.

Prayer

Dear Holy Saints of God,
We join our prayers of praise to yours this day.
With you, we sing of God's goodness,
Rejoice in God's mercy and celebrate God's incredible love.
Teach us to live as you lived – always thinking of others,
Always recognising our weaknesses,
Always rejoicing in God's gifts,
Always closely following Jesus. Blessed are you, happy are you,
All you holy saints of God. Pray for us that we, too,
may someday be among God's Holy Ones.
Amen



St Nicholas PTA Christmas Fair:

CHRISTMAS FAIR
DONATIONS NEEDED!

With half term on the horizon, now is a good time to have a clear out and send any of your unwanted items to the PTA for our Christmas Fair stalls!

It's a great opportunity to have a clearout before Christmas!

FROM TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

Donations (except toys) can be brought to the **Jade Room** from **Tuesday 10th November** (at school drop off and pick up only).

Toy donations can be brought in from **16th November.**

Please bag up donations for each stall separately and label them clearly.
All items should be clean, washed and in good condition.

TEDDY TOMBOLA



Donations of teddies and cuddly toys wanted, ready to be loved again.

Please give them a wash before donating!

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS & PARTY CLOTHES



Pre-loved Christmas jumpers and party clothes. Donations of any size, from baby to adult.

BOTTLE TOMBOLA



Always a hit!
We need bottles of wine, beer and soft drinks.

Children can come to school in non-uniform on **FRIDAY 20TH NOV** in exchange for a bottle.

CHILDREN'S TOMBOLA



Lots of little prizes suitable for children, e.g. juice cartons, crisps, bubble bath, sweets, small toys, art supplies etc.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS



Handmade donations: craft items, jewellery, cards, tree decorations, needlework, candles, stockings, jams, chutneys, treats and homemade goodies.

Recycled materials welcomed!

BAKED GOODS



If you love baking and excel at making sweet treats please donate these on **FRIDAY 20TH NOV.**

All ingredients must be listed and no nuts.

TOYS & GAMES



Good quality, clean toys, games and puzzles.

- Ensure games and jigsaws are complete
- Firmly fastened so we don't lose pieces
- Please consider giving smaller party bag toys to the Children's Tombola and cuddly toys direct to the Teddy Tombola.

GIFT ROOM



Unwanted gifts that are unused and in very good condition, e.g. candles & home fragrance, festive crockery, unopened soaps, hand washes, bath bombs, hand creams, body lotions and unopened gift sets.

PLEASE REMEMBER

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL AND CANNOT ACCEPT CHOCOLATE DONATIONS WHICH SAY 'MAY CONTAIN NUTS'.

CONTACT US

pta@stnicolasce.org

Many thanks for all your help!

The Fair relies enormously on the generosity of donations, so please do give what you can.

St Nic's Christmas Puddings Have Landed…

For over 50 years, parents of St Nicholas' have been making Christmas puddings to raise money for our school. They are enjoyed by St Nic's families past and present, and for many families Christmas wouldn't be the same without one or a few of these incredible puds! Our traditional recipe* has been passed down through the generations, and has been strictly followed to ensure the same delicious taste. Despite various challenges over the past five decades, not a single year has been missed, and over the past five years, we have made over £6,000 to provide much needed resources for our little school.

We are just getting ready to prepare this year's batch and the children will be learning all about this school tradition and making their own label for the puddings in class. If you would like to order a pudding with your child's label attached, please complete the google form using the below link and make payment via the Collctiv link on the form. Please remember to put the name of your child on the Collctiv payment so we can match your order to your child's pudding label. Puddings are priced at £10 for a small (1lb) and £15 for a large (2lb).

Christmas Pudding Order Form

The deadline for orders is ***Wednesday 11th November***. Puddings will be available for collection in the playground at pick-up on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th November, and at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 21st November.

Don't forget to order by Wednesday 11th November and let us help you tick something off the Christmas "To Do" list!

Merry Christmas from the St Nic's Pudding Team

*Please note the puddings contain nuts, eggs, and gluten

St Nicholas PTA Christmas Fair Raffle:

This week your children will have brought home an envelope containing raffle tickets, a letter explaining what to do with them and a leaflet detailing all the amazing prizes on offer this year!

The raffle draw will take place around noon at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 21 November.

Tickets are £1 each and all monies, ticket stubs and unsold tickets need to be returned to the PTA Postbox (on the wall outside the Garnet/ Topaz cloakroom door) by 3.30pm on Friday 20 November or to the raffle stall in the church hall at the Christmas Fair before 11.30am.

Please make sure you write your name and contact details on every ticket stub, not just the top one in each booklet.

If you have any questions or would like extra raffle tickets please contact Cara Burt (Topaz and Emerald mum) on 07793 280298.

