St Nicholas eBulletin

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Message from Mrs Crouch

Today we celebrated World Kindness Day to remind everyone that small acts of kindness can make a big difference.
-Be kind and respectful to everyone.
-Use kind words and thoughtful actions.
-Include others.
-Help people who need support.
-Show care, understanding and compassion.
-Be kind to yourself as well as others.
Our challenge is to try to make the world a kinder place, one small act at a time!



In other news, Diamond Class shared their learning with parents during their class assembly. We have some talented writers who presented stories inspired by The Watertower. The children spoke confidently about their learning in French, maths and science, and shared what they had discovered during their recent visit to Silverstone. To finish, they performed 'The White Bus Song' brilliantly, with the audience enthusiastically joining in!
It was wonderful to see how much the children enjoyed their learning. Thank you to Mrs Kennett, Miss Brown and Mrs Hambidge for providing excellent learning opportunities and helping the children to prepare for the assembly.

The Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in a cross-country event this week. It was wonderful to see how well they performed and the enthusiasm they showed. A big thank you to Mr Price for all his coaching and to the parents who came along to support the event.

Core Values



Upcoming Events



Odd Socks Day

All you need to do is wear odd socks! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week! It will be held on Monday 16th November .

PTA Bottle Tombola Non-Uniform Day

On Friday 20th November, the children are allowed to come to school in non-uniform in return for bringing a bottle for the bottle tombola. This can be a bottle of absolutely anything; alcohol, juice even shampoo! There will be crates to drop off your bottle donations as you come into school on the morning of Friday 20th November.

Dates

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
17th Dec—End of term service in St Nicholas Church all classes attending 9.05am
17th Dec—End of Term school finishes at 1.15pm

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



Diamond Class Silverstone Visit:

On Wednesday, we went on a class trip to Silverstone to look at the museum and have a tour of the race track. While we were there, we were lucky enough to see two cars practising.

Did you know that to create one Formula 1 car it costs between 20 to 30 Million Pounds and across 24 venues and 11 teams in a whole year it takes 3 million people to make the races happen!

In the museum we learnt a lot of interesting facts and that Silverstone used to be an RAF base during WWII. There were lots of interactive activities to do in the museum such as a crawl-through tunnel, a screen where you are able to create your own car and see how long it took to get to the finish line.

We were taught all about the flag colours and their meanings. We also got to experience going in a simulator to recreate being in a F1 car. We all had an amazing day.



Written by Alex J-M, Luisa and Riley (Year 6)





Awards: Stars of the week:



Diamond: Amelia DM for showing great confidence and perseverance during the class assembly. Well done. Max for outstanding leadership, kindness and compassion whilst leading the P.E. lesson.

Sapphire: Charles for enriching our class learning about the Vikings by sharing valuable historical knowledge and context, helping us deepen our understanding of the story. Gwynn for confidently using ambitious and formal vocabulary in his writing to communicate ideas with clarity, precision and sophistication.

Emerald: Caleb for a beautiful piece of writing. Esme for brilliant maths work in class.

Topaz: Lily for telling the class all about her science home learning project. Rupert for working hard on his handwriting and persevering with letter formation.

Garnet: Luna for being such a kind and helpful member of Garnet class. We are lucky to have her! Luyanda for his enthusiasm to read and for making an excellent start with his phonics reading books.

Prayer

Dear God,
We pray for a compassionate heart.
Help us to be more understanding and empathetic towards others.
Thank you for the opportunities to practice compassion.
Thank you for your compassion towards us.
Help us to reflect that same compassion in our interactions with others.
May we learn to listen deeply and to respond with kindness.
Help us to seize those moments and to make a positive difference in the lives of others.
Amen



St Nicholas PTA Christmas Fair Message:

In just over a week's time we look forward to welcoming everyone to the 2026 Christmas fair. We have some amazing stalls and activities and I would encourage everyone to come along and get involved.

I am very grateful to everyone who has already worked so hard in preparing for the day or offering to help on the day. We still need some people to help out on some of our stalls so if you can spare an hour or so please get in touch with your class rep, Charlotte (Henry's Mum Sapphire Class) or myself.

Can I also encourage anyone who has not yet purchased a Christmas pudding do so as soon as possible as there are still a few available to order in advance or on the day. Not only are they a delicious addition to anyone's Christmas lunch, the labels themselves (decorated by the children) are a joy to see.

Stuart (Freddie's Dad Sapphire Class)



St Nicholas PTA Christmas Fair Raffle:

St Nicholas Primary School
Christmas Fair Raffle

Our raffle draw will take place at the Christmas Fair in St Nicholas Church Hall around noon. Tickets can be purchased in advance from school families or on the day at the Raffle Stall.
Special thanks to all the local businesses and school families who donated these wonderful prizes.

FITT41 FITNESS - THREE-MONTH ULTIMATE GYM MEMBERSHIP (£660)
Results driven training. A unique training compound showcasing indoor and outdoor training facilities. Personal training, fitness classes, nutrition and online coaching. Hyrox partner. Based in West Common, Harpenden. fitt41.co.uk

MARCHON GYMS - HARPENDEN - SIX-WEEK MEMBERSHIP (£459)
Performance driven community, dedicated to helping people improve their health, achieve long-lasting results, and live a life without limits. marchon-global.com

CARTWRIGHT AND BUTLER - LUXURY FOOD & DRINKS HAMPER (£300)
Luxury hampers designed to make a lasting impression. cartwrightandbutler.co.uk

TRAVEL FOUR SEASONS - VOUCHER (£150)
Perfectly planned travel for every season. Bespoke holidays, curated by experts who know that the right detail makes all the difference. travelfourseasons.co.uk

TEAM HORIZON - ONE FREE WEEK AT A MULTI-ACTIVITY HOLIDAY CAMP (£150)
Team Horizon's mission is to create a safe, fun environment for children to learn new sporting skills and develop existing ones, whatever their ability level. They also offer sports parties, including Zorb bubble parties. teamhorizon.co.uk

FIT20 HARPENDEN - ONE-MONTH TRAINING VOUCHER (£120)
Offering intensive strength training sessions to stay healthy and fit, no matter your age or fitness level. fit20.com

VISAGE DENTAL - VOUCHER FOR A PLATINUM HYGIENE APPOINTMENT (£109)
We offer a five-star service in a relaxing spa environment, providing cosmetic dentistry, implants, teeth whitening, Invisalign Go, periodontal and dental hygiene treatments. visagedentalspa.co.uk

CLOUD9 HEAD SPA – voucher for 60-min Japanese head spa (£75)

THE CUTTING ROOM – hair products (£60)

REBECCA JADE – back massage voucher (£52)

TRAVELBAG – £50 voucher

HAIR BY JAZZ - £50 voucher

LISTER INTERIORS – cushion (£45)

NONNA'S CAFE – bottle of wine (£37)

HARPENDEN EYE CENTRE – sunglasses (£29)

THREADS – £20 voucher

THOMPSON'S CLOSE CAFE – £15 voucher

COOK – £10 voucher

GAIL'S BAKERY - box of treats

HERTFORDSHIRE AIR CONDITIONING - champagne

LITTLE KICKERS – one-month pass (£65)

N8 HEALTH – one-hour massage (£60)

HARPENDEN MEDICAL – red light therapy & cryochamber session (£50)

VINSANTO – £50 voucher

THE LITTLE GYM – half-day holiday camp voucher (£45)

GIGGLING SQUID – £30 voucher

THE HOME&GARDEN EDIT – vase (£26)

BEAT SCHOOL UNIFORMS – £25 voucher

R&M BUTCHERS – £20 voucher

MY LITTLE KITCHEN CAKERY – cupcakes voucher (£20)

HARPENDEN LEISURE CENTRE – one-day fitness pass (£15)

THE BAKERY STOP – £10 voucher

SILVER PALATE - selection of goodies

GLYN GRIFFITHS – ornate bowl (£63)

HARPENDEN BOOKS – bundle of books (£58)

REVA BEAUTY – £50 voucher

SPRINGFIELD PHARMACY – two Elizabeth Arden sets (£28 each)

SWNG INDOOR GOLF – voucher for one-hour play (£40)

JOHNSON BLYTHE – £30 voucher

OVATION PERFORMING ARTS - voucher for two classes (£30)

HARPENDEN DANCE SCHOOL – voucher for three classes (£24)

HARPENDEN NAILS AND BEAUTY (LEYTON RD) – £15 voucher

M&S – sweet selection (£14)

HARRIS + HOOLE – voucher for hot drinks and reusable cup (£10)

DELICIOUS AND REAL -12-month access to meal-planning service

