St Nicholas eBulletin

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Message from Mrs Crouch

During this week's Anti-Bullying assembly, we focused on the importance of being assertive, speaking up and taking action against unkind behaviour. We encouraged children to be brave, not by putting themselves at risk or confronting others, but by refusing to join in, supporting anyone who is being targeted and reporting concerns to a trusted adult. We explored the role of the **active bystander (upstander)** and how even a simple comment such as "I'm not joining in. That's not funny" can make a difference.

We also discussed the difference between unkind behaviour and bullying: not every unkind comment or disagreement is bullying, but all unkind behaviour should be addressed. Bullying involves repeated, intentional behaviour that hurts someone and involves an imbalance of power. It can take many forms, including name-calling and hurtful jokes, physical behaviour, social exclusion or repeatedly undermining someone's confidence and self-belief.

Our message to children was simple:
Be kind, be brave, break the silence - don't be a bystander, be an upstander!



Odd Socks Day: We are all unique!

We warmly invite everyone to come to the Christmas Fair on Saturday from 10am to 1pm. Enjoy the festive atmosphere, explore the stalls, visit Santa's Grotto and play lots of games.

Core Values



Upcoming Events

PTA Christmas Fair— Saturday 21st November

Join us on Saturday 21st November 10am— 1pm for a morning of Christmas fun.



Dates

21st Nov—St Nicholas PTA Christmas Fair 10am—1pm
25th Nov—Open Day for Reception Intake September 2027 9.30am
27th Nov—Year 5/6 Football Match playing Harpenden Academy at SJL 3.30pm
30th Nov—Year 5/6 Netball Match at The Lea Primary School 3.30pm
2nd Dec—Sapphire Class Viking Workshop
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—Christmas Jumper Day
16th Dec—Christmas Lunch & Parties
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
4th Jan—INSET Day—No children attending school
5th Jan—Term begins

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

This half term we are learning about: Compassion

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility and patience.

Colossians 3:12



Topaz Class Michael Rosen Day:

Topaz class took part in Michael Rosen day on Thursday, we watched a live stream of Michael reading us his classic poems and other poems written by children from across the country.



Odd Socks Day:

On Monday it was Odd Socks Day. Odd Socks Day is to tell everyone about Anti-Bullying week where people are encouraged to put an end to bullying.

From socks with patterns to animals, there was everything you could imagine. In KS2, the topic was Break the Silence.

Written by Riley—Year 6



Awards: Stars of the week:



Diamond: Dash for his great effort and challenging himself in writing. Emily for working hard across all areas of the curriculum.

Sapphire: Luke and Millie for creating excellent expanded noun phrases.

Emerald: Eve and Jaden for thinking carefully about each sentence before writing it and choosing vocabulary for impact on the reader.

Topaz: Cian for working hard on his writing. Ruby for always being focused and ready to learn during carpet time.

Garnet: Leo F-D for using his phonics in his writing about his Mum. Oscar for being a kind friend.

Prayer

Lord,
I thank you for all you have done for me.
I ask for insights to be compassionate to others.
Let me show mercy and love to those who need them.
Teach me to forgive all that has wronged me.
Let me be compassionate to others as you are to me.
I ask for your continued provision for all my wishes and prayers.
Amen

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



Christmas Services at St Nicholas Church:

Parish of Harpenden
Welcome | Worship | Nourishment | Service

Christmas 2026 at St Nicholas Church

We warmly welcome you to join us

We offer traditional Christmas services, informal family-friendly worship, carol singing...or a quiet space to reflect by candlelight.
We hope you find something to feed your soul.

Services and Events	Date	Time
Advent Carol Service	Sunday 29 Nov	6.30pm
Compline by Candlelight	Thurs 3, 10, 17 & Tues 22 Dec	8pm
Soup and Carols	Fri 4, 11, 18 Dec	1pm
St Nicholas' Day Service	Sunday 6 Dec	9.30am
Christingle Service*	Sunday 6 Dec	4.30pm
Outdoor Carols with Harpenden Band*	Sat 12 & 19 Dec	10.30am-12noon
Blue Christmas *(a quieter service for those who find this time difficult...)*	Sat 19 Dec	2pm
Morning Praise for Christmastime*	Sunday 20 Dec	10.30am
Christmas Carol Service	Sunday 20 Dec	6.30pm
Visit the Crib, with Outdoor Carols*	Thurs 24 Dec	10.30am-12noon
Christmas Crib Service*	Thurs 24 Dec	3pm
Christmas Crib Service*	Thurs 24 Dec	5pm
Midnight Mass	Thurs 24 Dec	11pm
Holy Communion with Carols	Fri 25 Dec	8am
Sung Eucharist with Carols	Fri 25 Dec	9.30am
Christmas Day Morning Praise*	Fri 25 Dec	11.30am

*Everyone is welcome at all our services and events, and those marked with a * are particularly suitable for those with small children.*
See our website www.parishofharpenden.org for more details.