



Message from Mrs Crouch

What an eventful week it has been! The 'Welcome Back' picnic provided a great opportunity for new families to meet members of the St Nicholas community. The children enjoyed playing on the bouncy castle, win a prize and lots of fun games. The shimmering tattoos and face painting stall was very busy.

A special thank you to Mrs Churchill for organising the event. It was a real team effort, and we truly appreciate the support provided by the following families: Mrs Stanger, Mrs Winters, Mrs Liang-Constantinou, Ms Coffey and Mr Dzharaliyski, Mr and Mrs Godding, Dr and Mr Draeger, Mrs and Mr Plackett and Mrs and Mr Curtis for all their contributions to running this well-organised event. Thank you also to the Year 6 children for running the games. It was a great success.



Our Christian ethos is at the heart of everything we do. Our motto, 'Believe and Achieve', is rooted in the biblical message: "Through Him, all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26). We support children in reaching their full potential by actively highlighting how Christian values are lived out in everyday school life.

Every few years, St Nicholas School invites feedback on its Admission Arrangements from parents, prospective parents, and members of the local community. These arrangements have been in place for several years, and the School is not proposing any changes at this time, subject to comments received during this consultation.

Further details with regards to the consultation is available on page 3 of the ebulletin.

Core Values



Upcoming Events

Autumn Census Day

The Autumn School Census Day is on Thursday 2nd October. We would appreciate it if your child could have a school meal on this day, especially Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children.

National Poetry Day

On Friday 3rd October, we will be celebrating National Poetry Day. All the classes will recite a poem. The whole school will gather on the playground at 9:05 a.m. Do join us in our celebration of poetry, on the playground at this time.

Dates

- 30th Sept—Harvest Service at St Nicholas Church all classes attending 9.05am
- 2nd Oct—Autumn Census Day**
- 3rd Oct—National Poetry Day 9:05am
- 5th Oct—All Ages Service 9.30am**
- 6th Oct—Flu Immunisation
- 10th Oct - INSET Day—No children attending school
- 17th Oct—Diamond Class World War II Dress Up Day**
- 21st & 23rd Oct—Parent Consultations
- 27th—31st Oct—Half Term
- 3rd Nov—Children return to school in Winter Uniform
- 3rd Nov—All Saints Day—Children can wear one item of clothing in house colours
- W/C 3rd Nov —Year 5 Cycle Training
- 5th Nov—Year 6 NCMP Health Checks
- 10th Nov—Odd Socks day
- 12th Nov—Diamond Class Assembly 9.05am
- 19th Nov—Sapphire Class Trip to Verulamium Museum**
- 22nd Nov—PTA Christmas Fair**
- 10th Dec—Emerald, Sapphire & Diamond Class Carol Service at St Nicholas Church 6pm
- 11th Dec—Garnet Class Nativity Performance 9.05am
- 12th Dec—Topaz Class Nativity Performance 9.05am
- 17th Dec—Christmas Jumper Day
- 18th Dec—End of Term Service at St Nicholas Church all classes attending 9.05am
- 18th Dec—End of Term school finishes at 1.15pm
- 5th Jan—INSET Day—No Children attending school**
- 6th Jan—Spring Term Begins**

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

This half term we are learning about:

Thankfulness

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Year 6 Ambassadors

Congratulations to our Year 6 children who received their ambassador's roles this week.

Reading—Ally & Daisy

Performance Arts—Bethany & Lola

School Reps—Blake, Elizabeth, Henry R, Jack & Zachary

News Reporters—Hunter & Taylor

Collective Worship—Alex, Eddie, Eva, Grace & Seb

Sports & Health—Charlie, Eleanor, Henry P, Jude & Thalia

Sustainability - Ben & Joseph



Awards: Stars of the week:

Diamond: Fred for being focussed and responsible for his learning. Grace for joining in with class discussions.



Sapphire: Charles L for his active participation in lesson and contribution to class discussions. Ellie for being courageous and asking challenging questions.

Emerald: Gwynn for his excellent work in English. Samuel for his excellent contribution during class discussion.

Topaz: Audrey for being an enthusiastic buddy for a new classmate. Sanav for his thoughtful work in PSHE about what makes a good friend.

Garnet: Freddie H-L for showing enthusiasm towards his learning tasks. Judah for taking responsibility for his learning and trying his best.

Extra Curricular Achievements:

Max for becoming a licensed SCUBA diver over the Summer holiday. After successfully completing the initial training he dived to 12 metres, and swam around the reef observing all of the various sea life. He then completed and passed an exam to become certified as an Open Water Diver.



Prayer

Lord, thank you for walking with us through the seasons of our lives.
For the winter, when we are held safe in your arms through the darkness.
For the hope of spring, as we are filled with new promise and life.
For summer time, full of warmth and colour
And for autumn days as leaves fall to seed new growth.
You are always with us.
Amen.





St Nicholas Primary School is consulting on its Admission Arrangements

St Nicholas Primary School is located in the centre of Harpenden. It provides its pupils with an excellent education in a caring school setting. The School encourages Christian values and is open to children of all faiths and no faith.

Every few years the School invites comments about its Admission Arrangements from parents, potential parents and the local community. These Arrangements have remained in place for some years and the School is not proposing to change them, subject to comments received during this consultation.

The School's Admissions rules give priority to:

1. Children who are in the care of a local authority
2. Siblings of current pupils
3. Other children based on distance from home to School

You can find the current Admission Arrangements on our website (www.stnicholasce.org). We should be glad to receive any comments that you may have. Please contact our Headteacher, Mrs Rizelle Crouch, at the School (admin@stnicholasce.org) before 8 December 2025.

If you have a child and will be looking for a primary school place in the next year or two then we should be delighted to show you round the School at any time and answer your questions.

We invite you to come to any of our Open Days to be held on Saturday 11th October, Wednesday 15th October and Wednesday 26th November 2025.



King's Pantry

The King's Pantry Food Bank started in 2013, supporting families working through debt issues in partnership with the Harpenden Money Advice Centre.



What donations do we need? (Unfortunately we cannot store fresh food)

Breakfast Cereals	Baked Beans
Soups Tinned and Dried	UHT Milk
Tuna, Mackerel, Sardines	Noodles and Couscous
Tinned Fruit	Biscuits, including Savoury Biscuits / Crackers
Tinned Vegetables	Desserts (Jelly, Angel Delight etc)
Tins Pulses and beans, Chickpeas, Kidney Beans etc	Custard
Tea and Coffee	Tins Rice Pudding
Tinned Meat	Spreads - Jam, Peanut butter, Chocolate
Tins Tomatoes	Tins Spaghetti Hoops
Jars of Pasta Sauce	Tins Macaroni Cheese
Packets of Instant Mash	Crisps and snacks
Tins Sweetcorn	Squash
Rice including microwave packets	