



Message from Mrs Crouch

During the Harvest Service, Diamond Class shared key information about the Bishop's Harvest Appeal, which supports communities in Uganda and Zambia through the *Rewrite Their Future* project. Garnet Class sang the 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow' song with great enthusiasm, while Topaz Class showcased their beautiful artwork. Sapphire Class highlighted the message of Harvest by performing a brilliant poem.

Rev. Moriarty reminded us how fortunate we are and how many aspects of life we have to be thankful for. It was wonderful to see how confidently all the children participated in the service.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated food for the King's Pantry. Your generosity is truly appreciated.



We had a wonderful time celebrating National Poetry Day! Our talented children performed their poems with confidence and pride. What a brilliant recital! Thank you to the staff for expertly guiding them in preparing for this events.

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who came along to support the performance. Your presence made it even more special.



Core Values



Kindness



Perseverance



Hope



Responsibility

Upcoming Events

Open Days

We will be providing school tours as well as a question and answer session at the end. Saturday 11th October 2025 at 10:00am, Wednesday 15th October 2025 at 9:30am, Wednesday 26th November 2025 at 9:30am and Wednesday 7th January 2026 at 9.30am.

Dates

5th Oct—All Ages Service 9.30am

6th Oct—Flu Immunisation

8th Oct—Year 6 Netball Match at St Hilda's School—3.45pm

9th Oct—Year 5/6 Football Friendly Match at Kimp-ton Primary School—3.45pm

10th Oct - INSET Day—No children attending school

11th Oct—Open Day for September 2026 Reception Intake 10am

15th Oct—Open Day for September 2026 Reception Intake 9.30am

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

26th Nov—Open Day for September 2026 Reception Intake 9.30am

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

7th Jan—Open Day for September 2026 Reception Intake 9.30am

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

This half term we are learning about:

Thankfulness

"Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever"

Psalm 106:1

Year 6 Ambassadors

Congratulations to the following children as they have been appointed in the various St Nicks Ambassadors roles:



Reading—Ally & Daisy
Performance Arts—Bethany & Lola
School Reps—Blake, Elizabeth, Henry R, Jack, Joshua & Zachary
News Reporters—Hunter & Taylor
Collective Worship—Alex, Eddie, Eva, Grace & Seb
Sports & Health—Charlie, Eleanor, Henry P, Jude & Thalia
Sustainability - Ben & Joseph

These roles provides an opportunity for all the Year 6 children to contribute to school life by fulfilling the various responsibilities.

School Council:

Following the elections, the newly elected School Council members were delighted to receive their badges. Well done and congratulations to all of our successful candidates and thank you for all who took part!

Diamond: Elizabeth and Jude

Sapphire: Stefan and Emily

Emerald: Emmy and Henry

Topaz: Lily and Reuben



Awards: Stars of the week:

Diamond: Elicia for developing her Maths skills. Oliver for enthusiastically persevering in Maths.



Sapphire: Emily and Isla for showing excellent organisational skills and responsibly fulfilling their class job.

Emerald: Isabelle for her beautiful neat hand writing. Sam for his excellent Maths which is well presented.

Topaz: Lily for being an enthusiastic learner throughout the week. Rupert for trying hard with his writing.

Garnet: Lily A for persevering with writing her name. Oscar for working hard in all areas of the curriculum.

Extra Curricular Achievements:

Congratulations to Oliver F who took part in a Under 9's football Tournament with his team Stopsley United winning the Tournament.



Speak Up Week

This week is Speak Up Week. In Speak Up Week, Dr Cherniaeva shared the difference between telling and tattling. Telling is being responsible and doing a good thing to help someone. On the other hand, tattling can be used to get someone into trouble. If somebody is getting bullied or is hurting someone, you should tell someone to help the person. We are all responsible to help each other to follow the Be Kind rule.

Written by Hunter and Taylor Year 6 News Reporters



Prayer

God of harvest, gardener supreme, you place us at the centre,
feed us, equip us and, having provided for us,
look to a different harvest, a fruitfulness of lives
in service to you, and others.

God of harvest, feed us, prune us, harvest us,
that our lives might bring glory to you.

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.

