



Message from Mrs Crouch

We are proud to share the glowing outcome of the recent SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection, which highlights St Nicholas CE Primary School's strong Christian ethos and its unwavering commitment to nurturing a caring, reflective, and high-achieving community.

A heartfelt thank you to the staff, children, parents, and governors whose dedication and contributions made this achievement possible.

The report praises the school's Christian vision for maintaining a strong focus on mental health and wellbeing, fostering a culture of care and support that ensures both pupils and adults feel truly valued. It also recognises the deeply embedded Christian values that shape every aspect of school life.

The report praised many aspects of school life, including:

"Wellbeing is a high priority at St Nicholas. The school's core values of kindness, hope and perseverance underpin this. Leaders create a culture in which people feel equipped to deal with any difficulties they may face. This is the school's vision in action, providing the nutrients needed to flourish."

"Four associated core values of hope, responsibility, perseverance and kindness are known well and acted upon by pupils and staff. They are actively and effectively used in discussions between adults and pupils about their actions and choices."

"The words 'I can' and 'the power of yet' instil confidence in pupils and adults to persevere and overcome challenges."

"A wealth of high-quality experiences inspires and spark pupils' interests, leading to their flourishing. These include vibrant topics, visitors to school and numerous trips."

"Pupils live out the school's vision through the numerous roles of responsibility and leadership offered to them. These include being part of the school council and by acting as ambassadors for sports, worship and performing arts."

"Older pupils particularly take pride in being buddies for the younger ones. They help them to settle in when they first come to school and partner with them for activities during the year."

We are incredibly thrilled to see St Nicholas recognised for its strong Christian ethos and the caring, nurturing environment it provides for local families and the St Nicholas Parish are a fantastic reflection of the dedication of the entire school community.

Core Values



Kindness



Perseverance



Hope



Responsibility

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 22nd October – Individual School photos

Please can children come to school wearing their summer uniform. If you would like a sibling to be included in your child's photo, please arrive promptly to the school office for 9:00 am.

Dates

10th Oct - INSET Day—No children attending school
11th Oct—Open Day for September 2026 Reception Intake 10am

13th Oct—PTA Meeting Online—7.30pm

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

22nd Oct—Individual School Photos

24th Oct—Diamond Class Trip to Duxford Imperial War Museum

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

5th Nov—Garnet Class Trip to Eric Morecambe Centre

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



Topaz Class News

In Design and Technology this week, Topaz class designed their own creatures, carefully considering what kind of eyes they might need, how they would eat, and how they might move. It was a fantastic exercise in imagination and problem-solving.



Awards: Stars of the week:

Diamond: Eleanor for being an excellent friend. Oscar for persevering and working hard in every lesson.



Sapphire: Izan for his hard work in English, using research notes to create a report about Tea. Oliver for his contribution to class discussion in Geography and sharing his knowledge with his peers.

Emerald: Eliana for her excellent comprehension skills. Henry for his good participation in all lessons.

Topaz: Nico and Vivie for their creativity and application of joining skills when making a "junk" sculpture.

Garnet: Joshua for working with enthusiasm and engaging well with his learning. Victoria for taking responsibility for her learning and working hard.

Extra Curricular Achievements:

Congratulations to Fred P and Margot who were presented with their surplices' on Sunday and becoming Junior Singers of the St Nicholas Church Choir.



Congratulations to Ella and Luisa who received their light blue medals and becoming Junior Choristers of the St Nicholas Church Choir.

Prayer

Dear Lord
Thank you for blessings great and small.
Thank you Lord for love from One and to all.
Thank you Lord for peace that brings a fresh new start
Thank you for joy as it is my constant strength.
Thank you Lord for courage in the face of fear.
Thank You Lord for Presence both near and dear.
Thank you Lord for life.
Thank you Lord for Your gift of grace.
Amen.

