



## Message from PTA Chair

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent PTA meeting. We were delighted to welcome lots of new parents! It was wonderful to see such strong support and to share the exciting events planned for the year ahead.



We took the opportunity to highlight the vital role the PTA plays in enriching school life. Through organising events for both children and families, the PTA helps foster a strong sense of community. Our main aim is to raise money for the school to enhance and improve the learning experience for all children, especially when Local Education Authority funding is limited. We raise around £15,000 annually to provide a range of resources, equipment and activities - all of which wouldn't be possible without your continued support.

We are pleased to share some fantastic news: our garden and playground now feature new equipment for the children to enjoy. This has been made possible thanks to generous funds raised by the PTA, along with a substantial grant from the Harpenden Trust - we are incredibly grateful for their support.

As well as fundraising, we run activities to enhance the school's community spirit, such as film and disco evenings and Lunar New Year celebrations (for the children); and social evenings and our brilliant Summer Ball (for parents!). Our Christmas Fair is a highlight of the year with a spectacular grotto, irresistible raffle, stalls and a café, all run by parent volunteers and attracting people from the wider Harpenden community to mark the start of the festive period. We invite all families to get involved, take part and visit the Fair which will be on 22nd Nov 2025.

To make it simple for everyone to plan ahead we've created an Event Calendar which details all upcoming PTA events for the school year so please add these in your diary now!

Looking ahead, our next big fundraising goal is to provide a set of new laptops to enhance learning opportunities. We're looking forward to working together throughout the year and truly appreciate your involvement.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA through donating and volunteering - we work best when we all come together for our lovely school.

Siobhan Morton, PTA Chair

## Upcoming Events

### Pupil Data Collection Sheets

Data collection sheets have been sent home today. We kindly ask these are returned to the school office by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

### All Saints Day Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

To celebrate this significant day, children are allowed to wear one item of clothing in their house colours. If you are unsure of your child's house colours, please see the below list.

St Andrew	Blue
St David	Yellow
St George	Red
St Patrick	Green

## Save the dates



### ST NICHOLAS PTA EVENTS 2025-26



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SAT 22 NOV CHRISTMAS FAIR
- FRI 23 JAN FILM NIGHT (TOPAZ)
- THURS 5 FEB LUNAR NEW YEAR
- FRI 13 FEB LOVE YOURSELF DAY
- FRI 6 MARCH WORLD BOOK DAY
- FRI 20 MARCH PARENT EVENT (SAPPHIRE)
- APRIL JUMP FOR JOY
- MAY 2ND HAND BOOK SALE (GARNET)
- FRI 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE SCHOOL DISCO (EMERALD)
- SAT 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY SUMMER BALL
- SAT 19 SEP WELCOME BACK PICNIC (DIAMOND)

## Core Values



Kindness



Perseverance



Hope



Responsibility

### Class News: Garnet

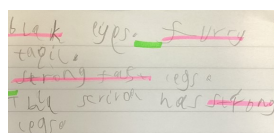
Garnet class has been learning about autumn and has created some lovely art and writing.



Leaf man pictures



Description of a squirrel



### Dates

**20th Oct—Year 5/6 Netball Match at Roundwood School 3.30pm**

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

**24th Nov- Sapphire Class—Last swimming session**

26th Nov—Open Day for September 2026 Reception

Intake 9.30am

**27th Nov—Diamond Class—Last swimming session**

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

19th Dec—Occasional Day—No Children attending school

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/>

### Awards: Stars of the week:

**Diamond:** Henry R for representing the school and himself brilliantly at the Open Day. Taylor for doing an excellent Boggart diary in English.

**Sapphire:** Ellie and Grace for their valuable contribution to class learning and sharing ideas across all subjects.

**Emerald:** Evie for beautiful presentation of her work. Olivia A for persevering with a challenge in Maths.

**Topaz:** Chester for his curiosity and love of nature. Reuben for being kind by helping to organise and tidy resources.

**Garnet:** Freddie P for always being willing and keen to have a go at his learning. Inessa for working hard in Maths and persevering with her learning.



### Prayer

Help us to see the big picture of our lives, with You at the centre.  
Help us to focus on joys, not irritations, on blessings, not what we lack.  
Grant us the grace to accept the things we cannot change,  
the courage to change the things we can,  
and the wisdom to know the difference.  
Amen

