



Message from Mrs Crouch

We are delighted to share that Harpenden Trust, who generously provided a grant towards our playground project, visited the school this week. It was a pleasure to show them the new playground, and we were honoured to receive a special commemorative plaque in recognition of their support.

We are incredibly grateful for their contribution, which has helped create a fantastic space for our children to enjoy.



Mr Pryor (a Harpenden Trust representative) remarked, "The Community Fund is delighted to have contributed towards the repair of the school playground and provision of new play equipment. The school PTA have been very proactive in raising funding and the responses from the children confirm it has been money well spent. This is very much reflected in the comments from not just Mrs Crouch, the headteacher, and Mrs Morton, the chair of the PTA but also from the pupils themselves.

Governor vacancy: We invite parents to consider volunteering for the role of Parent Governor. If you have questions about eligibility, voting, or anything mentioned here, please contact either myself or the Chair of Governors, Lucy Parr at governors@stnicholasce.org

Upcoming Events

Winter uniform

After half term, children should return to school wearing their winter uniform. [School Uniform Policy](#)

Data Collection form reminder: Please return any outstanding data collection sheets to the school. Completed forms may be posted in the post box located at the back door.

Dates

- 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
 - 3rd Nov—Sapphire Class no Swimming Lesson (Cycle Training)**
 - 3rd Nov—Year 5/6 Netball Match at Roundwood School 3.30pm**
 - 5th Nov—Year 6 NCMP Health Checks
 - 5th Nov—Garnet Class Trip to Eric Morecambe Centre
 - 6th Nov—Diamond Class no Swimming Lesson (Cycle Training)**
 - 10th Nov—Odd Socks day
 - 12th Nov—Diamond Class Assembly 9.05am
 - 12th Nov—Harpenden District Cross Country Championship at The Rovers Football Ground 1.30pm**
 - 19th Nov—Sapphire Class Trip to Verulamium Museum
 - 20th Nov—Year 5/6 Football Match at Roundwood School 3.45pm**
 - 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/>

Core Values



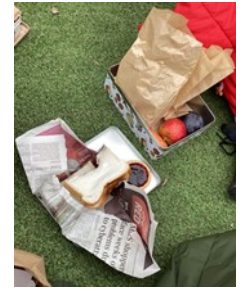
This half term we are learning about:

Thankfulness



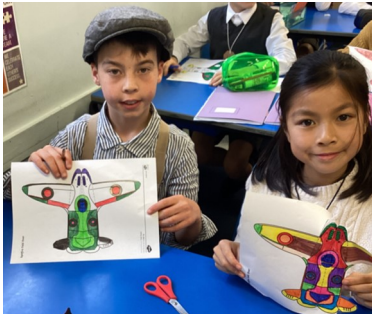
Diamond Class News: WWII Day

Last week, Diamond class hosted a WWII day. We all dressed up in 1940's costume. In the morning, we had a visitor Mr Hunt who came into to talk to us about being an evacuee. He told us lots of interesting things about being an evacuee that we didn't know about. We were able to look at ration books and medals from family members and listen to recordings.



For lunch, we all bought in our own packed lunches, we packed our lunches in paper bags or tin boxes. Most of the class had ham or jam sandwiches, some of us also had corned beef.

In the afternoon, we acted like we were evacuees in our host homes and sent letters to our families.



At the end of the day, we created, coloured and folded our own spitfires and it was lots of fun.

Written by Hunter and Taylor Year 6 News Reporters



Awards: Stars of the week:

Diamond: Seb for always trying his best and demonstrating accountability in his learning. Victoria for being a good friend.



Sapphire: Luisa for being kind and supportive with her peers. William for being kind, showing good manners and persevering in Maths and English.

Emerald: Rosie for her excellent rhyming words for poetry. Sienna for persevering in Maths to complete the calculation.

Topaz: Adeline for showing perseverance in her writing. Esme for showing kindness to a friend.

Garnet: Hugo for making a great start with his reading. Victoria for working hard in all subjects and taking responsibility for her learning.

Prayer

Dear God,
Thank you for the world we live in.
Thank you for our family and friends.
Thank you for our food and our clothes.
Thank you for everything we have.
Even when things go wrong,
please help us to see the good in every situation.
Please help us to remember to say 'thank you' and to have thankful hearts.
Amen

