



Message from Mr Wood

On Thursday, I got the chance to be Headteacher. It was fun and interesting to see what the life of a Headteacher was like. I did a lot of jobs like being on break duty, leading Celebration assembly and even writing a piece about All Saints day for the ebulletin.

Since I was Headteacher, I also walked round all the classes to see what they were learning. In Topaz, they were working on adding using bar models. Sapphire class learnt about dividing 4-digit numbers. It was interesting to see what Sapphire were doing as I never went into Sapphire Class as I had moved abroad for 2 years. All the classes were working extremely hard. They were all looking deeply interested in what they were learning.

I was even lucky enough to go into the staff room and had a cup of tea. It was great! I have never had a cup of tea at school before.



This half term we are learning about:

Trust

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

Proverbs 3:5-6

Core Values



Upcoming Events

Odd Socks Day

All you need to do is wear odd socks! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week! It will be held on Monday 10th November 2025.



The TRAVELLING CRIB will be making its way around the Parish, stopping at a new home each night, from Advent Sunday, 30th November, until Christmas Eve. Please sign up as soon as possible if you would like the child-friendly, knitted Mary, Joseph and Donkey to rest for a night in your home. All ages/groups are welcome to host.

Please contact Pamela Woodford-Smith, Tel.01582 764368, pamelaws@btinternet.com, or the Parish Office.

Dates

- 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
- 13th Nov—Year 6 Netball Match at St Helen's Primary School 3.30pm**
- 19th Nov—Year 6 SATs Information Meeting 9am**
- 19th Nov—Sapphire Class Trip to Verulamium Museum
- 20th Nov—Year 5/6 Football Match at Roundwood School 3.45pm
- 21st Nov—PTA Non—Uniform Day**
- 22nd Nov—PTA Christmas Fair
- 24th Nov—Sapphire Class—Last swimming session
- 24th Nov—Year 5/6 Netball Match at Wood End School 3.30pm**
- 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/>

All Saints Day

On Monday, we celebrated All Saints Day. The whole school worked in their house groups. My house was St David. We watched a video about St David's life. Next, we used Lego to build a cross. It was lots of fun! I hope to do something like it again. St Andrew's house made puppets. They got little wooden sticks and stuck a picture of St Andrew on the stick. St Patrick house were in Topaz class and they were learning about the history of St Patrick. They wrote a prayer about what they hope to happen in their life then made a picture of St Patrick. St George's drew the outline of a person and wrote down ideas about the qualities a Saint would show.

'It was great being able to do house activities with my buddy.' Henry R

'I liked the part when we made a poster about St David's life.' Indigo

'It was fun colouring with my friends and doing other activities.'
Henry M

'I was very interested to learn about St George and what his life was like.' Jayden

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Awards: Stars of the week:

Diamond: Benjamin for being kind, respectful and being an excellent role model. Eddie for trying his best across the curriculum and contributing in class.



Sapphire: Freddie and Jack S for working hard on their reading comprehension and deep understanding of the text.

Emerald: Lilo for using taught strategies to find answers in Maths. Theodore for an excellent, well thought out poem.

Topaz: Cian for persevering with his writing and some lovely thoughts about poems. Jaden for his focus and enthusiasm during Maths lessons.

Garnet: Garnet class for their fantastic behaviour on our first school trip to the theatre.

Head Teacher's Award:

Diamond: Oliver for being kind to children in Garnet Class.



Good Citizen's Award:

Emerald: Luke for being kind by giving someone else a turn on the climbing frame.



Extra Curricular Achievements:

Congratulations to Isla A and Henry P for both being awarded Player of the Match in the Year 5 & 6 Netball Match at Roundwood School.



Prayer

Dear Holy Saints of God,
We join our prayers of praise to yours this day.
With you, we sing of God's goodness,
Rejoice in God's mercy and celebrate God's incredible love.
Teach us to live as you lived – always thinking of others,
Always recognising our weaknesses,
Always rejoicing in God's gifts,
Always closely following Jesus. Blessed are you, happy are you,
All you holy saints of God. Pray for us that we, too,
may someday be among God's Holy Ones.
Amen



Christmas Fair raffle!

This week your children will have brought home an envelope containing raffle tickets, a letter explaining what to do with them and a leaflet detailing all the amazing prizes on offer this year!

The raffle draw will take place around noon at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 22 November.

Tickets are £1 each and all monies, ticket stubs and unsold tickets need to be returned to the PTA Post box (on the wall outside the Garnet/Topaz cloakroom door) by 3.30pm on Friday 21 November or to the raffle stall in the church hall at the Christmas Fair before 11.30am.

Please make sure you write your name and contact details on every ticket stub, not just the top one in each booklet.

If you have any questions or would like extra raffle tickets please contact Cara Burt (Topaz mum) on 07793280298.



St Nicholas Primary School CHRISTMAS FAIR RAFFLE



Our raffle draw will take place at the Christmas Fair in St Nicholas Church Hall around noon. Tickets cost £1 each and are available to purchase in advance from families of the school or on the day at the Raffle Stall.

Special thanks to the parents who helped us with the raffle this year and to all the local businesses and school families who donated these wonderful prizes. We really appreciate your support.

HIGGILDY HOUSE – VOUCHER FOR FULL ROOM DESIGN (£1,500) HAMPER WITH SELECTION OF HOMEWARES AND SCENTS (£250)

Higgildy House delivers refined, bespoke interior design, seamlessly blending creativity with craftsmanship. Our full interior design service offers a comprehensive and considered approach to transforming your space. higgildyhouse.com

FIT41 FITNESS – THREE MONTHS' ULTIMATE GYM MEMBERSHIP + ONE MONTH FOR A FRIEND (£800)

Results driven training. A unique training compound showcasing indoor and outdoor training facilities alongside a wellbeing bar with parking. Personal training, fitness classes, nutrition and online coaching. Hyrox partner. Based in West Common, Harpenden. fit41.co.uk

TEAM HORIZON – ONE FREE WEEK AT A MULTI-ACTIVITY HOLIDAY CAMP (£150)

Team Horizon's mission is to create a safe, fun environment for children to learn new sporting skills and develop existing ones, whatever their ability level. They also offer sports parties, including Zorb Bubble parties. teamhorizon.co.uk

VISAGE DENTAL – GIFT VOUCHER (£109)

We offer a five star service in a relaxing spa environment providing cosmetic dentistry, implants, teeth whitening, Invisalign Go, periodontal and dental hygiene treatments. visagedentalspa.co.uk

EMMA HUNT PERSONAL TRAINING – VOUCHER FOR TWO SESSIONS (£100)

Supporting mums to feel strong during pregnancy, postpartum and beyond. Women's health coaching - for every stage of life. emmahuntpt.co.uk

N8 HEALTH – One-hour massage (£60) n8health.co.uk

SILVER PALATE – Luxury hamper (£60) silverpalate.co.uk

LUSSMANS – £50 Gift voucher Lussmanns.com

WHITTAKER & CO – Goodie bag including products from local fragrance company whittakerandco.co.uk

NONNA'S CAFE – Bottle of wine (£37) nonnascaferestaurant.co.uk

SPRINGFIELD PHARMACY – Clarins gift bag (£30)

GREEN BEAN ECO PARTY PACK – hire of one ultimate party pack (£25)

THREADS – £20 Gift voucher @threadsofharpenden

THOMPSON'S CLOSE CAFE – £15 Gift voucher

HARPENDEN NAILS AND BEAUTY – £15 Gift voucher @harpendennails

FRIENDS HAIR DESIGN – Voucher for cut and blow dry friendsharpenden.co.uk

SPORTING HANDS MASSAGE – Massage voucher (£65)

STEPHANIE RANDALL FLORIST – £50 Gift voucher stephanierandall-theflowerstudio.co.uk

VINSANTO – £50 Gift voucher vinsantobar.com

REBECCA JADE – 30-Minute back, neck and shoulder massage (£45). rebeccajadebeauty.co.uk

BEATS SCHOOL UNIFORMS – £30 Gift voucher beatschooluniforms.co.uk

PENNY WATERMAN SCHOOL OF DANCE – £30 Voucher pennywaterman.com

HARPENDEN DANCE SCHOOL – £25 Voucher harpendendance.com

OKKA – 20% Off gift voucher okkaRestaurant.co.uk/harpenden

UNMATCHED CLUB – Gift voucher @unmatchedharpenden

TEMPLE SPA – Experience voucher templespa.com/karenfrancis

TROPICAL SALON – £10 off voucher, 50% off hair treatment voucher and nail art voucher tropicalsalon.co.uk

DRAMA KIDS – Voucher for six free classes (£63) dramakids.co.uk

DANIEL CRAIG HAIRDRESSERS – £50 Voucher danielcraighair.co.uk

DELICIOUS AND REAL – 12 months free access to service (£50) deliciousandreal.com

JOHNSON'S DRY CLEANING – £40 Voucher johnsonscleaners.com

GIGGLING SQUID – £30 Voucher gigglingssquid.com

HARPENDEN EYE CENTRE – a pair of sunglasses harpendeneyecentre.co.uk

STEFY BROWS – £20 gift voucher stefybrows.co.uk

M&S – £10 Voucher marksandspencer.com

ARTICHOKE BAKE & MORE – Voucher for hot drink and cake @artichokebakeandmore

HARRIS + HOOLE – Voucher for two hot drinks harrisandhoole.co.uk

HEALTHY AND WISE – Sweet dreams bath salts (£19) zenhealthfoods.com

CACHE – 2 faux fur gilets (£95 each)





St Nicholas Christmas Puddings 2025

For over 50 years, parents of St Nicholas' have been making Christmas puddings to raise money for our school. These puddings are enjoyed by St Nic's families past and present, and for many families Christmas wouldn't be the same without one (or two!). Our traditional recipe*, which has been passed down through the generations, has been strictly followed to ensure the same delicious taste. We mix the puddings in baby baths (thoroughly sterilised!), and then steam them for eight hours. Despite various challenges over the past five decades, not a year has been missed.

We are just getting ready to prepare this year's batch, and the children will be learning about this school tradition and making their own label for the puddings in class. If you would like to order a pudding with your child's label attached, please hit forward on this e-mail, complete the order form below, and send your e-mail to stnicspuds@gmail.com. Payment can be made via Collectiv or by posting cash in the PTA post box. Please remember for both payment options to note the name of your child so we can match your order with your payment and your child's pudding label. Puddings are priced at £9 for a small (1lb) and £14 for a large (2lb).

The deadline for orders is ***Wednesday 12th November***. Puddings will be available for collection in the playground at pick-up on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st November, and at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 22nd November.

Merry Christmas from the St Nic's Pudding Team!

St Nicholas' Christmas Pudding Order Form

***Please note the puddings contain nuts, eggs, and gluten.**

Name:	
Child's name:	
Child's class:	
Number of 1lb puddings:	
Number of 2lb puddings:	
Total payment (Collectiv / cash):	

Order e-mail address: stnicspuds@gmail.com

Online payment via Collectiv: <https://pay.collectiv.com/st-nics-puds-99678>



Christmas Designs

The portal to buy your children's Christmas designs is now live and early bird discounts are ready and waiting! From Christmas cards, mugs, baubles and wrapping paper, there's so many different products your child's art can go onto for the holiday season.

Working with
St Nicholas Primary School Harpenden
fundraising for valued resources and
activities for our school children this
Christmas

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www.mychildsart.co.uk/order

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31/12/2025

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valid for a limited time
only so don't delay!

Use code **StNicholas3X25**
during checkout for 10% off your order!

Username: **StNicholas3**
Access Code: **52fyxdr9**

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