



Message from Mrs Crouch

Diamond Class shared their learning with parents during the class assembly, confidently presenting a script they had written themselves. The children showcased their learning in French, used iMovie in computing, shared RE creation work, diary entries in English, and highlights from their brilliant Duxford trip and WW2 day, to name just a few. Finally, the children performed "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing." It was wonderful to see how much they enjoyed sharing their learning. A big thank you to Mrs Wild, Mrs Lee, Miss Brown and Mrs Hambidge for providing excellent learning opportunities and helping the children prepare for the assembly. One more thank you to Mrs Churchill for leading the children in singing "The White Cliffs of Dover."

This week the children had lots of opportunities to take part in competitive sporting events. The netball team showed great sportsmanship and resilience. On Wednesday, the Year 5 and 6 children took part in the Cross-Country event. It was brilliant to see how the children supported their teammates. Mr Price also shared strategies with the athletes on how to calm their feelings before the races. What a great demonstration of perseverance!

In other news, the children enjoyed the Anti-Bullying assembly this week, led by Dr Cherniaeva, our Pastoral Lead. Through drama, they practised using phrases to respond to different scenarios. They were also reminded to speak to a member of staff if they need help resolving an issue. Another strategy discussed was to be persistent, as sometimes you may need to repeat yourself. Children were encouraged to stay calm, respond politely, and be assertive, e.g. say "Isn't it great that we are all so different?" We are proactively working to empower children to stand up for their rights and be fairness activists for others.



Core Values



Upcoming Events

PTA Non-Uniform Day

On Friday 21st November, the children are allowed to come to school in Christmas non-uniform in return for bringing a bottle for the bottle tombola. This can be a bottle of anything; alcohol, juice, even shampoo! There will be crates to drop off your bottle donations as you come into school on the morning of Friday 21st November.

Dates

W/C 17th Nov—Road Safety Week

- 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
 - 4th Dec—Year 5/6 Football Match at The Grove School 3.45pm**
 - 10th Dec—Christmas Lunch**
 - 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
 - 17th Dec—Class Christmas Parties**
 - 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/>

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**

Topaz Class :

Topaz class explored the school value of trust through the story of the Lion and the Mouse and used a variety of art techniques to produce their own lions and mice.



Awards: Stars of the week:

Diamond: Fred for learning all of his lines for the assembly and delivering them confidently. Isla for preparing and delivering a script confidently in assembly.



Sapphire: Damien for his active participation in lessons and contributing to discussion. Everly for working hard across all subjects.

Emerald: Alexander for his excellent use of commas after fronted adverbials. Archie for working hard on using his sounds for spellings.

Topaz: Arthur for his focus and challenging himself in Maths. Emilia for challenging herself and writing a list poem for all the months of the year.

Garnet: Alexander for working hard to learn the phonics sounds we have been practising. Owen for trying new things and showing kindness to his friends.

Extra Curricular Achievements:

Congratulations to our Year 5 children for successfully completing cycle training.



Prayer

Dear Lord,
We remember those who stood for love and truth,
we thank you for the sacrifice they made for us.
Thank you that we can now enjoy peace and learn to love not fight.
Thank you that we can now sing and play,
and not be scared or hide.
We pray for other countries where children live in fear,
and there is war and fighting and many are in tears.
Please help to make things better and bring peace to them.
Protect all those who try and help to make friends again.
Amen



Christmas Fair raffle!

Please don't forget to return your raffle ticket stubs, monies and any unsold tickets to the PTA post-box (by 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.

If you have any questions or would like extra raffle tickets, please contact Cara Burt (Topaz and Garnet 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
Lussmans.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
@threadssofharpenden

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

OPEN HAIRDRESSING – 2 vouchers for cut & blow dry
openhairdressing.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
giggling squid.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)



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.



Your child has uploaded a mini masterpiece to our website!
VIEW NOW
 by logging into the parent order portal at
www.mychildart.co.uk/order

Order portals open NOW until the
31/12/2025

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

Use code **StNicholas3K25**
 starting checkout for 10% off your order!

Offer valid for orders placed before 31/12/2025. Excludes gift vouchers and some items. Cannot be used in conjunction with other offers.

Username:
 Access Code:


 Code: 461



Christmas 2025 at St Nicholas' Church

Harpenden, AL5 2TP

We warmly welcome you to join us at Christmas.

We offer traditional Christmas services, informal and family-focused worship, carol singing, a Christmas festival...or a quiet space to reflect by candlelight. We hope you will find something to feed your soul.

Sunday 30 Nov	6:30pm Advent Carol Service
Fridays 5, 12 & 19 Dec	1pm Soup & Carols
Tuesdays 2, 9, 16, 23 Dec	7.30pm Compline by Candlelight
Saturday 6 Dec	2-5pm St Nicholas Festival
Sunday 7 Dec	9.30am St Nicholas Day Service 4:30pm Christingle*
Saturdays 13 & 20 Dec	10.30-12noon Outdoor Carols*
Sunday 21 Dec	6:30pm Nine Lessons & Carols
Christmas Eve	10-12noon Visit the Crib, Café & Outdoor Carols* 3 pm Christmas Crib Service* 5 pm Christmas Crib Service* 11 pm Midnight Holy Communion
Christmas Day	8am Holy Communion with Carols 9:30am Holy Communion with Carols 11:30am Morning Praise with Carols*

**All are welcome at all of our services, but these events are particularly suitable for those with small children*

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