



Message from Mrs Crouch

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Friendship Boxes for Ukraine initiative. Your donations of children's toys have brought comfort and joy to young people and their families this Christmas.

Lots of busy helpers have spent today setting up stalls, including the Santa's Grotto, for the Christmas Fair. We would like to thank all the parents who worked so hard to make this event possible. Special thanks also go to Mrs Morton and the PTA committee for their planning and coordination. It is wonderful to see parents working together to ensure the success of this event.

In addition, all classes had the opportunity to try and enjoy the Christmas games designed by the Year 6 children on Friday afternoon. With creative designs, lots of interaction, and plenty of fun,



the games were thoroughly enjoyed. The children are now eagerly looking forward to the fair, where they will have even more time to play the games and earn a prize.



We warmly invite everyone to come and celebrate the season together on Saturday from 10am to 1pm. Enjoy the festive atmosphere, explore the stalls, visit Santa's Grotto and meet the farm animals.



Upcoming Events

PTA Christmas Fair—22nd November



Join us on Saturday 22nd November 10am— 1pm for a morning of Christmas fun.



Dates

- 22nd Nov—PTA Christmas Fair 10am-1pm
- 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
- 26th Nov -Year 5/6 Netball Match at High Beeches School 3.30pm**
- 27th Nov—Diamond Class—Last swimming session
- 4th Dec—Sapphire and Diamond Class Citizens Advice Bureau—Money Workshop**
- 4th Dec—Year 5/6 Football Match at The Grove School 3.45pm
- 7th Dec—St Nicholas Church Christingle Service 4.30pm**
- 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
- 15th Dec—Talent Show**
- 16th Dec—Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime—Eric Morecambe Centre 10.15am**
- 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

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Core Values



Kindness

Perseverance

Hope

Responsibility

This half term we are learning about: Trust



Sapphire Class trip to Verulamium Museum

On our wonderful school trip to the Verulamium Museum, we got to hold and touch things that the Romans used. They were over 2000 years old.

Freddie showed us a Roman ring, he found on his farm that he handed into the Museum. We also saw real skeletons!

After the Museum we went on walk to the river, using our clipboards with our partners we filled in a sheet of everything we saw also including a waterfall and lots of ducks and geese.

'It was lots of fun" Emily

"It was amazing" Jack M

"It was brilliant" Lily

"It was very interesting" Luisa

Written by Isla A and Jack S



We observed several human features around the river, including:

A mill built for grinding flour

Bridges that make walking more comfortable

Park facilities that help make time by the river enjoyable for everyone

It was a fantastic day of learning, combining both History and Geography, and the children gained a deeper understanding of how natural and human features shape our environment.

Awards: Stars of the week:

Diamond: Amelia for taking responsibility for her learning and progress in Maths. Zachary for challenging himself to take risks to progress his learning.



Sapphire: Sapphire Class for their excellent behaviour on the class trip and persevering in the learning about the local river.

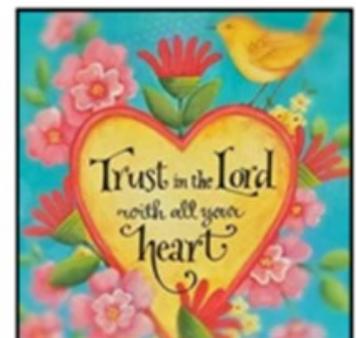
Emerald: Michaela-Xan for her good use of punctuation in English. William for perseverance during the assessments.

Topaz: Edward for always being ready to learn and challenging himself in Maths. Isabelle for her lovely engagement in PSHE discussing emotions.

Garnet: Louie for his lovely ideas in our DT lesson. Sebastian for his increased focus on his learning.

Prayer

God,
Thank you for the Bible which teaches me about Your promises.
Thank you for telling me about the promises you have already kept.
Thank you for promising to love and care for me in the very best way.
I want to trust You, Jesus. I know You can do anything.
Jesus, help me love others and do the right thing, even when it is hard.
God, You are powerful, loving, and good.
In Jesus' name, Amen.



St Nicholas Christmas Fair



St Nicholas Primary School CHRISTMAS FAIR

Santa's Grotto - Toys - Games - Tombolas -
Raffle - Elf Emporium - Gifts - Christmas
Puddings - Mulled Wine & Mince Pies -
Cafe serving hot food & sweet treats -
Performance by St Nicholas School Choir

&

**Live Festive Farmyard
with real animals!**

Sat 22nd Nov 2025
10am-1pm

Free Entry - all welcome!

Church Green,
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