



Message from Mrs Crouch

Our Christmas Fair was truly a collective, community effort, resulting in a highly successful day. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces as children took part in activities such as the Elf Emporium, "Guess the Name of the Teddy," and the Year 6 games.



What a magnificent journey through the winter wonderland. The children began at the Polar Express station before travelling all the way to the North Pole to meet Santa. The experience was a magical one, filled with excitement, wonder, and festive cheer. We are grateful to everyone who contributed to making this such a memorable event.

We were delighted to welcome the Councillor Beth Fisher, Town Mayor, for the official opening of our newly upgraded garden and playground area. The development includes exciting new climbing equipment, table football, a musical play zone and a mindfulness garden, creating a vibrant space for children to enjoy.



This project was made possible thanks to a generous grant from the Harpenden Trust and funds raised by the PTA, whose support has been invaluable in enhancing the school environment.

The opening coincided with Parliament Week, giving pupils the chance to ask Councillor Beth Fisher questions about the role and responsibilities of local government.

Governor news:

We would like to thank all parents who took part in the recent governor election, voting between Ms Foli and Mrs Paradine. The process has now been completed, and we are pleased to announce that Mrs Paradine has been selected as our new Parent Governor.

We are extremely proud of the dedication shown by both our governors and our parent body here at St Nicholas. Your support plays a vital role in strengthening the school community and ensuring that all children thrive in both their educational experience and personal development.

Core Values



Kindness

Perseverance

Hope

Responsibility

Upcoming Events

Christmas Lunch—10th December

All children are invited to join the Christmas lunch on Wednesday 10th December. We ask parents to order a lunch via School Gateway. Please submit the meal selection by Thursday, 4th December. This will also enable parents for children in Key Stage 2 to pay for the meal.

Dates

- 1st Dec—Year 5 & 6 Netball Club—Last club 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
- 8th Dec—Chess Club—Last club session**
- 9th Dec—Year 1 & 2 Football Club—Last club session**
- 10th Dec—Christmas Lunch
- 10th Dec—Year 3 & 4 Football Club—Last club session**
- 10th Dec—Emerald, Sapphire & Diamond Class Carol Service at St Nicholas Church 6pm
- 11th Dec—Garnet Class Nativity Performance 9.05am
- 11th Dec—Year 5 & 6 Football Club—Last club session**
- 11th Dec—KS 1 & 2 STEMgineers Club—Last club session**
- 12th Dec—Years 3-6 Fencing Club—Last club session**
- 12th Dec—Topaz Class Nativity Performance 9.05am
- 15th Dec—Breakfast Boxing Club—Last club session**
- 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

<https://www.stnicholasce.org/diary/grid/2025/01/>

This half term we are learning about: Trust



Christmas Fair:

'My favourite bit was the train because it was a proper, big train.' - Everly Mrs Brown loved the whole thing and her favourite part was the hot chocolate factory.

'The polar bears were really cute. I liked the way they were lit up.' - Lily H

'The Polar express train was very creative and similar to the book.' - Emily O

'I loved the hot chocolate because you got cream and marshmallows.' - Chidu

'In Santa's grotto, Santa gave me a cool present.' - Jack S

'It was a fun experience to visit Santa's Grotto.' - Cecilia



Awards: Stars of the week:

Diamond: Henry P for tidying up responsibly after the Christmas fair. Lola for running her game well and working well as a team at the Christmas fair.



Sapphire: Alex J M and Joanna for their perseverance in Maths and achieving fantastic results in Arithmetic and Reasoning.

Emerald: Axel for an excellent definition and explanation of the meaning of 'enticing'. Connie for her fantastic singing when practicing for the Carol Service.

Topaz: Caleb for his perseverance in writing and working hard to improve his handwriting.

Garnet: Cassian for his excellent participation in Phonics lessons. Yusuf for settling in well and having a good first few days in Garnet class.

Prayer

Wonderful God,
We put our trust and faith in you,
because we know that nothing is impossible with you.
Just as you told Elizabeth about the coming birth of John the Baptist,
we know you will make a way when there seems no way.
Faithful God, you keep your promises; you are trustworthy.
You are the same God, yesterday, today and tomorrow.
Help our trust and hope in you to grow as we walk with you.
Amen.



Christmas Tree Fundraiser 2025



We are participating in a local Christmas Tree fundraiser - purchase your Christmas Tree via the below link, and the PTA will receive a £10 donation.

Harpenden Academy organises this each year, and trees will be available for collection from there or delivered to your home.

They are offering freshly cut, locally grown Nordmann Fir Christmas trees in 3 sizes — all top quality and long-lasting.

Sizes & Prices:

5ft+ – £48

6ft+ – £55

7ft+ – £66

Order by: Monday 1st December 2025 at 12 noon

Collection (Free): Harpenden Academy, Vaughan Road. Friday 5th or Saturday 6th December 2025 (9:30 –10:30am)

Delivery (Charges Apply): Within 7 miles of Harpenden Academy. £5 (AL5) | £8 (beyond AL5, max 7 miles)

Note: Friday delivery only for addresses beyond AL5

To order trees, supporters should visit the online shop here:

<https://www.foha.co.uk/fohashop/p/christmastrees>

Deadline for ordering is 1st Dec, but we advise you to order asap.