



Governors' Newsletter

It was a pleasure for the governors to spend our annual whole day in school on Monday, visiting both children and staff during a variety of activities. We began by joining assembly, where we shared an outline of the Governing Body's work in relation to premises, staffing, and strategic direction. During the 'Ask the Governors' slot, about 50 hands shot up! The questions were both interesting and challenging.

Seeing the children in class and having the chance to chat with them about their experiences and learning was such a privilege. Their enthusiasm for their lessons, the confidence with which they talk about what they are doing and what they love about school, as well as the consistently high levels of behaviour across all classes, were a real pleasure to witness.

Alongside joining the children at lunchtime, we also had the opportunity to enjoy the fabulous Talent Show, which two of our governors, Mary Jean Pritchard and Sara Longden, had the privilege or challenge of judging. The incredible range and standard of talents on display in the afternoon made for wonderful entertainment. Well done to everyone who took part.

Thank you to all the staff and children for sharing the day with us. We came away from the day reminded once again of what a truly special school this is. The energy, kindness, and commitment shown by both staff and pupils make it a place to be proud of.

As we head into the festive season, the governors would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone in the school community and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a joyful start to the New Year.

Lucy Parr,
Chair of Governors



First Governors' Day

"As my first experience as a governor, I found the day both insightful and inspiring. As a parent, it's rare to see the inner workings of the school, and without a doubt, my highlights were witnessing the pupils' enthusiasm to engage and the teachers' passion. It made me realise how fortunate we are, as parents, to have such a supportive environment for our children, where everyone is encouraged to be the best they can be. I very much look forward to contributing to the continued success and development of the school." - Mrs Paradine

Talent show

"Although the pressure of being a judge for the talent show can feel real, it is also a genuine pleasure! Not only are the acts themselves lovely to watch (and we don't underestimate how much courage it takes for the children, particularly the younger ones, to stand up and perform), but seeing the pride and encouragement on the faces of their classmates is really touching." - Mrs Pritchard

Dates

- 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
 - 9th Jan—Fencing Club begins
 - 9th Jan—My (after school) Art Club begins
 - 12th Jan—Topaz swimming lessons start, Chess Club begins
 - 13th Jan—Percussion Club begins
 - 13th Jan—Riverside Gymnastics Lunchtime Club begins
 - 13th Jan—Years 1 & 2 Football Club begins
 - 14th Jan—Spanish Lunchtime Language Club begins
 - 14th Jan—Years 3 & 4 Football Club begins
 - 15th Jan—Emerald swimming lessons start, Years 5 & 6 Football Club begins
 - 15th Jan—KS1 & KS2 STEMgineers begins
 - 16th Jan—French Lunchtime Language Club begins
- <https://www.stnicholasce.org/diary/grid/2025/01/>

Core Values



Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

