

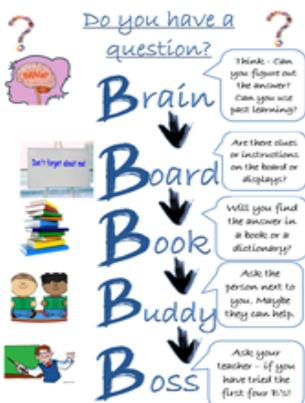
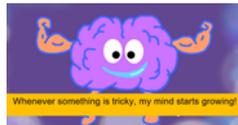


## Message from Mrs Crouch

A very warm welcome back to all of you. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful holiday. On behalf of the whole staff team, I would like to thank you for the wonderful cards and gifts; they were very much appreciated.

It has been fantastic to welcome the children back into school, full of enthusiasm as we begin the spring term. My visits to classrooms have shown engaged children, lively learning environments and a real sense of purpose that is the hallmark of a productive school community.

At the start of the term, our value is Perseverance. I reminded the children of *The Power of Yet*. The word *yet* brings hope and ignites a 'can do' attitude. We explored how our brains sometimes need a workout when we are doing something tricky. The children also listened to a great song, Let's Get to It, which reinforces the message of keeping going when things feel tough.



In class, children can use these strategies to build problem solving and independence skills, developing the resilience to achieve success.

Wishing all our families a happy, healthy and fulfilling year ahead.

## Core Values



## Breaking News:

### Excellence Recognised in Local School Rankings

Our school has been ranked among the top three schools in the local area, based on national Year 6 SATs results. The figures take into account each school's average reading and maths scores, as well as the percentage of pupils achieving both the expected and higher standards.

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## Dates

**12th Jan—Topaz Class Swimming Lessons begin**

12th Jan—Chess Club begins

**12th Jan—Year 5/6 Netball 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 Class Swimming Lessons begin**

15th Jan—Years 5 & 6 Football Club begins

15th Jan—KS1 & KS2 STEMgineers begins

16th Jan—French Lunchtime Language Club begins

**22nd Jan—Year 5/6 Football Friendly Match at Kimpton Primary School 3.30pm**

**23rd Jan—PTA Film Night 5.30 - 7.30pm**

**29th Jan—Year 6 Netball Match at Home Vs Markyate 3.30pm**

**16th—20th Feb—Spring Half Term**

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

## This half term we are learning about:

### Perseverance

Be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded.

2 Chronicles 15:7



I can't do this ..... **YET**  
I'm not good at this ..... **YET**  
I don't understand this ... **YET**  
It doesn't work ..... **YET**  
This doesn't make sense ... **YET**

## The Children's Society:



## Awards: Stars of the week:



**Diamond:** Hunter for completing his learning log to a high standard. Tyler for persevering and growing in confidence and joining in with learning in class.

**Sapphire:** Chidu and Charlotte for their excellent writing in English that demonstrates creativity and clarity for the reader.

**Emerald:** Lilo for explaining Maths to a peer really well using Maths vocabulary. Penelope for showing a good understanding of Fact Families.

**Topaz:** Alexis for her excellent focus in all of her learning. Eve for her amazing perseverance when encountering a challenge.

**Garnet:** Freddie F-D for working hard to produce some excellent writing, using his phonics knowledge. Ruby for challenging herself to try new things.

## Prayer

Dear God,  
Thank you for all the exciting things this New Year will bring.  
Thank you for the chance to make changes and set goals.  
Please help me to make realistic resolutions,  
and remind me to keep trying even when I fail.  
Thank you that you give me a fresh start every day.  
I know You are beside me to cheer me on.  
Thank you for this New Year.  
Amen



# ST NICS FILM NIGHT

Put on your PJs & watch a movie!

PADDINGTON IN PERU (PG)  
TROLLS BAND TOGETHER (U)  
MOANA 2 (PG)

## FRIDAY 23RD JAN

5.30PM - DROP OFF

7.30PM - PICK UP

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EACH  
(INCLUDING  
SWEETIE BAG)