



Message from Mrs Crouch

It has been a busy second week back, with lots of learning taking place despite the cold weather! Well done to the children for taking part in so many activities, such as exploring the polar regions, making jam sandwiches, practising long multiplication, and learning about algorithms in computing.

Thank you for ensuring the children come in dressed warmly for the colder weather. Coats, hats, gloves and scarves make such a difference to their comfort throughout the day. Please make sure all items are clearly labelled so that anything misplaced can find its way back to its owner.

If you are reporting an absence please email our attendance email before 9am to admin@stnicholasce.org. If we have not heard from you, we will make contact to rule out a safeguarding concern. Please also remember to cancel your child's chosen meal before 8am to avoid a charge. Attending school is mandatory, so parents should plan holidays during the designated school holiday breaks. Please see page 2 for the Academic Year Dates 2025/2026; these dates are also available on the school website. Holidays and days out during term time will not be authorised. Even brief term time absences can have an adverse impact on children's learning. We appreciate your understanding and thank you for supporting us in improving attendance.

Core Values



Upcoming Events:

Booking for the St Nicholas film night on Friday 23rd January is now open!

Tickets are £5 and include the film plus a bag of sweets (please do not bring in any additional snacks). Please book via the online form [here](#) and pay [here](#).

PLEASE NOTE: Tickets are not guaranteed until we have all the booking information and payment. Booking deadline is **Friday 16th January**.

Children are invited to come in their PJs and please bring their own named drink bottle. Drop off is at 5.30pm and pick up is at 7.30pm. Please drop off and collect from the back entrance to the school near the metal green gates

Dates

20th Jan—Garnet Class visiting Harpenden Library

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

29th Jan—Year 5/6 Football Match at Manland School 3.30pm

W/C 2nd Feb—School Council Elections

6th Feb—Sapphire Class Assembly 9.05am

W/C 9th Feb—Children's Wellbeing Week

10th Feb—Safer Internet Day

10th & 12th Feb—Parent Consultations

12th Feb—Topaz Class Assembly 9.05am

13th Feb—PTA 'Love Yourself Day'

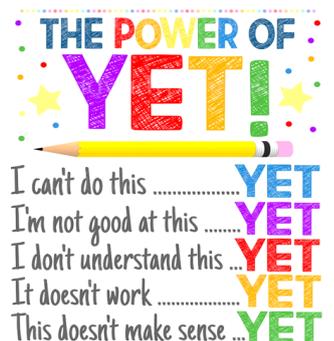
16th—20th Feb—Spring Half Term

<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



Academic Year Dates:

Spring 2026	
Term begins	6 th January 2026
Term ends	27 th March 2026
Half term	16 th February 2026 - 20 th February 2026
Summer 2026	
Term begins	13 th April 2026
Term ends	22 nd July 2026
Half term	25 th May 2026 – 29 th May 2026
Autumn 2026	
Term begins	2 nd September 2026
Term ends	17 th December 2026
Half term	26 th October 2026 - 30 th October 2026

Awards: Stars of the week:

Diamond: Jack for being really focused and applying himself in lessons.
Olivia for being an excellent friend, showing kindness and responsibility.



Sapphire: Lilly and Stefan for persevering in their writing and for using resources available (Steps to Success and Vocabulary list) to develop and enhance their character description.

Emerald: Daniel for his great effort in answering questions in reading. Hugo for settling in well at St Nicholas.

Topaz: Fraser for his great enthusiasm and paired work in PE. Nikola for his wonderful and thoughtful participation in RE.

Garnet: Emi for settling in well to life in Garnet. A great first week! Lydia for her excellent participation in our phonics lessons and using her sounds when reading.

Good Citizen's Award:

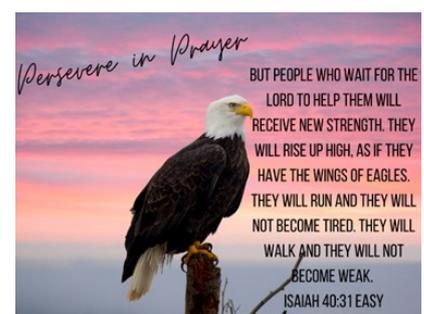
Diamond: Charlie for reading a book with a Buddy. Amelia for being an advocate for her peers during lunchtimes.



Sapphire: Louis for helping a friend in the lunch hall.

Prayer

Dear God,
We thank you that you are there and hear our prayers.
Teach us to pray in all things,
to bring our daily lives to you in prayer.
Strengthen us to keep praying, to persevere, and to not give up.
Help us to trust your faithfulness and goodness to answer our prayers.
Amen



PTA Film Night:



PTA Love Yourself Day:

Message from Emily Gilroy who is kindly organising this - *parent attention needed*:

Dear Parents,

I am organising the yearly School Love Yourself for World Mental Health day, this year on Feb 13th 2026, and would love for you all to be involved for our children. This year, Parents are asked to do a simple design on a square piece of card / paper which measures 6cm by 6cm. (Please cut this out yourself)

Write or draw a special message to your child which they will see when they come to school on this special day.

Please try to keep this a surprise if possible, so if you're able to complete this without them

knowing it will make it extra special ✨

All messages will be collated onto a huge sheet of card which will be placed onto the School gate waiting for your child to see their special message 😊

I'd be so grateful if you could hand these into me, the School office or your class rep by *Friday 30th January* at the very latest so that my little helper and I can get working on it.

If you'd like to arrange to hand this to me at School pick ups, you can contact me on 0741 5398633.

Thank you so much for your support with this. Best wishes, Emily Gilroy (Parent to Oliver Gilroy Hunt in Diamond class)