



Message from Mrs Crouch

We enjoyed a brilliant class assembly from our Topaz children this week. They showcased their wonderful talents by sharing their self portraits, fascinating science facts, and an impressive class timeline they had built together. The highlight of the assembly was their amazing performance as an orchestra. The children played beautifully and showed just how much they have learned.

A special thank you to Mrs Hammer-son, Mrs Williams, Miss Brown, Miss Maddison and Mrs Yuen for providing such exciting learning opportunities and for supporting the children so well in preparing for their assembly.

To celebrate Children's Mental Health week, our Sports and health ambassadors also led an assembly on Wednesday about supporting the systems around children.

The following top tips were also shared to show children how to be kind to themselves:

- Be your true self. Belonging comes from being accepted for who you are.
- Do the things you love: sport, video games, music, crafts, these are great ways to connect each other.
- Be kind to yourself when you make a mistake, you don't need to be perfect.
- Listen to your feelings and try to think about what you need.
- Talk to someone you trust, you are not alone.



Core Values



Upcoming Events:

World Book Day



Our annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading will take place on Friday 6th March. Children can dress up as a character from their favourite book or wear their comfiest reading clothes or pyjamas.

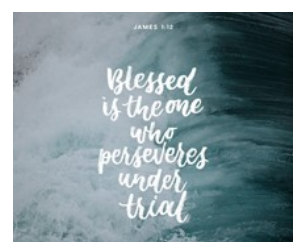
Dates

- 16th—20th Feb—Spring Half Term
- 23rd Feb—World Thinking Day—Please see page 3 for more details**
- 25th Feb—KS1 & KS2 Reading Workshop 9.05am
- 25th Feb—Year 6 Online Health Questionnaire with School Nursing Team**
- 25th Feb—Year 5/6 Football Match at Sir John Lawes 3.30pm**
- 25th Feb—Year 6 Netball Match at STAHS at 3.30pm**
- 26th Feb—Harpenden & District Tag Rugby Tournament at Harpenden Rugby Football Club 11.20am**
- 26th Feb—Year 5/6 Netball Match at The Lea 3.30pm**
- 2nd Mar—Year 5/6 Football Match at Beech Hyde Primary School Wheathampstead 3.30pm**
- 4th Mar—Home Netball playing St Helen's Primary School at 3.30pm**
- 10th Mar—Emerald Class Visit Kew Gardens
- 6th Mar—World Book Day
- W/C 16th Mar—Neurodiversity Week**
- 20th Mar—Red Nose Day**
- 27th—End of Term Church Service—All classes attending—9.05am
- 27th Mar—Last day of term—School finishes at 1.15pm
- 13th Apr—Summer Term begins—Children return to school in Summer uniform

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

This half term we are learning about:

Perseverance



Class News:

The children created wonderful collages of facial features before moving on to produce their own self-portraits in the style of Julian Opie. What fantastic work from our talented artists in Topaz Class!



School Council News:

Congratulations to the following children who have been elected as school council representatives for their class:

Diamond: Benjamin & Grace

Sapphire: Alex J-M & Charlotte

Emerald: Archie & Olivia I

Topaz: Audrey & Ollie



Awards: Stars of the week:

Diamond: Eleanor for her team work in class. Elicia for always showing our school value of kindness.



Sapphire: Alexander F and Jack M for their excellent contribution to a science lesson.

Emerald: Daniella for her imaginative and engaging writing. Isabelle for her perseverance during Maths.

Topaz: Primrose and Sanav for always showing outstanding focus in lessons.

Garnet: Hugo for excellent work in Maths combining two groups and writing matching number sentences. Inessa for taking greater responsibility over her learning.

Prayer

Father,
You are our ever-faithful and loving God.
You care for us without exception.
You support us without fail,
You cheer me up with Your comforting presence.
Constantly remind me of Your steadfast love and
grant me the determination to persevere through difficulties,
for Your love never ceases and Your help never fails.
Amen



School Council News:

To help us celebrate World Thinking Day, all Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Girl Guides, Brownies and Rainbows are encouraged to wear their uniforms to school on Monday 23rd February. All other pupils should come in their school uniform as usual.

A fun activity for the half term. Design a Prosthetic Limb for a Superhero. Once you have completed your design please use the below link to submit your design.

<https://www.bapo.com/design-a-prosthetic-limb-for-a-superhero/>



Love Yourself Day :

A special thank you to Emily Gilroy for taking the time and effort to create the beautiful 'Love Yourself Day' display for the children to enjoy this morning, it really is lovely.

Thank you to everyone for sharing your messages, what a thoughtful way for us to celebrate our children during 'Children's Mental Health Week'.

