



Message from Mrs Crouch

We had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day this week. During our whole school assembly, each class paraded across the stage, and we were so impressed by the children's creative costumes and comfy reading outfits; even the staff joined in.



Pupils also shared their own book recommendations, which sparked lots of excitement and great conversations. I encouraged everyone to try reading different types of books; it's a brilliant way to grow imagination and vocabulary, and it's a perfect activity for screens-off time at home. Thank you to all families for helping make the day so special.

We would also thank the parents for generously supporting the 'Sponsoring a Book' project. Each class will benefit directly from the new books added to their collection.

Our pupils recently took part in the Tag Rugby Tournament, and they were absolutely brilliant. The team scored an impressive number of tries and secured 3rd place in their group. Their teamwork and excellent sportsmanship were clear throughout the event. A huge thank you to Mr Price for his fantastic coaching and support.

Core Values



Upcoming Events:

British Science Week

Next week we are celebrating British Science Week by holding an afternoon of Science on Friday 13th March. The children will be organised into houses, taking part in a variety of Science activities.

Dates

W/C 9th Mar—Science Week

- 10th Mar—Emerald Class Visit Kew Gardens
- 11th Mar—Harpenden & District Football Tournament at Wood End School 1.15pm
- 12th Mar—Harpenden & District Netball Rally at Katherine Warrington School 1.45pm
- 12th Mar—Year 5/6 Football Match at Markyate Village School 3.30pm
- 13th Mar—KS1 Music Recital School Hall 9.30am
- W/C 16th Mar—Neurodiversity Week
- 16th Mar—Year 5/6 Football Match at The Lea 3.30pm
- 16th Mar—Year 6 Netball Match at Sauncey Wood 3.30pm

18th Mar—Tempest Photography— Class and Team Photos am

- 19th Mar—Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit
- 19th Mar—Year 5/6 Netball Match at Manland Primary School 3.30pm
- 20th Mar—Red Nose Day
- 20th Mar—KS2 Music Recital St Nicholas Church 5pm

23rd Mar—Year 5/6 Football Festival at Sauncey Wood 1.45pm

24th Mar—HSMA Spring Festival Concert—Eric Morecambe Centre 7pm

- 26th Mar—Year 5/6 Football Match at Sauncey Wood 3.30pm

26th Mar—Year 6 Netball Match at St Dominic's 3.30pm

- 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

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This half term we are learning about: Justice

Amos 5:15 – 'Love good. Seek justice in the courts.'



Emerald Class 3D Sculptures:

Emerald class were delighted to present in assembly this week their wonderful and thoughtful 3-D art sculptures.

This has been a project for Emerald class over the past few weeks. Emerald originally began creating 3-D sculptures in paper and cardboard learning techniques to create abstract 3-D effects such as glue and non-glue adhesive ideas. Over half term Emerald class collected plastic 'trash' that they found in various public spaces, including beaches and parks. Having been inspired by some international artists who create art and with a message, Emerald developed their own creative ideas. We were so proud to see Emerald's work in assembly this week, including amazing creations such as turtles made of plastic or mixed media, mermaids swimming in plastic oceans, sea life trapped by plastic netting and other thought-provoking ideas.

Not only did this tie into our art lessons, it also linked to stop motion animation we had done in computing, using plastics in the ocean as a theme and it has also helped us remember our responsibility to our environment and to taking our litter home.



Awards: Stars of the week:

Diamond: Ally for being a positive member of Diamond class and showing kindness. Taylor for his authors voice in his space report.



Sapphire: Charlotte for creating an amazing short story in the writer workshop. Margot for a great contribution to the English lesson.

Emerald: Daniel for his great effort in his writing. Rosie for working hard and progressing well in writing. Rosie for working hard and progressing well in writing.

Topaz: Ava for working hard and progressing well with her reading. Reuben for persevering and showing great progress with his handwriting.

Garnet: Olivia for working really hard on her writing in literacy lessons. Yusuf for working hard in Maths and practising his counting.

Good citizens Award:

Topaz: Ollie for consistently being a good friend and showing kindness and great working together skills.



Prayer

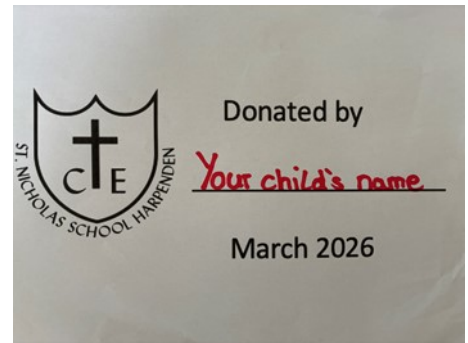
Dear God,
Help us to have the courage to stand up for justice,
To work together to make the world a better place,
A place where everyone feels valued & important
A place where everyone feels safe and looked after
A place where everyone is treated fairly & equally.
Amen.



PTA World Book Day—Sponsor a Book

Sponsor a Book this World Book Day

Books are as important as ever as pupils develop essential reading, comprehension and critical thinking skills. Every year, your generosity helps our school to maintain interesting and engaging selections of books in every classroom that keep pupils inspired and motivated to keep on reading!



Our teachers really appreciate the resources this fundraiser makes possible every year.

How to Sponsor a Book:

1. Donate £5 / £10/ £15 / £20 for new books for your child's classroom - click on this link to make your donation: <https://pay.collectiv.com/world-book-day-27454>
2. Email Stnicsbooks@gmail.com stating your child's class, name to be used as the 'sponsor' (i.e. family name / child's name) and the name in which you have made payment.

If you would rather provide a cash donation, please feel free to post an envelope containing your donation and child's name and class into the PTA post box.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kate, Natalie and Louise (PTA)

