



Message from Mrs Crouch

It has been a busy and exciting week, with pupils taking part in the netball rally, the football tournament and a wonderful musical performance.

Despite the blustery winds, the girls brought fantastic energy to the Netball rally. They gave their all and showed the school values of kindness and perseverance throughout. It was lovely to see them supporting one another and keeping their spirits high. With tough games against the eventual winners and the runners up, they battled hard and earned a well deserved win against Markyate. We were so proud of their resilience and teamwork. Thank you to Mrs Stichbury and Mrs Twelftree for the excellent training sessions as well as superb umpiring.

During the Football Tournament, we are delighted to share that the team won the Small Schools Trophy. The boys performed exceptionally well, beginning with three wins and one draw to finish top of the league. In the semi-finals, both small schools pushed their larger school opponents to penalties. We now proudly share the trophy with Manland. The team demonstrated outstanding teamwork, effort and conduct throughout, conceding only one goal in 66 minutes of football. It was excellent defending as a team! Thank you to Mr Price for the brilliant coaching.

On the music front, it was wonderful to see the Key Stage 1 musicians perform their pieces in front of parents and children today. We were very impressed with the children's confidence, and it was rewarding for them to share their music with an audience. Thank you to Fabiana, Jade and Mrs Williams for providing this opportunity and for helping the children showcase their talents.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday 18th March – Class & Team School photos

Please can children come to school wearing their smart winter uniform.

Dates

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—Year 5 Residential Trip Virtual Information Meeting 9am
20th Mar—Red Nose Day
20th Mar—KS2 Music Recital St Nicholas Church 5pm
23rd Mar—Sapphire & Diamond Classes Pupil Minecraft Workshop
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
20th Apr—Topaz Class visiting St Alban's Cathedral
4th July—St Nicholas PTA Summer Ball 7pm-Midnight
<https://www.stnicholasce.org/diary/grid/2025/01/>

Core Values



Kindness Perseverance Hope Responsibility

This half term we are learning about: Justice

'Our purpose is to do what is right, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of one another.' 2 Corinthians 8:2

Emerald Class Visit to Kew Gardens:

On Tuesday Emerald Class visited Kew Gardens, where the children took on the role of plant scientists for the day. They completed three engaging indoor activities designed to deepen their understanding of plants and their features.

To begin, the children examined a range of seeds, exploring their properties to identify which trees or plants they came from. Using these clues, they were able to name the plants with growing confidence.

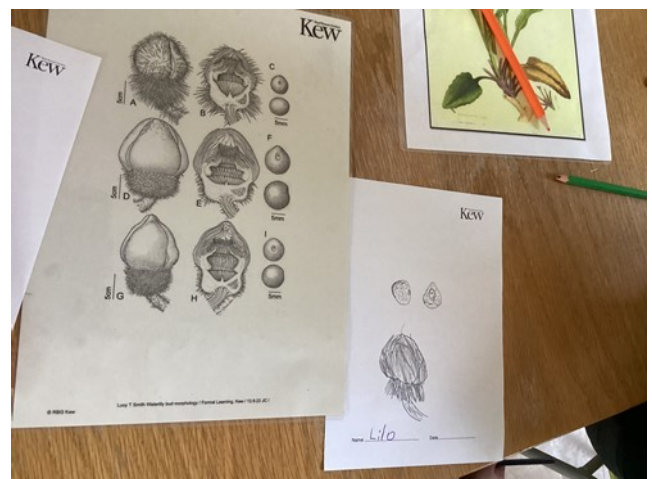
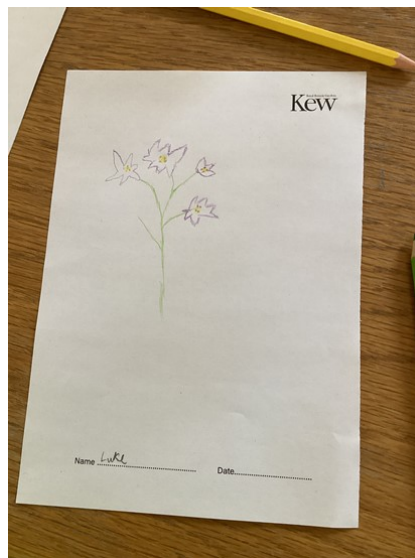
Next, the children created detailed botanical drawings of flowers or specific flower parts. Using magnifying glasses, they observed the intricate features of each specimen, enabling them to capture fine details in their illustrations.

The final indoor activity allowed the children to explore flowers even more closely using microscopes. They were challenged to locate the pollen within each flower and, in some cases, were even able to spot tiny mites.

Outdoors, the children learned about seed dispersal through a hands on activity. Taking on the role of squirrels, they hid their acorns, 'hibernated,' and then attempted to find them again. Those who were unable to relocate their acorns were praised for helping to plant the next generation of oak trees.

The children also discovered how bees communicate with the queen bee. They practised the bees' distinctive method of dancing in a loose figure-of-eight pattern while wiggling their abdomens to share information.

It was a rich and memorable day of scientific exploration, and the children represented the school beautifully throughout.



Harpenden & District Football Tournament:

A very big congratulations to Mr Price and the team for taking part in the Harpenden & District Football Tournament on Wednesday at Wood End School. We came in joint first place sharing the trophy with Manland School.

Mr Price was very proud of the team for their great effort and brilliant team performance.



Red Nose Day—Friday 20th March

Children can come to school wearing school uniform with one item of red clothing or an accessory to celebrate Red Nose Day. Please use the Red Nose Day Just Giving Page QR Code below to make a voluntary donation.



Awards: Stars of the week:

Diamond: Elizabeth for persevering and taking responsibility for her learning in English and PE. Henry P for showing creative thinking in lessons.



Sapphire: Alex J-M and Charles L for their excellent use of relative clauses in English Writing.

Emerald: Emerald class for being so fantastic on the school trip. We are super proud of you all.

Topaz: Adeline for showing kindness and responsibility when supporting a younger friend with reading. Cian for showing responsibility for his learning by always taking part in lessons and concentrating well.

Garnet: Freddie F-D for his fantastic focus on his handwriting and taking pride over the presentation of his work. Freddie P for working so hard on his writing and focus on his pencil grip.

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ in your own life on earth,
you took care to listen well to people.
You were passionate about seeking **justice** for everyone.
Give us wisdom when we need to make decisions.
Help us not to jump to conclusions but to try to hear both sides,
giving everyone a chance to speak.
And when we get it wrong, give us the humility and courage to say sorry.
Amen



St Nicholas School PTA Summer Ball:



ST NICHOLAS PTA
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**SUMMER
BALL**
2026

4TH JULY
BENNET'S, 21 LEYTON ROAD
7PM - MIDNIGHT

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