



## Message from Mrs Crouch

What a special message all the children shared in the Easter service! From the youngest children recounting Palm Sunday to the good news of the Resurrection. It was remarkable to see how confidently the children spoke, how expressively they dramatised the events, and how beautifully they sang together. Thank you to all the staff for helping to make this occasion so memorable. It was wonderful to share the performance with so many parents, and I am very proud of the children.

We were also thrilled to take part in the Harpenden Schools Music Association Spring Festival Concert on Tuesday evening at the Eric Morecambe Centre. A group of our children joined the massed choirs of Harpenden primary schools and were accompanied by a concert band made up of instrumentalists from all the Harpenden secondary schools. Our pupils were a credit to the school, behaving impeccably and singing beautifully. It was a real joy to perform live music together in front of such an appreciative audience. Thank you to Mrs Williams and Mrs Churchill for leading the rehearsals in school, and to all choir parents for supporting their children so well.

After the Easter holiday, the children will be required to wear summer uniform. All the details are available on the school website on the School Uniform policy. <https://www.stnicholasce.org/uniform>

We would be grateful if all items of clothing could be clearly labelled. Staff will check labels during the first week of the summer term to make sure everything is easy to identify.

We wish you all a blessed and happy Easter!



## Core Values



Kindness



Perseverance



Hope



Responsibility

## Upcoming Events:

### Summer Term

Will begin on Monday 13th April, we look forward to welcoming you back after the Easter break.

### Pre-loved Uniform

As we transition from winter to summer uniform, please consider ordering preloved school uniform. We have plenty of shorts, summer dresses, PE kit and crested cardigans and jumpers in stock. It's £3 a crested item and £1 for an uncrested item.

Please place your order by 10 April for delivery to your child's peg on the first day of term. You can order via this link [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1h1Zo2AsltmZMugQEXI2ALWw6eoKYg5ITWqIFw4NRFnM/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1h1Zo2AsltmZMugQEXI2ALWw6eoKYg5ITWqIFw4NRFnM/viewform?edit_requested=true)

## Dates

13th Apr—Summer Term begins—Children return to school in Summer uniform

20th Apr—Topaz Class visiting St Alban's Cathedral

22nd Apr—Sapphire Class trip to The British Museum

23rd Apr—Garnet Class Swimming lessons begin 9am

29th Apr—Year 3/4 Football Match at Roundwood Park School 3.30pm

4th May— May Bank Holiday—School Closed—No children attending

W/c 11th May—Year 6 SATS Week

**22nd May—Sports Day**

25th –29th May—Half Term

**1st-3rd Jun—Year 6 PGL**

5th Jun—Inset Day—School Closed—No children attending

4th July—St Nicholas PTA Summer Ball 7pm-Midnight

**16th-17th Jul—Year 5 Burwell House Residential Trip**

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

## This half term we are learning about: Easter

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

John 3:16

### Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit:

The Year 6's from Diamond class went on a trip to Crucial Crew at the St Albans Fire Station. On the trip there were nine different activities each one lasting for 10 minutes. The stations were about safety including knife crime, electricity, road awareness, smoking and situations that you might find yourself in that could have serious consequences and how to deal with them.

Thank you to Mrs Wild, Miss Brown and Mrs Churchill for taking us on the trip it was really interesting and we all enjoyed ourselves and learnt a lot.

Written by Hunter and Taylor



### Sapphire and Diamond Class: Minecraft Workshop

The children used their STEM skills to design and build shelters on allocated plots of land. They worked from a set of blueprint requirements and ensured their structures met all specified criteria. Once completed, the shelters needed sustainable power. Students assembled solar panels and water turbines, then connected these to storage containers by completing the electrical circuits, providing renewable energy to the shelters they had built.



### Awards: Stars of the week:

**Diamond:** Eleanor for being an excellent team player and showing kindness to others. Isla for always taking responsibility for her learning and her positive attitude.



**Sapphire:** Izan for his outstanding effort in English and for writing a thoughtful and well crafted letter. Rory for showing wonderful enthusiasm and creating an imaginative and well designed mythical creature.

**Emerald:** Alexander for his great effort in writing. Sienna for her beautiful descriptive writing.

**Topaz:** Alexis and Eve for their brilliant letter writing to their pen pals.

**Garnet:** Izzy for being a kind friend and helping others. Olivia for trying really hard to improve her writing.

### Enrichment Activity:

**Diamond:** Congratulations to Eddie He made it to the final of the Primary Maths Challenge and earned a Silver Award. We are incredibly proud of his hard work, determination, and brilliant achievement. Well done, Eddie!



## Prayer

Lord,  
Help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, everyday.  
Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice.  
Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice in our salvation.  
Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world.  
**Amen**



## St Nicholas' Church Holy Week and Easter Services 2026



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Join us in the drama of Holy Week and the celebration of Easter. In words and silence, ritual and reflection, action and music, we travel in mind and spirit through the Christian story – sounding the depths of human experience and affirming the depth of God's love.

We offer a variety of styles of service – those marked \* are most appropriate for children but all are very welcome at them all.

Day	Date	Time	Service
Palm Sunday	29 March	8am	BCP Holy Communion
		9.30am	Parish Eucharist* • Palm Procession from Church Green
		11.30am	Morning Praise* • With Triumphal Entry Drama
		6.30pm	Stainer's Crucifixion performed by the choir
Monday	30 March	8pm	Compline, with Holy Week reflection
Tuesday	31 March	8pm	Compline, with Holy Week reflection
Wednesday	1 April	8pm	Compline, with Holy Week reflection
Maundy Thursday	2 April	8pm	Liturgy of Maundy Thursday • with foot washing and stripping of altars
Good Friday	3 April	10.30am	The Walk of Witness* • from Rothamsted Park gates
		Noon	The Liturgy of Good Friday
Easter Saturday	4 April	10.30am	Simply Worship for Good Friday and Easter*
Easter Day	5 April	6am	Dawn Service – with Easter Fire and Eucharist
		8am	BCP Holy Communion
		9.30am	Parish Easter Eucharist*
		11.30am	Morning Praise with Holy Communion*

**St Nicholas School PTA Summer Ball:**



ST NICHOLAS PTA  
PRESENTS  
**SUMMER  
BALL**  
*2026*

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**7PM - MIDNIGHT**

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