



St Nicholas Church School

School Newsletter

26th January 2024 Term 3 Newsletter 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another fun filled week at school and we haven't let the winter bugs and colds get us down. Mr Low has been covering lots of classes across the school and has loved spending time with the children and helping with their learning.

We started the week with a fantastic singing assembly provided by Tim Parker from West of England Music and Arts. The children thoroughly enjoyed the songs and it was great to see them singing with smiles on their faces; really emphasising the power of music and how it can make us feel good. We've invited him to come back again to do more with the school later in the year.

Two classes went on exciting trips this week. Year 6 got dressed up for the occasion for their World War 2 trip to the STEAM museum in Swindon and learnt all about what life was like for evacuees. Reception class had an absolutely magical experience at The Snow Mouse in the Egg Theatre in Bath. The teachers said it was one of the best interactive shows they have ever taken children to!

Year 2 parents and carers came in for a family lunch day on Thursday. After tasting Greg's amazing cooking, there was plenty of energy on show in the playground and the children really appreciated the chance to play with their grown ups. We think lots of them needed a bit of a lie down afterwards!

REMEMBER—Next Monday (29th Jan) is an INSET day. Have a great weekend

Mr Low & Mrs Biss

★ Our Award Winners ★				
	Star	Maths Magician	Reading/Oracy	Wizard Writer
Avon	Lucas C	David V	Ivy-Rose C	Lily-Rose W
Mells	Logan S	Ava-Grace L	Reuben H H	Isla T
Yeo	Summer H	Jack B	Harper BG	Bella-Lily C
Hartlake	Sharusha R	Oscar W	Finn R	George W

House Points	
Ludlow	181
Foxcote	108
Tyning	143
Huish	162

Our Peg Award Winners				
Red	Yellow	Pink	Green	Orange
	Nora G	Jacob D	Harry B	
	Henry M	Kayla		
	Mya D	Jacob		
	Xavier W	Florence D		
	Harrison P	Sienna U		
	Henry C	Evie N		
	Paige S	Darcie N		
	Molly D	Quinn J		
	Chloe B	Elsie-Leigh T		
		Lena S		

NSPCC Number Day
 Friday 2nd February is NSPCC Number Day! To celebrate children can wear their own clothes for a small donation to the NSPCC. See if you can find any clothes at home that already have a number on them e.g. a football shirt, but don't worry if you can't. All classes will partake in a number game workshop run by the Year 5 pupils during the day.

IMPORTANT—Illness in School

We have had a number of confirmed cases of ‘Slapped Cheek Syndrome’ in school, as well as a confirmed case of Scarlet Fever. Both illnesses are usually easily treatable but it is important to seek advice from your GP if you suspect your child has either of these, so that the correct course of treatment is given. Both can impact people with weakened immune systems. **It is therefore vital that you let us now if your child has a confirmed case of either of these illnesses,** so that we can take appropriate precautions in school to protect everyone.

Information about both illnesses can be found on the NHS website here:

[Scarlet fever - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

[Slapped cheek syndrome - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)



Time to Talk		Attendance	
Cam	How do Polar animals stay warm?	Cam	90%
Somer	Can you name all the countries in the UK?	Somer	92%
Dart	What is a tally chart?	Dart	94.4%
Avon	What is the difference between digital and analogue technology?	Avon	93%
Mells	Name a country and a food that is produced there.	Mells	89.7%
Yeo	When do you need to lay an egg in Maths?!	Yeo	94.3%
Hartlake	Tell your family all about your evacuation experience on our trip.	Hartlake	97.4%
Wellow	What birds might you find in your garden?	Midford	83.8%
Midford	What is your dream job when you grow up?	Wellow	80%
		Overall attendance is 92.3%.	

Our Values

Dart class have started a Discovery RE topic this term all about Judaism. This week we looked at Passover. Passover (or **Pesach** in Hebrew) is one of the most important festivals in the Jewish year. It is a **Spring** festival that begins on the 15th day of Nisan, the first month of the Jewish calendar. The celebrations last for seven or eight days, depending on where you live. We focused on the Seder plate which is covered in different foods; each food has a meaning and the children worked hard to get all of these important things onto a plate ready for our next lesson. Can they remember any of them? Well done Y2, super RE



Diary Dates

Monday 29th January
INSET Day

Friday 2nd February
Non-Uniform Day For NSPCC
KS1 Celebration Assembly

Tuesday 6th February
9.30am Toddler Group
Y1 Family Lunch

Wednesday 7th February
2.30pm Y4 Family Event

Thursday 8th February
3.35pm Table Top Sale

Friday 9th February
End Of Term 3

FRIENDS OF ST. NIC'S PTFA

TABLE TOP SALE



Thursday 8th February -
3:45-4:45pm in the hall

Hire a table for £5 and clear
your clutter!
Book via the office

Downloading the E-Schools App

We are moving more of our school communication, including text messages, to work through the Eschools App. Please download this useful app which has a range of other features, including attendance information and booking parents evenings. See the poster below for details of how to download. The school office will be able to assist if you have any questions about this.



Swimming Goggles

If your child currently swims with school, please ensure they have goggles if they need them. The pool does not have enough spares to lend all the children and this may limit their ability to swim well. Thank you.

School Fleece

Please remember—School fleeces may be worn to school in place of a coat, but they are not to be worn instead of a jumper. Children will need their jumper to wear around school when inside.

Feedback Friday

Over the next couple of terms, the school will be looking at our vision and values and we will be engaging with the whole school community to gather everyone's views on what we do well as a school and what is important to you. Today we asked you to tell us, "What is special or unique about our school." As always, we had some great feedback including:

All the staff are amazing.
Everyone is treated with respect. Parents and carers are made to feel welcome.

The friendly staff team!

The trips which are well-planned and link to the curriculum and the children LOVE.
The performances, carol services and trips to the pantomime that make Christmas extra special.

There will be further opportunities to have your say on vision and values later in terms 3 & 4.

Other comments today:

Some people asked about more staff on the gates in the morning to support younger children. We know this can be tricky, especially with Reception children and we are going to make some adjustments to support this next week. However, please note that teachers do need to get into class promptly in the mornings, so they are not able to speak to lots of parents at length. If you need to discuss any matters in more detail with a teacher, please arrange a meeting through the school office.

Some people asked if we can let parents drive on site while there is roadwork disruption outside school. Unfortunately it is not possible to safely do this at this time but we have asked the local PCSO to support us in monitoring the road situation over the next few weeks to make it as safe as possible. Thank You.

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Here's to thee, old apple trees!

Midsomer Norton
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Midsomer Norton's WASSAIL

Saturday 3 February 2024
Info, booking and venues: www.mnct.co.uk/wassailing



February Half Term - Inspired Camps

12TH - 16TH FEBRUARY

- 9am - 3pm (Late and Early at Northgate)
- Multi-sports
- Champions League Football Camps

Venues

- NORTH PETHERTON
- NORTHGATE
- WOOLAVINGTON
- WELLS BLUE

🏆 Medals for all

🏆 Presentation ceremony on the final day

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Cook it

Tues 23rd Jan- 27th Feb (no session 13th Feb), St Martin's Garden Primary School, Combe Down, Bath, 4-5.30pm.

Thurs 25th Jan- Thurs 29th Feb (no session 15th Feb), online via Microsoft Teams, 4-5pm.

Mon 4th March- 1st April, online via Microsoft Teams, 5-6pm.

2023-2024 SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

Including INSET DAYS

TERM 1	
Start:	Tuesday 5th September
Finish:	Friday 20th October
TERM 2	
Start:	Monday 30th October
Finish:	Friday 15th December
TERM 3	
Start:	Wednesday 3rd January
Finish:	Friday 9th February
TERM 4	
Start:	Monday 19th February
Finish:	Thursday 28th March
TERM 5	
Start:	Monday 15th April
Finish:	Friday 24th May
TERM 6	
Start:	Monday 3rd June
Finish:	Tuesday 23rd July
INSET DAYS	
Friday 1st September 2023	
Monday 4th September 2023	
Tuesday 2nd January 2024	
Monday 29th January 2024	
Friday 12th July 2024	