



# St Nicholas Church School

## School Newsletter

26th April 2024 Term 5 Newsletter 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

After all the wet weather of the last few months, we finally got the grass cut on the school grounds this week and the children made the most of playtimes out on the field. It's still a little damp under foot, so apologies if they come home with muddy knees – they're all just desperate for some fun and games out on the grass. Mr Miller has been busy removing the remainder of the quiet garden that was badly damaged with the flooding and we will be looking at setting up a parent volunteer group that would love to come in and help us develop this part of the school. More details will be sent out about this in the coming weeks.

Reception class had the excitement of their first ever school trip this week! They visited the Carymoor Environmental Centre near Castle Cary and had a brilliant day pond dipping and hunting for minibeasts. They were very knowledgeable on what they found and impressed Mrs Warde with their scientific enquiry skills.

On Thursday, Year 5 had their first ever trumpet lesson. This is the first time we have ever had brass instrument lessons at St Nics and it was a huge amount of noisy fun for the children. Many of them seem to have a natural talent so we can't wait to see what they learn over the coming weeks. I'm sure we'll put on a little show in assembly by the end of the year! A huge thank you to Mrs Kett for putting in place an ambitious music curriculum for the children, giving them unique opportunities to find hidden talents!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Low & Mrs Biss



### Our Peg Award Winners



Red	Yellow	Pink	Green	Orange	Purple
		Josh William P Autumn P Hudson B	Freya Zoe Nevaeh Enzo J Alex P	Austin Fabian Piper H Caleb B Ivy B	Keisha Lennox George L Chloe F



### Our Award Winners



	Star	Maths Magician	Reading/Oracy	Wizard Writer
Cam	Dara A	Aille S	Leo D	Theo W
Somer	Kayla M	Nevaeh H	Joe H	Freya BG
Dart	Olivia H	Chloe F	Rocco M	Autumn P

## **Feedback Friday**

Thank you as always to everyone who responded to our Feedback Friday question this week:

### **What motivates your child to do well and achieve in school.**

We love getting certificates in assembly

Pegs, awards and encouragement really motivate. If my children get a peg /award then we as parents buy them a gift of their choice as encouragement/achievement which works well for us as a family.

It was great to hear that many of the comments mentioned that the children love receiving certificates and pegs in assembly. As staff, we love rewarding the children for their hard work and sharing why they have achieved their award. In fact, we are adding another certificate to our collection. Children will now have the opportunity to receive the following awards: Wizard Writing, Maths Magician, Reading Award, Oracy Award and Star of the Week. Other motivations for children included the visits that we offer as a school, the fun learning and the music opportunities that KS2 have had this year.

### **Other comments this week:**

***One parent mentioned that they felt that the peg system was used differently in different classes.*** This is something that we are looking into as a senior leadership team as we know that any positive praise system needs to be consistent in order for it to have impact with children.

Some children commented in the boxes this week which is always welcome. The comments included: they love getting their awards, they love school and all of the activities and one even mentioned that they love getting encouragement in maths. Thank you children—it's so valuable to get your feedback.

Hearing parents views is important to us, so please keep contributing to Feedback Friday. We are also in the process of reviewing our behaviour system so will be sending out a survey in the coming weeks and would really appreciate hearing your thoughts.

## **IMPORTANT—ONLINE SAFETY—PLEASE READ**

The online world can be a fun place for our children but in recent weeks we have been alerted to an increasing number of local children who have fallen victim to online grooming. This usually takes the form of someone online pretending to be someone they are not and then befriending children. The most common scenario for this is children accepting friend requests from people they don't know, often in online games like **Roblox** and **Fortnite**. Children are often promised in game currency for something in return.

We **strongly recommend** that on any game, app or device that has internet access, you check who your children are friends with and delete anyone that they do not know personally in the real world—especially 'friends of friends'. If your child uses headphones on their device or games console, we advise that you regularly check in to see what is being said and what sort of things are being discussed. Leaving a child alone upstairs on their console or device with headphones on can put them in an extremely vulnerable situation.

Please see below in the newsletter for a poster that you can talk through with your child and remind them of how to stay safe online. We will be focussing on this in our E-Safety lessons this term.

More advice about keeping children safe online can be found here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>



### Attendance

Cam	97.1%
Somer	99.1%
Dart	95.8%
Avon	95.2%
Mells	94.2%
Yeo	96.1%
Hartlake	97.1%
Midford	87.5%
Wellow	100%
<b>Overall attendance is: 96%</b>	

### Time to Talk

Cam	Tell a grown up about the lifecycle of a butterfly.
Somer	How do elephants protect their skin in the sun?
Dart	Share your instructions for making a cloud from English.
Avon	What do plants need?
Mells	How would you write 5:00pm on a 24hr clock?
Yeo	Which Greek myths have we read this week? Can you remember what happened in them?
Hartlake	How are camels adapted to live in a desert environment?
Wellow	What Egyptian gods can you name?
Midford	

### House Points

Ludlow	121
Foxcote	146
Tyning	110
Huish	150

### Diary Dates

#### Monday 29th April

2.30pm Y1 Parent Event

#### Tuesday 30th April

9.15am Y2 Family Event

Friday 3rd May

KS2 Celebration Assembly

#### Tuesday 7th May

9.15am Y4 Family Event

#### Wednesday 8th May

Y3 Trip To The Big Pit

12.30pm Y5 Family Lunch

#### Friday 10th May

KS1 Celebration Assembly

#### Monday 13th May

Y6 SATS Week

#### Friday 17th May

KS2 Celebration Assembly

#### Monday 20th May

Y6 Trip To The Beach

#### Tuesday 21st May

KS1 Sports Day & Family Picnic

#### Wednesday 22nd May

KS2 Sports Day & Family Picnic

#### Thursday 23rd May

Y1 Trip To SS Great Britain

#### Friday 24th May

Spirit Of St Nicholas Assembly

End Of Term 5

#### Monday 3rd June

Term 6

## How secure is your kid's bike?



Unfortunately, bikes get stolen all the time: it may only take an unguarded moment leaving it outside a local shop and it's gone.

However, marking a bicycle can be a deterrent for thieves by making it less attractive to steal.

And if it is stolen?

Well, we recover property all the time, but we cannot reunite it with the owners because we do not know where it comes from. However, if a bike is marked, we can simply look it up on the register and call up the owner.

And it makes it easier to prosecute the thieves as we can prove the item was stolen.



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## FREE Bike Register Marking

### LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c  
29 April

#### Bath Central Library

##### Storytime

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 30 April

##### Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 1 May

##### Knit Two, Share One - knitting & Crochet group for any age/ability

Thursday 10.00 - 12.00pm 2 May

##### Norland Nannies Community Sewing Bee

Friday 10.00 - 12.00pm 3 May

##### Board Game Saturdays

Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm 4 May

##### Art in the Library: Design a Future Library Competition Exhibition

Mon - Sat during opening hours 1 - 31 May

##### Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs

Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

##### Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In

Mon - Sat During opening hours

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via the blog.  
Visit [bathneslibraries.wordpress.com](https://bathneslibraries.wordpress.com)



# STAY SAFE ONLINE

1

Don't share your personal information



2

Only talk to people that you know



3

Don't meet up with anyone you have only met online



4

Only accept friend requests from people you know personally



5

Always think carefully about what you post



8

Report inappropriate content immediately



6

Make use of the privacy settings on all of your social media accounts



7

Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are



9

Only share images that you'd be comfortable with your friends and family seeing



10

Never share your passwords





**INSPIRED  
SCHOOLS**

Dear Parent/Carer

Inspired Schools will be running our popular holiday camps at The Blue School in Wells for the four days after the late May bank holiday and we do hope that your child/ren can join us during this time – from Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

## May Half Term Holiday – The Blue School, Wells

**28TH TO 31ST MAY**

- 9am – 3pm
- Multi-sports
- Champions League Football Camps

**At the Sports Development  
Centre at The Blue School**

Medals for all  
Presentation ceremony on the final day

Football

Multi-Sports

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Whether your child/ren is looking to learn something new, make new friends or just have a ton of fun-filled, active days then our holiday camps are the place to be. We have got exciting activities planned for all ages – from age 4 to 12 (children must be attending primary school or in Year 7 of secondary school).

Fun is at the centre of everything we do at Inspired Schools, we want children to fall in love with physical activity as part of our mission of getting More Children More Active More Often – we hope you will join us on this journey by booking on one of our holiday camps.

To book, log in or register on our booking site:

<https://inspiredschools.ipalbookings.com/>

We look forward to welcoming you to camp.

The team at Inspired Schools

# 2023-2024 SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

Including INSET DAYS

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