



St Nicholas Church School

School Newsletter

20th December 2024 Term 2 Newsletter 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've finished the term as we always do with a celebration of outstanding achievement by pupils in all classes, with our Spirit of St Nicholas Award Assembly. It was lovely to hear how our Spirit Award winners this term really demonstrate our school values—we're very proud of you all!

This week, it was the turn of KS2 to wow us on stage with their production of The Magical Christmas Jigsaw. Once again, the performances were all brilliant and we especially enjoyed the singing. A huge thank you to the ks2 staff who always ensure that every child who wants the chance to perform on stage gets the opportunity to do so, and also a thank you to parents and carers for your help with costumes and learning lines! The children seem to really be enjoying their singing at the moment and this was evident in our carol service at the end of this week, with 'Ding Dong Merrily on High' being a particular highlight. We're glad so many parents were able to join us.

We're not sure how they manage it but Greg and Gorsha (our kitchen team) have surpassed themselves once again this year. Not only have they lovingly prepared and cooked over 250 Christmas dinners but they never complain when we invite more and more guests in at the last minute to experience a St Nics Christmas lunch. In fact, we think Greg secretly loves it!

One of the best things about working at St Nics is the amazing community spirit that we see on a weekly basis, and never more so than at Christmas. We are very grateful for the lovely donations that some families have dropped in to the office this week and we have made sure these have been passed on to families who need them most. We were also donated a number of Christmas hampers by local charity 'Sporting Family Change', and these have also been distributed to the community. We thank you greatly for your very generous donations and it warms our spirits to know there are so many thoughtful people in the local community looking out for each other.



It was lovely to see lots of you at the Christmas Bingo event last night and the prizes on offer were fantastic. Congratulations to anyone who went home with some Christmas treats. A massive thank you to the PTFA who have once again pulled out all the stops to ensure the children have the best Christmas at school.

We finish the week saying a fond farewell to a couple of staff who are leaving at the end of term. Mrs Viranyi, who leads our KS2 resource base, is moving on to a new school and we wish her all the best with her new class in January. Mrs Cox, who worked in the school office, is also moving on and we thank her for her hard work and wish her all the best for the future.

A reminder that the new term begins for the children on Tuesday 7th January. From all of the team at St Nicholas, we wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you all again in Term 3.

Best wishes, Mr Low & Mrs Simmons

Our Spirit of St Nicholas Award Winners Term 2

Cam	Olive S	Mells	William P
Somer	Ava H	Yeo	Amelia W
Dart	Keisha M	Hartlake	Daisy H
Avon	Hudson B	Midford	Rodney S



SWIMMING TEAM SUCCESS



KS2 Swimming Gala

On Thursday 5th December, 9 year 5&6 children went to the Swimming Gala in Midsomer Norton. We really enjoyed taking part in the event and we're really proud of how well our team did – we came third overall!

When you're standing in line to start your event it's very nerve-wracking. Especially in the relays because you're swimming for your whole team, not just for yourself. In the relay it was really challenging because some of us had never done it before and you need to go as soon as the person before you touches the wall. When you're doing your own race and you're in the water, as soon as the whistle is blown everything clears out of your head and you just have to swim as fast as you can. It's important to remember to touch the end of the pool with the right number of hands (2 for breast stroke or butterfly). The backstroke is one of the hardest because you're on your back so you can't see when you're nearly at the end of the pool! At the end of the event they give out medals and it's really exciting when you're given yours!

Thank you very much to Mrs Smith for teaching us swimming and coaching us through the event – we couldn't have done it without you!

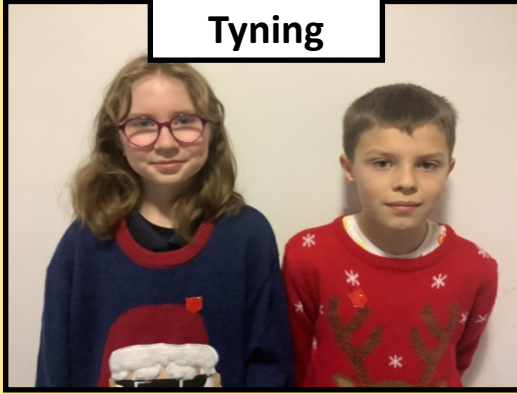
This year we won the most medals that St Nicholas have ever won:

Event	Place	Team member(s)
Girls freestyle relay	Gold	Florence, Nora, Bria, Evie
Girls 25m freestyle	Gold	Bria
Girls 50m freestyle	Silver	Bria
Girls 25m backstroke	Gold	Evie
Girls 25m butterfly	Bronze	Florence
Mixed cannon relay	Bronze	Florence, Bria, Zander, Henry
Whole event	Bronze	Florence, Nora, Bria, Evie, Zander, Henry, Archie, Teddy and Logan

By Florence, Nora, Bria and Evie

HOUSE CAPTAINS

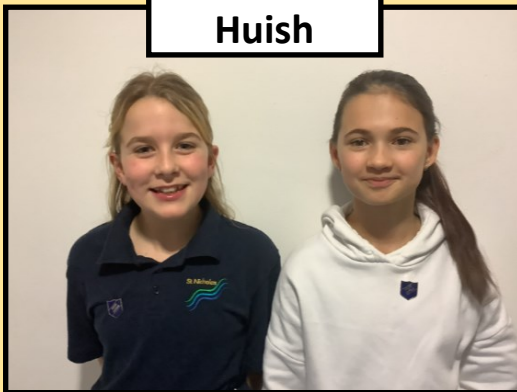
Tyning



Foxcote



Huish



Ludlow



After a recent assembly about British Values and a discussion around the importance of democracy, the children were ready to cast their votes to decide who will be this year's House Captains in Year 6. It was a very close run contest, but the eventual winners were:

Tyning	Ludlow	Huish	Foxcote
Harriet VH	Nora G	Lena O	Daisy H
Reece W	Morgan C	Sienna U	Max H

Congratulations to you all. We look forward to seeing you represent your houses this year.

Breakfast Club



Breakfast club finished the term with some delicious Christmas pastries and hot chocolate. Thank you to Mrs Lamb and Miss Bennett for giving the children such a great start to their mornings in school.

This excellent breakfast club resource is available to all children and there are plenty of spaces available. Please speak to the office if you would be interested in a place.

Christmas Dinner at St Nics!



2024-2025 SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

Including INSET DAYS

TERM 1	
Start:	Monday 2nd September
Finish:	Friday 25th October
TERM 2	
Start:	Monday 4th November
Finish:	Friday 20th December
TERM 3	
Start:	Monday 6th January
Finish:	Friday 14th February
TERM 4	
Start:	Monday 24th February
Finish:	Friday 4th April
TERM 5	
Start:	Tuesday 22nd April
Finish:	Friday 23rd May
TERM 6	
Start:	Monday 2nd June
Finish:	Tuesday 22nd July
INSET DAYS	
Monday 2nd September 2024	
Tuesday 3rd September 2024	
Friday 25th October 2024	
Monday 6th January 2025	
Wednesday 18th June 2025	



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Kingfisher Room

Our new nursery room accommodates children from 2 to 3 years old with a wide range of resources and equipment to support a young child's development.



Open 8.30am to 3.30pm

Term time sessions available

Call now on

01761 435067 to arrange a viewing.



Robin Room

Robin room accommodates children with additional needs.

Run by Hayley, our Senco and supported by a range outside professionals. Activities are planned around children's individual needs.

Nightingale Room

The preschool room accommodates children from 3 to 5 years old. In this room, we promote independence and resilience as the children prepare to transition to school.



Volunteers welcome, no time
commitment, no pressure!

**UGH, NOT THE
DREADED
PTFA...**



**WE'VE ALL HEARD
THE STEREOTYPE!**

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bring you out in a
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some way but feel like
you can't commit loads
of time?



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SUPER PIRATES
TOTALLY AWESOME EVENTS

AFTER SCHOOL AWESOMENESS!

We celebrate Kindness, Creativity, Curiosity and Courage.
At St Nicholas Primary Church School this week we have seen some awesome clay creations!

CREATIVITY

AWESOME



CRAZY CLAY



INSPIRING



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Children's Occupational Therapy

Advice Line

Do you have any questions about a child or young person's ability to carry out daily tasks and activities?



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Schools, Nursery and Healthcare
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