



St Nicholas Church School

School Newsletter

8th December 2023 Term 2 Newsletter 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow what a fantastic week this has been in school! We are truly embracing the Christmas Spirit and school is looking and sounding more festive than ever.

It was great that so many parents and carers could attend the Christingle and St Nicholas Service on Tuesday. It is always a magical assembly and we love the awe and wonder of the children when we 'light' our Christingles and they walk down the candlelit corridor to find out what St Nicholas has left for them in their shoes.

After the assembly, we had a special visitor arrive in school and every child met Father Christmas and he gave them a special gift to take home. We hope all the children enjoyed their visit to the magical grotto to meet him. A massive thank you to the PTFA for contacting Father Christmas and making sure he was part of this special day.

The PTFA have been very busy the last couple of weeks, not only organising the Winter Fayre but Elfridges, Father Christmas visits and presents, wreath making and next week they will be providing refreshments at the KS2 performances. We would like to take this opportunity to say a **massive thank you** from everyone at St Nicholas for the wonderful events the PTFA have arranged for the children and community to enjoy. They are a brilliant team and will certainly deserve a rest after all of their hard work. It was lovely to read so many comments thanking the PTFA for all they do in 'Feedback Friday' this week and we will make sure that these are passed on to them.

Reception and KS1 were stars of the show this week and produced two spectacular performances. All of the actors and narrators remembered their lines, spoke clearly and everyone sang and danced with such enthusiasm. The two shows were incredible to watch and we are so proud of all of the children. We definitely have some future actors, comedians, singers and dancers so watch this space! Well done to all of our superstars! These amazing productions wouldn't be possible without the dedication of the staff team. They take hours of preparation, rehearsals and singing and we would like to thank all of the KS1 staff for the fabulous shows and a special thank you to Mrs Warde for coordinating everything.

Next week, we are excited for the KS2 performance on Monday and Tuesday. The children have been working so hard and the songs sound brilliant. We then have our delicious Christmas lunches cooked by Greg and Gorsha on Wednesday and Thursday and then finish Thursday with our Carol Service. Please come and join us for the service if you can.

We hope you all have a fantastic weekend and look forward to seeing many of you for our final Christmas week festivities.

Mrs Biss and Mr Low

Christmas at St Nicholas

Mon 11th Dec	KS2 Performance pm 1:30pm	All welcome (ticketed event)
Tue 12th Dec	KS2 Performance pm 9:30am	All welcome (ticketed event)
Wed 13th Dec	Christmas Dinner (Reception, Yr1, Yr 2, Yr 3, Wellow)	Children only (Christmas jumpers and/or accessories allowed)
Thur 14th Dec	Christmas Dinner (Yr 4, Yr5, Yr6 , Midford)	Children only (Christmas jumpers and/or accessories allowed)
Thur 14th Dec	Carol Service 2:30pm	All welcome
Friday 15th Dec	Spirit of St Nicholas Assembly 9:10am	All welcome
Friday 15th Dec	School finish (12:40 Yr R—Yr 6) (1:00 Midford + Wellow)	(Christmas jumpers and/or accessories allowed)

Feedback Friday

This week we've added a new feature to Feedback Friday this week. You can use the QR code below or on the poster outside of school to add your comments online if you find this easier. The comments will close at lunchtime each Friday, so please get your responses in before then.

This week we asked about school parent events and how you feel about opportunities to come into school.

Thank you to everyone who responded both in the boxes and online. It was so lovely to hear that the overwhelming majority of parents love our family events and said you enjoyed the variety that are offered. Some even wanted more! There were a few messages asking if you could have a bit more notice of forthcoming events. All events are available to view on the school calendar on the website and the e-schools app. We also put upcoming events in the newsletter but next week we will also send out a letter with the family events for the year so you can plan the events you can/are able to attend. Some parents mentioned that the events are lovely but it puts a stress on working parents and there is a lot of guilt if you cannot attend. Hopefully, by providing you with a calendar of dates for the year you will be able to decide which events you may be able to attend. As a school, we will also ensure that we communicate with the children that some parents cannot make all of the events and we always ensure that they are working with their friends and other adults so they do not feel left out. We completely understand how difficult this can be for working parents so we will do everything we can to help. Thank you once again for your responses—every message is appreciated.

Please keep the parents' events, they are really varied and we love coming.



The events are lovely but it puts stress on working parents. There is a lot of 'mum guilt'

Please can there be some more after school clubs please?

Some after school parent events would be good so working parents can attend.

Thank you to the amazing PTFA for all of the wonderful events they put on for the children. It's fantastic.

Swimming Gala

Yesterday, 10 KS2 students performed in the Swimming Gala. We were all nervous at first, but overall we had great fun. Five of us got bronze medals and we were all excited for the ones that did. Well done to all that participated!! From Amelia & Ella.



Our Values

"D-i-f-f-e-r-e-n-c-e" was the word for discussion in PSHE this week, Y6 took part in a warm up game that involved team work and endurance. We then had to explain ways in which difference can be a source of conflict and a cause for celebration. Super use of our school values Hartlake, well done.



Diary Dates

Monday 11th December

1.30pm—KS2 Performance

Tuesday 12th December

9.30am—KS2 Performance

Wednesday 13th December

KS1, Wellow & Y3 Christmas Lunch

Thursday 14th December

Yrs 4-6 & Midford Christmas Lunch

Carol Service

Friday 15th December

Spirit Of St Nicholas Assembly

End of Term 2

Wednesday 3rd January

Start of Term 3

Thursday 4th January

KS2 Trip To The Panto

Friday 4th January

KS1 Trip To The Panto

Wednesday 10th January

9.00am—Y6 Parent Event

Total amount for Run for Reading!!

£1,406.50

Thank you to everyone who sponsored the children for the 'Run for Reading' event organised by the PTFA.

This is an incredible amount and we are overwhelmed by the generosity, support and care of our families and community.

We cannot wait to purchase some new reading scheme books in the new year and send these home with your children to read. We will update you once the books are in. This will make such a difference to all of our children.

Thank you once again from all of the children, staff and PTFA at St Nicholas School.

House Points

Ludlow 203

Foxcote 162

Tynning 173

Huish 202

Attendance

Cam 94.6%

Somer 91.4%

Dart 97.9%

Avon 97.7%

Mells 92.4%

Yeo 91.6%

Hartlake 90%

Midford 56.3%

Wellow 100%

Overall attendance is 92.3%

Time To Talk

Cam	What gifts did the Kings bring for the baby Jesus?
Somer	Make a list of words containing the 'aw' digraph.
Dart	What can you tell your family about the Christmas story?
Avon	What were the five steps of making a Christingle?
Mells	What's the difference between a numerator and a denominator?
Yeo	What can you tell your family about Henry VIII?
Hartlake	Can you list the first 5 square numbers and cube numbers?

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	

**Saturday 4th November -
Monday 1st January**

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- Healthy food and drink swaps
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 - Impact of screen time
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