



St Nicholas CE Primary School

Newsletter December 2024

Exploring Possibilities Together'
'Love one another, as I have loved you' (John
13v34)



18 December—PTFA Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day followed by individual class parties in the afternoon

19 December—Last day of term
End of Term Church Service at the Church at 8.50 am.

Our end of term service will be held in St Nicholas Church in the village on 19 December. Parents should drop their children off at the church at 8.45 am—there will be a member of staff there to greet and escort them into the Church. The children who are booked in to The Raft for breakfast club will be walked to church by school staff.

Parents are welcome to join us at the Church for the service if they would like.

January 2025

6 January —Pupils back to School

10 January —Celebration
Worship —**2.45 pm**

17—21 February inc.— Spring
Half Term

24 February —Inset Training
Day—**Children not in School**

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

We find ourselves at the end of the Autumn Term and what a term it has been. It has been difficult at times, but I feel we have all supported each other through the tough times and it has made us stronger as a community. Last week saw our two Nativities in school. Shine Star Shine for the Reception children and the Wiggly Nativity for Years 1 & 2. The performances were amazing, and the children certainly shone. They worked so hard practising their singing, dancing and acting. Thank you to everyone who helped make them such a success. Children in KS2 had an opportunity to represent St Nicholas last night at the Sturminster Newton Secondary School Carol Concert. Rev Andrew and Sammy Upton both on our Academy Committee worked with the children to help teach them the songs, including Midnight which only our school sang, and the children were fabulous. What a credit to our school. There is a lot of Christmas buzz in school at the moment and great excitement for today's Christmas lunch and the afternoon festivities. Thank you to the PTFA for all their support and also for putting on and organising a fabulous lunch today. Tomorrow sees our end of term Christmas service at the Church so please do join us if you can. Thank you once again for all your support this year, from all of us here at St Nicholas we hope you and your family has a lovely Christmas.



Term ends at **1.30 pm** on
Thursday, 19 December 2024.
Children who are booked into the
Ark can stay in school until they
are collected by The Ark staff at
3.15 pm.

staff news

We say farewell to Miss Badger at the holidays as she starts her Maternity leave. We wish her well and we hope to hear baby news very shortly. Mrs Cude is also leaving us at Christmas, and we wish her all the best in her new job. Mrs Pape will become the full-time class teacher in Chestnuts class and will be there to the end of the summer term, as will Mr Arbuckle in Oaks Class. The children have really got to know these members of staff over the last term, and we are so glad they can stay on with us. Mrs Kinsey, joins Miss Ireland in Acorns class after the holidays. I know parents and children have already had the chance to meet her and we welcome her to St Nicholas.

Curriculum and Worship News



From **January 2025**, we are going to be reorganising our timetable of when lessons are during the school day. In order to make the most of the morning slot, particularly with the core subjects, we have decided to move Worship to the afternoon. This means that Friday's celebration worship will also move to the afternoon. So, in the New Year if you wish to join us for Celebration Worship it will begin at 2.45 pm. Children will then go back to class to sort and collect their things and will be dismissed as usual at the end of the school day.



*Our Designated Safeguarding Lead in school is
Ms Jill Watson
(Headteacher).
Mrs Belinda Bolar*

and Mrs Sarah Salisbury are our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads. If you have any concerns related to child protection issues please contact them through the school office.

Parking Outside the School



A concerned resident has asked us if we could remind parents to park more responsibly when delivering and collecting children to and from school to make the pavements safer for parents and children walking to school.

Please do not park on junctions, the yellow zig zag lines, or obstruct dropped kerbs.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

The Children and Staff at St Nicholas wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

