

St Nicholas CE Primary School

Newsletter February 2025

Exploring Possibilities Together
'With God all things are possible' Matthew 19 v26



HALF TERM

17 February to 21 February 2025 inclusive

INSET TRAINING DAY

24 February—Pupils not at school

Reminder No Rugby After School this half term and Netball on a Wednesday is changing to Girls Football for Years 4, 5 & 6

26 February—Extra Gym Club from 3.15 pm to 5.00 pm

3 March—Extra Gym Club—3.15 pm to 4.45 pm with a parental performance from 4.45 pm to 5.00 pm

4 March - Netball Tournament at Stalbridge Primary School

5 March—World Book Day at St Nicholas—further details to follow

6 March—Acers & Oaks Greek Day—further details to follow

7 March—PTFA Event—Years 4, 5 & 6 Disco from 3.45 pm to 5.15 pm

10 March—Years 5 & 6 Football Tournament at St Nicholas

17 March—Year 6 Heights & Weights

17 March—Years 3 & 4 Football Tournament at St Nicholas

21 March—PTFA Reception Class Event (parents invited) from 3.15 pm

24 March—Parent Consultations from 3.30 pm to 6.00 pm

26 March—Parent Consultations from 3.30 pm to 6.00 pm

28 March—PTFA Cake Sale and second hand uniform sale

4 April—Last day of the Spring Term

22 April—First day of the Summer Term—pupils back to School

5 May—May Day Bank Holiday—School Closed

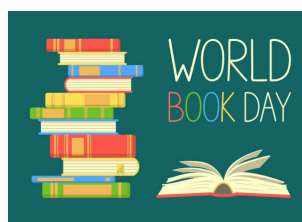
Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents & Carers

As we approach the half-term break, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the hard work and achievements of the children and staff this term. It has been a busy and productive few weeks, and I am really proud of the enthusiasm and dedication shown by everyone in our school community. I hope the half-term break provides an opportunity for the children to rest and recharge, ready to return refreshed for the second half of the term.

Please continue to support your child's learning over the break by encouraging reading and engagement in creative activities. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half-term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **TUESDAY, 25th FEBRUARY 2025.**

Yours sincerely
Jill Watson
Headteacher



We will be marking World Book Day at St Nicholas on Wednesday, 5 March 2025. Please note this is a different date to the 'official' World Book Day on Thursday, 6 March.

Our theme in school this year is 'Bedtime Stories'. Children are invited to come to school dressed their pyjamas/onesies etc. They are allowed to bring in one small teddy and their favourite bedtime story book all clearly named please.

After School Clubs Update

With effect from 26 February, Netball on Wednesdays will change to Girls' Football. This will be for Years 4,5,6 and we are grateful to Mrs Corbett for agreeing to run these sessions in preparation for the girls' tournament on 24 March. Mrs Corbett will pick a team from those who attend the club sessions for this Year 5 & 6 tournament. We will let you know if your daughter is selected for this event. I am aware that this may cause some disappointment for those currently enjoying netball, but we feel it is important to offer variety in our extra-curricular provision. In addition, there will no Rugby club after half term as Mr Arbuckle will be helping to run the football tournaments instead.

PTFA Events

Coming up next half term ...

Years 4, 5 & 6 Disco—7 March
Reception Class Event (Parents Invited) - 21 March
Cake Sale & second hand uniform sale—28 March

Once again we would like to thank the PTFA for all they do for the benefit of the children at the school.

Next Half Term is looking busy with activities

Extra Gym Club sessions and display

World Book Day

Acers & Oaks Greek Day

Sports Tournaments

Parent Consultations

Please look out for further details



ATTENDANCE



We would like to remind you of the importance of regular school attendance for your child's academic progress. Any absence exceeding **5 school days** without an approved reason will lead to a **fine** issued to the parents/guardians. Unauthorised absences negatively impact your child's learning and may result in further actions if persistent.

Avoiding a Fine:

If your child is unable to attend due to illness, a **doctor's note** or other supporting documentation should be provided.

Planned absences must be requested in writing and approved by the school administration **prior** to the leave.

Any emergency or unforeseen circumstances should be reported to the school as soon as possible.

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that your child maintains regular attendance. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.



CHILDREN'S TENNIS COACHING

AT SHILLINGSTONE TENNIS CLUB

Introducing tennis lessons from our new coaching team, Southside Tennis.

For children in Years 2, 3 & 4 (aged 5 to 9 years old)

Starting Wednesday 26th February, for 5 weeks

Time: 3.45pm to 4.30pm

Cost: £35 total

MORE INFO



SAVE THE DATE: EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP
Wednesday 9th April, 9.30am to 12.30pm
Suitable for children 6-9 years old



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY—FRIDAYS AT 2.45 PM EVERYONE WELCOME

Child Protection

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.

