



St Nicholas CE Primary School

Newsletter

September 2025

'Exploring Possibilities Together'

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

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FOR YOUR DIARY

- 3 October**—3.15 pm PTFA Meet & Greet— Reception Parents
- 8 October**— Acers & Oaks Visit Bovington Tank Museum
- 10 October**—PTFA AGM in the Community Centre
- 15 October**—8.45 am Harvest Service in School
- 15 October**— Year 5 Parent Information Meeting for Leeson House
- 15 October**—Year 2 mixed football at Shillingstone Primary School tbc
- 20 October**—3.30 pm—6.00 pm Parent Consultations—Meet the Teacher
- 21 October**—3.50 pm to 5.00 pm Years 5 & 6 Tag Rugby at Hazelbury Bryan Primary School
- 22 October**—3.30 pm to 6.00 pm Parent Consultations - Meet the Teacher
- 24 October**—Inset Day—Children not in school
- 27 October to 31 October** —Half Term
- 3 November**—Children back to School
- 4 November**— 3.50 pm Orienteering at Child Okeford
- 12 November**— 11.00 am to 12.00 noon Open Morning for new Reception Parents Sept 26
- 18 November**—3.50 pm Orienteering at Hazelbury Bryan
- 21 November**—**PTFA Event** for Yrs R, 1 & 2— Polar Express from 3.45 pm to 5.30 pm
- 25 November**— 3.50 pm Orienteering at William Barnes
- 28 November**—**PTFA Event** for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Disco from 3.45 pm to 5.15 pm

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope this letter finds you well and that you and your family enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break. It has been wonderful to see the children returning to School at the start of September, full of energy, smiles, and enthusiasm for the year ahead. A very warm welcome, too, to the new families and members of staff joining our school community for the first time—we are delighted to have you with us.

The start of a new school year always brings with it a sense of excitement and possibility. Our staff have been working hard to prepare classrooms and learning spaces so that the children can settle quickly into their routines and feel inspired to learn. We are particularly looking forward to building on last year's successes and continuing to provide every child with the opportunity to thrive, both academically and personally.

As always, strong partnerships between home and school are key to your child's success. We value your support and encouragement, whether that is through reading together at home, attending school events, or simply taking an interest in your child's daily experiences. Together, we can ensure this year is a positive and rewarding one.

You have received information about class routines, curriculum plans etc. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns—my door is always open, and we are here to work with you.

Thank you once again for your continued support. I am excited for all that lies ahead this year and look forward to sharing the children's achievements with you.

With best wishes
Jill Watson
Headteacher



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.

END OF TERM

The Autumn Term ends at **1.30 pm** on **Thursday, 18 December 2025**. Children who are booked into the Ark can stay in school until they are collected by The Ark staff at 3.15 pm.



PTFA Annual General Meeting Invitation

On behalf of the PTFA committee, we would like to invite you to our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** which will be held at the **Community Centre in Child Okeford on Tuesday 10th October at 3.30pm.**

The AGM is an important opportunity to hear about the work the PTFA has been doing to support the school, to review the past year's events and fundraising, and to look ahead at plans for the coming year. It is also when we elect our committee members and welcome new volunteers.

We would love to see as many parents and carers as possible attend. Your ideas, skills, and enthusiasm make all the difference to what we can achieve together for the benefit of the children. Whether you're able to commit a little time or a lot, your involvement will always be valued.

Please do join us if you can—the meeting is friendly, informal, and a great way to get to know other parents as well as support the school.

Secondary School Applications

If your child is due to transfer to a secondary school in September 2026 please ensure their application is made by the closing date of **31 October 2025.**

Sports Leadership Day at

Gillingham School—6 October 2025

Five children from Oaks were selected to represent the School as an Ambassador for Sports Leadership. They were chosen because they have shown good leadership qualities and have expressed an interest in this important area of Sport.

Congratulations to Hester, Erin, Jamie, Thomas & William



Harvest Celebration Worship

This year we will have our Harvest Celebration Service in School on 15 October 2025 with Reverend Gubbins at 2.30 pm. Parents are welcome to join us.

We will be collecting items for Nourish the Community Larder and Food Bank in Blandford.

If you would like to make a donation, please send them into School the week commencing 13 October 2025.



Every year we are lucky enough in the Sturminster Newton area to benefit from free Orienteering sessions for the children in Years 5 & 6. These sessions are always very enjoyable and rewarding and we are extremely grateful to Wimborne Orienteering Club for providing equipment and running the events for us. This is a fabulous opportunity for the children to learn new skills and enjoy being outdoors. Some children like to take part competitively, whilst others just enjoy the challenge of finding the map points and having lots of fun.

This year's timetable is as follows:-

- 4 November—Child Okeford**
- 18 November—Hazelbury Bryan**
- 25 November—William Barnes**
- 2 December—Shillingstone**
- 9 December —Durweston**