

St Nicholas CE Primary School

Newsletter November 2025



'Exploring Possibilities Together'

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



**DATES FOR
YOUR DIARY**

- 2 December**—3.50 pm Orienteering at William Barnes
- 3 December**— 4.00 pm Academy Committee Meeting
- 4 December**—SEND Parents Meetings - 8.00 am to 6.00 pm
- 6 December**—Wreath Making Workshop 11.00 am to 1.30 pm
- 8 December**—Dress Rehearsal Reception/KS1 Christmas Play
- 9 December**—Reception/KS1 Christmas Play for Parents—5.00 pm performance
- 9 December**—3.50 pm Orienteering at Shillingstone
- 10 December**—Aspens Christmas Lunch
- 10 December**—Christmas Jumper Day
- 10 December**—Reception/KS1 Christmas Play for Parents—2.00 pm performance
- 16 December**—PTFA Christmas Lunch Party & Class Activities
- 16 December**—Carol Service @ The Exchange in Sturminster Newton for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Rehearsal—9.30 am Performance at 6.00 pm
- 18 December**—Last day of term 8.45 am Church Service at the Church 1.30 pm finish
- 5 January 26**—Children return back to School
- 15 January**— Deadline for applications for Starting School in September 26 Dorset Council
- 28 January**—Year 3 & 4 Dodgeball at Sturminster Newton Leisure Centre—further details to follow
- 12 February**—Years 5 & 6 Netball at Stalbridge Primary School—further details to follow
- Half Term**—**16 to 20 February** - children not in School
- 23 February**—Inset Training Day—children not in School
- 24 February**—Children back to School

Dear Parents & Carers

It's been a lively and productive few weeks here at school as we move through the second half of the autumn term. The children have settled back brilliantly after the break, and classrooms are full of energy, learning, and plenty of smiles.

Across the school, pupils have been diving into new topics, taking part in creative projects, and showing fantastic effort in their day-to-day work. Staff have been incredibly proud of how focused and enthusiastic the children have been—especially during such a busy time of year!

As November draws to a close, excitement is beginning to build for the festive season. Rehearsals for our Christmas performances are underway, with songs being practised and costumes starting to take shape. Our halls and classrooms will soon be looking wonderfully seasonal as the children help prepare decorations and displays.

We also want to thank families for their continued support this term. From helping with homework and reading at home to attending school events, your involvement makes such a positive difference.

There's still lots to look forward to over the coming weeks, including special activities, celebrations, and opportunities for the whole school community to come together. We look forward to sharing the magic of the season with you all!

Jill Watson—Headteacher

End of Term Service—18 December 2025

Our End of Term Service will be held in St Nicholas Church in the village on Thursday, 18 December. Parents should drop their children off at the church at 8.45 am—there will be members of staff there to greet them. Those children who are booked into The Raft Breakfast Club will be walked to school by school staff. Parents are welcome to join us at the Church if they would like.

School Closes at 1.30 pm—18 December 2025

Children should be collected from School at 1.30 pm on Thursday, 18 December. If your child is booked into The Raft After School Club they can remain in School until 3.15 pm.

What's been happening School this month

Years 5 & 6 Orienteering

Year 5 Leeson House Residential Visit

Whole School Children in Need Event

Tree Planting at the Recreation Ground with the Parish Council

PTFA Disco for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

COMMEMORATION AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

Members of our School Council represented the School by laying a Poppy Wreaths at The Cross in Child Okeford on Tuesday, 11 November 2025 and observed the two minute silence whilst they were there.



Safeguarding

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.



Staff News

We are delighted to share some wonderful news with you: Mrs. Kinsey is expecting a baby! This is a very joyful time for her, and we know our school community will join us in congratulating her on this happy announcement. We will keep you updated on any relevant plans as we get closer to her maternity leave. Thank you for your continued support and warm wishes for Mrs. Kinsey during this special time.

PE Kit— thank you for your support moving over to the new wearing of PE kit on PE days. Here's a reminder

Kit: white T-shirt, blue/black shorts, school sweatshirt, trainers/black plimsolls. Black joggers (no stripes or logos) may be worn over shorts in cold weather. No leggings or jewellery, and long hair must be tied back.

Extra Flu Clinics January 2026

If you would like your child vaccinated with the flu vaccine and missed the session in School, please see below extra clinics that have been arranged in January 2026 with information on how to book

Dorchester Cricket Club
05/01/2026 14:30 – 17:00

Kings Park Hospital
05/01/2026 15:00 – 17:00

Canford Heath Clinic
06/01/2026 15:00 – 17:00

Sherborne Scout Hut
08/01/2026 14:30 – 17:00


To book please contact the Vaccination Team on either 01425 891162 or dhc.immsenquiries@nhs.net to book an appointment.

Christmas Events at St Nicholas 2025



- 6 December 2025—Wreath Making**
- 8 December 2025—Dress Rehearsal for Reception & KS1 Christmas Play**
- 9 December 2025—5.00 pm Performance for Parents Reception & KS1 Christmas Play**
- 10 December 2025—Christmas Jumper Day & Aspens Hot School Lunch**
- 10 December 2025—2.00 pm Performance for Parents Reception & KS1 Christmas Play**
- 16 December 2025—PTFA Christmas Lunch & Activities—Children can wear party clothes to school**
- 16 December 2025—Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Carol Service at The Exchange—further details to follow**
- 18 December 2025—Last day of term. 8.45 am Church Service. School closes at 1.30 pm.**

Bikeability— Years 5 & 6



Eighteen children from Years 5 & 6 have been busy doing Bikeability this term. They all started with Level 1 which is an exciting gateway to starting cycling. It takes place off-road, normally on the school playground. This means that children can learn in a traffic-free environment and includes:

- Maintain your cycle:** make sure your ride is in tip-top condition and make simple repairs
- Glide:** smooth, calm and collected
- Control your bike:** including setting off, cruising, slowing down, braking and stopping. You'll even learn to pedal one handed!
- Pedal:** without feeling wobbly or out of control
- Be aware of your surroundings:** looking behind and turning around obstacles

and then moved on to Level 2. Level 2 teaches children how to grow more confident with each turn of the pedal. Our expert instructors will lead riders onto quiet roads, to experience "real" cycling and includes:

- Start and stop** with more confidence
- Pass stationary vehicles** parked on a road
- Understand the road:** signals, signs and road markings
- Negotiate the road:** including quiet junctions, crossroads and roundabouts
- Share the road** with other vehicles

Thank you to the Bikeability Trust who delivered these courses at no charge to the participants.