



St Nicholas CE Primary School

January 2026 Newsletter

Exploring Possibilities Together
'Love one another, as I have loved you'



Dates for your Diary

21 January	Tree removal on school grounds—see separate letter for H & S arrangements
21 January	Davison Cup @ Archbishop Wake School—team will be notified separately
28 January	Year 3 & 4 Dodgeball @ Sturminster Newton Leisure Centre—team will be notified separately
4 February	Girls Football match V Pimperne—team will be notified separately
10 February	9.15 am—11.00 am School Nurse Drop In Sessions—please contact the office to make an appointment
10 February	Girls Football away @ Blandford St Mary—team will be notified separately
12 February	Years 5 & 6 Netball v Stalbridge—team will be notified separately
16 February—20 February	Half Term—Children not at School
23 February	Inset Training Day—Children not at School
24 February	Children back to School
4 March	4.00 pm ACR Meeting
5 March	World Book Day—further information to follow in due course
9 March—13 March	Science Week
9 March	Years 5 & 6 Football Match home—team to be notified separately
16 March	Years 3 & 4 Football Match home—team to be notified separately
16 March	Parent Consultations—3.30 pm to 6.00 pm
18 March	Parent Consultations—3.30 pm to 6.00 pm
19 March	SEND Parent Meetings—8.00 am to 6.00 pm
20 March	Red Nose Day
23 March	KS2 Girls Football home
27 March	Last day of term—school closes at 1.30 pm
28 March to 12 April	Easter Holidays
13 April	Inset Training—Children not in School
14 April	Children back to School

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents & Carers

Happy New Year, and welcome back to the spring term. I hope you all enjoyed a restful and happy break and that the children are returning to school refreshed, excited, and ready to learn.

The spring term is always a particularly busy and rewarding time in the school year. It is a period when we see great progress in learning, growing confidence in our pupils, and many opportunities for them to shine both in and out of the classroom. Over the coming weeks, children will be engaging in a wide range of exciting topics, building on the strong foundations laid in the autumn term.

Alongside our academic focus, we will continue to place great importance on wellbeing, kindness, and our school values. Helping children feel safe, supported, and happy at school remains at the heart of everything we do. There will also be plenty of opportunities for enrichment through trips, visitors, sporting events, and special days that help bring learning to life.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Working in partnership with families makes such a positive difference to our children, and we are very grateful for your encouragement, communication, and involvement in school life.

I look forward to another successful term together and to sharing the children's achievements with you over the weeks ahead.

With best wishes for the term ahead

Jill Watson - Headteacher



Contact with Parents & Carers—We are not able to access the texting service platform we used at the moment—Teachers to Parents. All contact to parents will be via email through Arbor which is the platform we use for holding the children's information.



Have you considered being a Academy Committee Representative?

We're looking for a new Parent ACR who is committed to helping us shape the future of our primary school

To find out more, please contact the school office

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After School Clubs—Spring Term 26

Please take a look at the flyer below for our Spring Term clubs.

We still have spaces available in all clubs, except Gardening, which is now full.

If your child would like to join any of the clubs, please get in touch with the school office – we'd love to hear from you!

Thank you.



St Nicholas CE Primary School, Child Okeford After School Clubs – Spring Term 2026

All clubs start week commencing 12 January 2026

Child's Name: _____ please tick or highlight the club they would like to attend and return this slip. Payments should be made by BACS to Sherborne Area Schools' Trust Account No. 43188460 Sort Code 30-99-98. Please add COD / YOUR SURNAME / CLUBS as the reference.

Please note we can only book spaces when we have received this form and the required payment.

	1st Half Term Monday, 12th January to Friday, 13th Feb 2026 <i>Clubs run from 3.15 pm to 4.15 pm</i>	2nd Half Term Tuesday, February 24th—Friday, 27th March <i>Clubs run from 3.15 pm to 4.15 pm</i>
Monday 	Gymnastics : Yr 5 & 6 (maximum 16) Mrs Salisbury PLEASE NOTE THIS CLUB FINISHES AT 4.30pm	Football tournaments by invitation
Tuesday 	Football : Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 with PH Sports— 5 weeks—£22.50	Football : Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 with PH Sports— 5 weeks—£22.50
Wednesday 	Netball : Years 4, 5 & 6 with Mrs Corbett—max no. 30 Multi Sports : Years 1, 2 & 3 with PH Sports— 5 weeks— £22.50	Girls' Football : Years 4, 5 & 6 with Mrs Corbett—max no. 30 Multi Sports : Years 1, 2 & 3 with PH Sports—5 weeks—£22.50
Thursday 	Gardening : Years 1—6 (maximum 12) Choir—Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Gardening : Years 1—6 (maximum 12) Choir—Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Important Updates— Child Information



Just a quick reminder to please let us know if there are any changes to your contact details or your child's medical information.

Keeping our records up to date helps us make sure we can support your child and contact you when needed.

Thank you for your continued support.

Child Protection & 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/safeguarding issues please contact them through the school office.



**Celebration Assembly—Fridays
at 2.45 pm everyone welcome**