



St Nicholas CE Primary School

March 2026 Newsletter

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



28 March to 12 April Easter Holidays

13 April	Inset Training—Children not in School
14 April	Children back to School
14 April	7.00 pm—8.30 pm Parenting together in a digital world—online event for parents from Dorset Council
16 April	National Offer Day—Reception September 2026
16 April	Reception Children Heights & Weights—School Nurse
23 April	Cricket Festival at Gillingham School—Years 3 & 4 to be confirmed
27 April	Oaks Class—Larmer Tree Workshop
5 May	Oaks Class—Rehearsal Day at Larmer Tree

11 May to 15 May Year 6 SATS Week

13 May	Cross Country Festival at Shillingstone School—further details to follow
19 May	Sports Day (pm)
20 May	Reserve Sports Day (pm)
21 May	Class Group Photos
21 May	Swift Kitchen—Theme Day—Out of this World

25 May to 29 May—Half Term

3 June	Parent Drop In Session with School Nurse from 9.15 am to 11.00 am—please contact the school office to make an appointment
6 June	PTFA Summer Fete—further details to follow
10 June	Year 6 Leavers Service at Salisbury Cathedral
18 June	4.00 pm to 6.30 pm Area Sports Athletics Festival in Sturminster Newton—further details to follow
24—26 June	Year 6 Residential Visit to Brenscombe
26 June	Year 2 Run Around Rounders at William Barnes Primary School—further details to follow
1 July	Years 5 & 6 Aquathlon at William Barnes
2 July	Year 5 Step Up Day SNHS
3 July	Oaks—Larmer Tree Workshop Rehearsal in Sch
7 July	Transition Day
8 July	Year 5 & 6 Rounders Tournament here
15 July	Oaks Class Larmer Tree Pageant at Larmer Tree
15 July	ACR Meeting at 4.00 pm
22 July	Last day of the Summer Term

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents, Carers, and Friends,

As we approach the end of a busy and rewarding spring term, I would like to take a moment to thank you all for your continued support of our school community. March has been full of energy, enthusiasm, and achievement, and it has been a pleasure to see our children embracing their learning with such positivity.

As we look ahead to the Easter holidays, we also take time to reflect on the importance of rest, family, and celebration. Easter is a special time for many, offering a chance to pause, enjoy time together, and welcome the arrival of spring. We hope the break brings everyone an opportunity to recharge and create happy memories.

When we return for the summer term, we have much to look forward to, including new topics, exciting events, and continued opportunities for our children to thrive. We are especially excited to see our pupils build on the excellent progress they have made so far this year.

On behalf of all the staff, thank you once again for your ongoing encouragement and partnership. We wish you a safe, restful, and joyful Easter break.

Jill Watson
Headteacher

End of Term Arrangements

Easter Church Service— Friday, 27 March 2026

Our Easter Service will be held in St Nicholas Church in the village on Friday, 27 March 2026. 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—Friday, 27 March 2026

Children should be collected from school at 1.30 pm on



Friday, 27 March 2026. If your child is booked into The Raft After School Club they can remain in School until 3.15 pm when collected by The Raft staff.



Easter Egg Hunt

We will be holding our annual Easter Egg Hunt on the last day of term. All the children will search the school grounds for laminated easter eggs, which they can then exchange at the end of the day for a chocolate one!

Many thanks to the PTFA for kindly providing either an Easter Egg or a diary-free alternative for every child.

Sponsored Read

A huge thank you to all the children who took part in our Sponsored Read. Their enthusiasm and commitment were fantastic to see, and they should be very proud of their efforts. Together, they raised an impressive **£460.00**, which will go towards purchasing new books for everyone to enjoy.



Chance to Shine Cricket Day

Inspiring Young People through Cricket

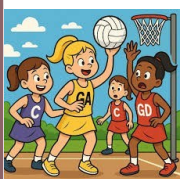
On 17 March, we were delighted to welcome a coach from the Change to Shine Cricket Programme for the day. Every class had the opportunity to take part in a workshop, which proved extremely popular and was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. If you would like to find out more about the programme and where children can access it locally, please click on the link below.

[Chance to Shine | Inspiring Young People Through Cricket](#)



Football & Netball Competitions

March has been an incredibly busy and exciting month for sporting events. St Nicholas has proudly hosted the Year 5 & 6 Football Tournament, the Year 3 & 4 Football Tournament, and the KS2 Girls' Football Tournament, all of which were fantastic occasions.



In addition, our netball team represented the school brilliantly at the North Dorset Bee Netball Finals.

Congratulations to all the children involved for their continued dedication, achievement, and excellent sportsmanship. Well done to everyone!

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