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Dear Parents and Carers,

In this week's Newsletter you will find **lots of information to help you keep track of all end of term events**. As the parent of two boys at two different schools, I know what a juggle it can be to keep track of all end of year events. Hopefully this newsletter will be a one stop shop for everything you need to know to keep you organised right to the end of term.

There have been so many things to be thankful for this year but for me I am always very thankful that I get to be part of this community of wonderful families and amazing staff. St Nicholas is a very special school and we are looking forward to the next few weeks of events which help us to **celebrate another successful year together**.

Lucy Hill

Headteacher

# Learn, Achieve and Grow, Together



**St  
Nicholas**  
CofE Primary School

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## Changes to School Comms

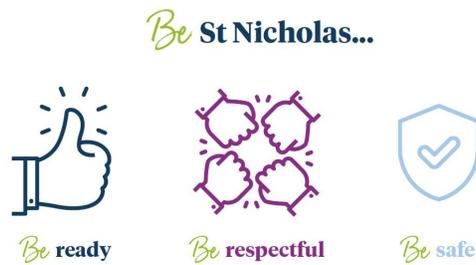
**From September the way we will be communicating with parents will be changing.** We will no longer be using school comms to send out messages and letters. We will be using an **app called Arbor.**

Keep an eye out for the information about this coming out in the next few weeks as **you will need to download this app in order to receive communication** in September.

As with any change, there are always some teething issues while things transfer over and we all get used to this new system. So I thank you in advance for your patience with us during this transition period.



## Behaviour Expectations- Be St Nicholas



We always consider our Christian Values:  
Friendship, Peace, Perseverance, Forgiveness,  
Community and Thankfulness

### Aspirational Term

On **Thursday 17th July** we are having a very exciting visit from our friends at QinetiQ will be **arriving by helicopter**. The children will watch it land on the school field before having short workshops where they will get the chance to be up close and personal with the helicopter and ask any questions that they might have.

#### **Aspirational day event: Friday 18th July**

This year our theme is **community and communication**: ensuring that our children lay the foundations now to have the confidence and soft skills needed to be able to enter the workforce when they are older and to understand how they can have a positive impact on their community.

The day will be made up of a range of activities for all children to support speaking and listening and for them to have the opportunity to consider what they might like to do when they grow up. The day will also include some visitors like **John Glenn MP, Wilson's solicitors and the Salisbury Fire Brigade** who are bringing their engine with them!!

**Rosie Burgess from Drama Club Salisbury** is also coming to host a variety of workshops where all children will develop speaking and listening skills through role play and product creation sessions.

Badger - Great British Bake Off

Hedgehog - Space Control

Hares-Vets

Fox - Sweet Shop

Owls- Brand Development

The day will conclude with an **open afternoon** where you are invited to come and see the children's learning from this term in their classrooms. This will be from 14:40 and you will be able to take your child's books home after this event.

## Staffing- vacancy

We are looking to employ a Manager for the Willow Club! Are you looking for part time work and like to the idea of being part of the St Nicholas Team?

**After School Club Manager – The Willow Club at St Nicholas C of E Primary School** 🌿

**38 weeks a year term time only- 14:55-17:40 Mon-Fri**

Are you passionate about creating a safe, stimulating, and nurturing environment for children? Do you have the creativity, confidence, and care to lead a team in providing high-quality wraparound childcare?

### **About the Role**

As the After School Club Manager, you will be the heartbeat of The Willow Club, leading our fantastic team to provide a safe, welcoming, and fun environment for pupils after the school day ends. This is a brilliant opportunity to help shape the club's daily routines and activities, ensuring every child enjoys a creative and caring experience.



## Willow Club Hours- Changing

From September, in line with new Government expectations for wrap around care, our Willow Club hours will be as follows:

**Morning:**

07:30-08:00- Including Breakfast

08:00-08:30- Not including breakfast

The prices for these sessions will remain the same, although the timings have changed slightly.

**Afternoon: Snack included in all sessions**

15:10-16:00- £5

15:10-17:00- £10

15:10-17:30- £12

## Uniform

1. If you have't already placed your **online orders with Mapac** for new uniform for September then you need to do so ASAP. This is their busiest time of year and we want to ensure that you have the uniform you need ready for the new school year.
2. PE Kit- from September **all children will need to be in navy PE kit**. (Navy T-shirt, Navy Hoody and Navy shorts.) We prefer these items to be branded as they look really smart and will be used on school trips and sporting events to more easily identify our group. If non-branded items are to be purchased please ensure that they are navy. Old style PE t shirts will no longer be allowed.
3. **School Jumpers**- Both new and old style Willow tree logos are still acceptable for September 2025 but this will be the last year and by September 2026 all children in all year groups should in the new uniform.
4. **Polo Shirts**- Only white polo shirts should be worn as part of school uniform with the cardigan or school jumper. Blue polo shirts should not be worn from September 2025.
5. **Hair accessories**- all hair accessories should be within school colours- blues and white.



## Uniform Swap Shop

The PTA have done a fantastic job of setting up the uniform swap shop and as it is outside my office window I can see how much use families have been getting out of it all year!

The end of the school year is really where it will come into its own!

Parents, unless passing down to siblings or friends can we please ask that you **donate all clean school uniform back to the school** and place in the boxes for other year groups to use, particularly the branded items!

Also please come and check the boxes before purchasing new items so that we can continue to make uniform **affordable for all and as sustainable** as possible.



## Classes September

We know that sometimes having mixed classes in school can seem confusing. Just to clarify, all children move up to the next chronological year group regardless of which class they are learning with.

**Badgers-** Year R and Year 1

**Hedgehogs-** Year 1 and Year 2

**Hares-** Year 3 and Year 4

**Fox-** Year 4 and Year 5

**Owls-** Year 5 and Year 6

We talk to the children about the fact that **each child has their own journey** through St Nicholas with different classes and different teachers to visit along the way. **No journey is better than another.** All children come together for year 6 having been taught the same year group objectives, ready to transition to secondary school.

**Our curriculum is made of a two year rolling programme.** This means that different topics are taught in Year A and Year B so that children don't learn the exact same topic twice.

For more details on our curriculum please see our [curriculum pages](#). We are constantly refining and adjusting our curriculum offer to ensure it meets the needs of all children and is up to date with latest research. Curriculum pages will be updated again in the new school year to reflect our 2025.2026 curriculum.



## Hot Weather

As the sun continues to shine on us, we will continue to relax our school uniform policy for another week so that children can **wear whichever school uniform is most comfortable and cool** for them. This will be reviewed again next weekend.



## Year 6 Leavers Service and Last Day of Term

The **Year 6 Leavers service is on Wednesday 23rd July at 09:00**, only Year 6 parents are invited to attend this service due to capacity in the church. We will be walking to church in the usual manner straight after morning registration and would appreciate as many volunteers as possible to walk with us and assist us with stopping the traffic and keeping the children safe on the road.

After the service Year 6 **parents are invited to join their children back in school for tea and cake**. A rough time for this would be between 10-11am, but will depend on the length of the church service and how long it takes us to walk back from the church.

On **Thursday 24th July** children will be able to **sign their t-shirts** if they wish to. Either the ones they are wearing or they are welcome to bring a spare. They can bring in felt tips or sharpies in if they wish to.

**At the end of the day** all families please congregate by the front gates. We will hold the year 6s back for 10 minutes so that you can collect any other children. We will then line the drive and **clap the children out** in order to say one last good bye to them. This is a very special moment and we hope that many of you will stay to share it with us.



## Performance Poetry

**All children** have been asked to **learn a poem at home** over the next week to perform to their classmates. This is an opportunity to work on using clear voices, intonation and expression. All really important skills to develop as we grow up.

They need to be **ready to perform their poem week beginning 14th July**.

Two children per class will be asked to represent their class and perform their poem again during our Performance Poetry Assembly. **This will be held on Tuesday 22nd July and parents whose children are representing their class will be invited to attend.** There will be certificates and some poetry-related prizes for our winners.

If you want to read or hear some poems you can go to:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00kmv68> (See video clips of children performing.)

<http://childrenspoetryarchive.org>

<https://www.puffinschools.co.uk/resources/ks2-video-how-to-perform-poems-with-michael-rosen-6-mins/> (Very accessible for all the family.)



## End of Year Report

These will come home in book bags on **Monday 14th July** and will include effort and attainment for all subjects as well as comments from your child's class teacher. School reports will not include attendance this year as this is now provided each term via email.

In response to parental feedback, next year we plan to send out termly reports (x3 a year) as well as having 2 parents evenings: one in the Autumn and one in the Spring. We hope that this will help you to better understand your child's progress, attainment and how you can best support their learning at home.

## Important Dates for your Diary

We know that families lead busy lives and trying to do the juggle with work and school is a challenge for many of us! Please find below all the key events for the year to help you to arrange work and family commitments. We hope to see you at as many of our events as possible.

**We have 1 more Curriculum day-** Aspirational. These are days where the children will be off timetable and participating in a variety of different activities. If the children need any change to uniform on these days you will be told in advance.

- 18th July 25+ Open Afternoon from 14:40

**Church Services:**

- Leavers Service: 23rd July 2025 - Y6 Parents only

#### **Information to parents:**

- End of Year Reports out 14th July 2025

#### **KS2 Performances**

14th, 15th and 17th July. (14th will be a matinee performance.)

#### **September:**

First day of term: Tuesday 2nd September

All TD days next year and holiday dates can now be found on the school website.

### [Contact Details and Learn More About St Nicholas School](#)

We love to hear from our parents with any feedback you have for us, what you feel we are doing well and what you would like to hear more about. Please direct any questions or feedback to [Office@stnicholas.dsat.org.uk](mailto:Office@stnicholas.dsat.org.uk)

How else can I learn more about my child's school and their learning? Take a look at our website and social media!

#### **St Nicholas Primary School**

[St Nicholas Website](#)

[St Nicholas Primary Facebook page](#)

[St Nicholas Instagram](#)

We have an open door policy at St Nicholas and welcome parents to come and talk to either the teachers, Ms Glover, Mrs Waddington or myself if you ever have any questions, queries or concerns. It really is the best way for us to work together for your child and we really value the opportunity to hear from you and to work with you. Feel free to call or email to arrange a meeting or for smaller issues just grab us at the start of the day when you see us.

