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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe I am writing my final Newsletter of the year at the end of my 3rd year as Headteacher of this amazing school. I am incredibly proud of all we have achieved together as a community this year. Watching the children grow in confidence and maturity in their learning is a joy and a privilege that I never take for granted.

I am lucky to work as part of an incredible team of highly skilled and dedicated educators without who, none of this is possible. I know that you will join me in wishing all the staff a well earned rest this summer.

Perhaps one of the biggest changes this year has been the development of our Forest school area and curriculum. Something that all of our children have been able to benefit from across the year and has been a firm favourite with all. A massive thank you to the PTA for making that possible. It is helping to promote positive mental health, independence, creativity and an appreciation for nature, to name but a few of the benefits.

May I take this opportunity to wish all of our families a happy and safe summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you again in September for the start of another year to **Learn, Achieve and Grow Together.**

Please read the following carefully for important information for the new academic year.

Lucy Hill

Headteacher

**Learn, Achieve
and Grow,
Together**



**St
Nicholas**
C of E Primary School

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New Website

In response to parental feedback we are launching a **new website** and new App this week to support more effective communication. The new website will be live from **Friday 25th July** and will give you easier access to important information, key dates and policies, as well as linking to our social media accounts. Please take some time over the summer to familiarise yourself with the new pages.

Are you a budding photographer?

Then we would love to hear from you. We would like to update the photos on the website in the coming months. If you are a budding photographer and think that you might be able to help us with some professional style photographs please get in touch with the school office.



New: Arbor App

Well done to those who have already downloaded and logged into the new Arbor App. The feedback so far has been very positive. If you have not done so already please ensure that you have done this before the end of term. All school communication from September will happen via this app, as well as school lunch bookings and after school club bookings.



School Dinners

In response to parental feedback this term we have had a meeting with Clever Chefs who have agreed to amend our menus from October half term to more traditional home cooked meals. We will continue to monitor the meal choices moving forward and will always strive to offer a healthy and balanced menu.

Aspirational Term

On **Thursday 17th July** had a very exciting visit from our friends at QinetiQ who arrived **by helicopter**. All children got the opportunity to sit in the helicopter, learn about how helicopters fly and to try their own flight experiment. We enjoyed being Scientists and the children had a very memorable day.

For videos and pictures please [Click Here](#)

For photos and video from Aspirational Day please [Click here](#)

Staffing- vacancy

We are looking to employ a Manager for the Willow Club! Are you, or someone you know, 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.

If you would like more information about this exciting role please call Mrs Hill on (01980) 610401



Celebration Worship

From September we will be holding Celebration Worship at 14:40 on Friday each week. **We would like to invite parents to join us for this worship.** This is simply an open invitation, it is not something that you have to do or feel bad about not being able to attend if you are a working parent. We simply wanted to give our school community additional opportunities to join us for worship on a more regular basis. During this worship we will celebrate children's achievements both in and outside of school and sing a hymn.

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.



Pencil Cases

Key Stage 2 (Year 4, 5, 6 only)

From September please can children from these year groups only bring a small clear pencil case with them on the first day back. They should empty. We will provide all other equipment. Something like this one would be ideal: [Pencil case](#)



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.

A massive **thank you** to all our Year 6 families for supporting the funding of the Mosaic this year. The children have done a fantastic job in designing and creating a lasting legacy to represent this academic year. We hope that they will enjoy coming back to see it in future years.



First Week Back

- The first day for children is **Tuesday 2nd September at 08:30.**
- All children to wear **full school uniform on the first day.**
- **PE days are as follows:** All year groups wear PE kit to school other than Badgers Indoor PE

Badgers- Tuesday (Indoor) and Thursday (Outdoor- wear PE kit to school.)

Hedgehogs- Monday and Thursday

Hares- Wednesday and Friday

Fox- Monday and Friday

Owls- Wednesday and Friday

- **Forest School** will be weekly in Badgers, Hedgehogs and Fox in term 1. Children will need to bring in Forest School clothes to get changed into.
- Children must bring a **named water bottle** each day. Please make sure that it has a secure lid and water cannot pour out when it is open to prevent spillage. Recommended bottles can be found [here](#).
- Please ensure that all **uniform is clearly named with labels**- do not write names as they fade and wash off.



Important Dates for your Diary

I have updated the calendar for next year on the new website and all dates are already programmed in ready for you. So once it goes live on Friday you will be able to see the dates for the whole academic year 2025.2026 .

We will continue to list important dates at the bottom of each newsletter.

There is also a feature **on the new website where you will be able to see up coming events on the Home Screen.** Hopefully this will allow you to feel up to date with all key events in the school year.

Please note that there will be 3 **Open Afternoons next year in Term 1, Term 4 and Term 6.** Please keep an eye out for communications nearer the time as timings for these can alter depending on what has been arranged for the day.

We are also offering more **parent information sessions** next year. The first of these will be held on **Wednesday 10th September at 6pm** for parents of children in Year 3 and Year 4 as well as Year 6. This will be two separate meetings about how to support your child in these key year groups. We hope to see as many of you there as possible. Please see further details on new school website calendar from Friday.

September:

First day of term: Tuesday 2nd September

Year 3 and Year 4 information session- 6pm 10th September - School hall

Year 6 Information session- 6pm 10th September - Owl Classroom

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

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.

