

Let
everything
you do

(1 COR 16:14)



be done
with love

St
Nicholas

25.09.25



This term our Christian Value is Friendship and we have been thinking about how to 'build each other up' and 'stick together.' Friendship is an important value to start the year with and supports children's transition to new classes. Each week they are asked to reflect on 'How have you been a good friend?'

This week we also introduced a new Spirituality worship designed to support the Spiritual flourishing of our pupils and staff. It was a beautiful start to the day and it was enjoyed by everyone. Pupil Feedback:

- It made me feel proud to sing.
- I felt calm and happy
- It was very relaxing
- Spirituality is about something personal not physical
- I felt connected to God's creation
- Spirituality is love and making connections

If you would like to see what this looked like you can see our reel on [Facebook](#)

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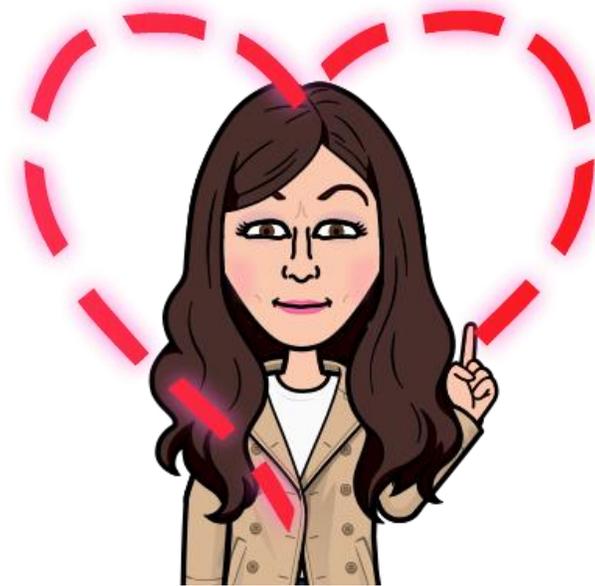
Staffing

I would like to share with you an important update about my working pattern this year. In order to ensure that I can balance my family commitments alongside my role as Headteacher, I will be taking one day off every other week. This arrangement will help me to maintain the energy and focus needed to give my very best to our school community.

On the days I am away, Mrs. Sarah Waddington will be the designated lead in school. Sarah knows our children and families very well, and I have full confidence in her leadership. We will also remain in contact as necessary to ensure continuity.

Thank you very much for your support and understanding. I feel very fortunate to work within such a caring and committed school community.

Mrs Hill



PTA Sponsored Run

The children have been working hard to do their running this week. Remember that the whole reason for all of this running is to raise much needed funds for the PTA. Last year we raised £1700 but so far this year we haven't seen as much sponsorship come in yet. Please rope in your grandparents, aunts, uncles and godparents to support your child and sponsor their running efforts.

With falling funding for schools we really rely on the PTA to ensure enrichment and continued provision for extra curricular opportunities for our children,

This year the PTA are raising money for book corners for each class to support Reading for Pleasure.

In addition each year school transport costs for trips are subsidised by the PTA

Let's see how much we can raise together for our school community.

Reminders:

- All children in full PE kit on Friday 26th November
- Any children who have missed their PE lesson will have the opportunity to do their complete run on Friday
- There is no celebration worship on this day
- Parents are invited to come and see the last lap for each year group from 14:45
- Kettle and Crumb are providing refreshments



SEN Coffee Afternoon

Join us for a cuppa, connection, and conversation

You're warmly invited to a relaxed and supportive session for **parents and carers of children with additional needs.**

 Date: Wednesday 8th October

 Time: 2:30pm

 Location: School Hall

In recognition of Children's Mental Health Week, we'll be sharing ideas and resources to support the emotional well-being of our children — and ourselves.

Whether you're looking for support, information, or just a friendly chat, come along — you're not alone.

 Hot drinks, biscuits, and a warm welcome await.

All parents and carers are welcome — no need to RSVP.

Let's support each other, one coffee at a time.

Celebration Worship

Celebration Worship has been a lovely addition to the week for us in school. A time to come together and celebrate children's achievements as Global Explorers. The children have been busy earning coins and the school council are preparing to announce what our first set of whole school rewards will be.

Badger class have already joined us for our Spirituality worship and were absolutely fantastic so we can't wait for them to join the rest of the school for **their first celebration worship on Friday 10th October**. As always all families are welcome to join us at 14:40.

Gentle reminder: Please come into worship quietly- the children are already sat down and in calm reflection

There is no celebration worship on Friday 26th September but parents are invited to the finale of the sponsored run from 14:45.



Class Worship

This year each class will take turns to lead a worship selecting from a topic that is important to them and developing their Courageous Advocacy. At St Nicholas we talk about being the 'Voice for the voiceless.' This term the turn of **Owl class** and they have decided to speak about the **topic of littering.**

Their worship will be on **Thursday 2nd October at 08:50-09:15.** Parents from Owl class are welcome to attend.



Snacks

Children in **Key Stage 1** do not need to come to school with a snack for break time as they are provided with fruit or vegetables. **From Year 3** children will no longer have access to a free snack and are **invited to bring a 'healthy snack,'** with them to school. This can be any fruit or vegetables, cheese cubes or crackers, break sticks or hummus. Children are not allowed chocolate bars or crisps at break time. These are not a healthy snack and do not support focussed learning or behaviour.

Reminder: We are a nut free school. No nut products including nutella can come to school for break or lunch time.



Give and Learn Day

In line with our **Christian Vision "Let Everything you do be done with love,"** on **Friday 26th September** we will also be raising awareness in school of how other children around the world

learn with a focus on Child of Hope Uganda. We were lucky enough to have Lucy, who works for the charity, come and visit us last year to share with us the important work they do to support the education of children living in and near the slums in Uganda.

If you would like to find out more about the work they do to '**Beat Poverty through Education**,' please take a look at their website: www.childofhopeuganda.org

In school on this day children will experience a range of activities without using technology as part of [Give and Learn Day](#)

If you would like to support this cause we are asking for a suggested donation of £1 or whatever you can afford Here is the Link to our [Just Giving Page](#). Thank you to those who have already contributed.



Important Dates

The the best place to find important dates in school is on the school website which has a summary of the upcoming dates on the Home Page. We will no longer add key dates to the newsletters.

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

If you have any queries about finance or after school club then please email Mrs Bairstow on finance@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.

