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The beauty of autumn never fails to amaze me, particularly the huge amount of trees within our school grounds in shades of, yellow, ochre, crimson, and brown. We are all enjoying time to stop for a moment to appreciate the wonder of the world around us and how fortunate we are to experience the changing seasons.

As we move through autumn and head steadily towards winter, it feels like the perfect time to stop and reflect on all that has been achieved in what has been a wonderfully busy first term.

We are enormously proud of how well all our new children have settled in, particularly our **Badgers**, who have embraced school life with such enthusiasm and positivity.

This term has also seen us welcoming prospective new families to our lovely school. It has been a joy to share the warmth, energy, and spirit that make our community so special.

I would also like to take a moment to say thank you to everyone who has sent their love and best wishes to Mrs Hill. These have been passed on and I know that she really appreciates every single message.

Mrs Waddington

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## Staffing



We are absolutely delighted to share the happy news that **Mrs. Frazer is expecting a baby!** A new little sibling for **Barnaby and Tabby** will be joining the Frazer family, and we couldn't be more thrilled for them all.

This is such a joyful time, and we know everyone in our community will want to join us in sending **love, congratulations, and very best wishes** to the whole Frazer family as they prepare to welcome their newest addition.

Congratulations, Mrs. Frazer! We're so pleased for you all!

## Remembrance Day



Yesterday, **Mrs Bales** along with her daughters Olivia and Emily represented the school at the **St Nicholas Church** Remembrance Service laying a wreath at the **War Memorial**. She was also joined by other members of the school community who attended as part of the **Bourne Valley Scout Group**. It was also wonderful to see our beautiful poppies lining the route to church that our **Badger** and **Hedgehog** children had lovingly created on Skilful Day. Thank you to Ms Glover for co-ordinating the beautiful display.

Tomorrow morning, **Owl Class** will have the honour of leading our school's **Remembrance Service**, beginning promptly at **10:45 a.m.** All members of our school community are warmly invited to join us for this very special and reflective occasion.

Owl Class feel extremely honoured to be taking on this important role, and they have approached it with great sensitivity, thoughtfulness, and respect. We are **incredibly proud** of their maturity and the care they have shown in preparing for such a poignant event in our school calendar.

As a school, we will take this time together to **pause, reflect, and remember** all those who have served and sacrificed, helping to shape the peace and freedoms we enjoy today.

We will Remember Them

## Parent Consultations

A reminder that **Parent Consultations** will take place **tomorrow afternoon and Thursday afternoon from 3:30 p.m.**

Thank you to everyone who booked appointments so promptly through our new **Arbor app**, and once again, thank you for your patience as we worked through the initial teething problems on the opening day.

These meetings are a valuable opportunity for you to receive an update from your child's class teacher and to hear how they have settled into the new school year. Teachers will also be sharing **Pupil Learning Plans** for children with additional needs, which outline key targets and the support in place to help each child achieve their full potential.

We look forward to welcoming you into school and sharing the wonderful progress the children have made so far this year.

## Anti-bullying Week



This week, our school is taking part in **Anti-Bullying Week**, a time to celebrate kindness, respect, and the importance of looking out for one another.

On **Wednesday**, our **chaplain, Daniel Knight**, will be leading a **special worship** to highlight the key messages of the week and encourage children to reflect on the ways we can all contribute to a positive and supportive school community. In the **afternoon**, children across the school will take part in a range of **anti-bullying activities in class**, designed to help them understand the

impact of bullying and to develop strategies for kindness, empathy, and inclusion. We are proud to foster a school environment where every child feels safe, valued, and listened to, and we look forward to seeing the children engage thoughtfully with the activities this week.

## Spirituality Term

This term, our school community will be focusing on the **big idea of Spirituality**. Through our learning and reflections, children will be encouraged to explore what nourishes their inner selves and discover what truly makes their **soul sing**.

As part of this, the children will take part in another beautiful **Spirituality Worship**, where they can choose something that resonates deeply with them and brings them joy and inspiration. We are also very excited to announce that **Spirituality Day will be led by Mrs. Bales**, and this promises to be a **fantastic** opportunity for the children to explore this theme in depth through engaging and creative activities.

Looking ahead to the end of term, we will come together to **celebrate Advent** with a very special **Advent Service of Darkness to Light**, marking the journey from hope to celebration as we prepare for the festive season. This very special event is planned for **Friday 28th November from 5pm** - details to follow.

We are thrilled for the children to engage with this meaningful theme and for our community to share in these reflective and joyful moments.

## Attendance

This week, you will receive the termly **attendance letter**. Children with attendance of **96% or higher** will receive a **Green letter**, while the other two letters explain how we keep parents regularly informed about attendance and include a **flow chart with information from the DfE about penalty fines**.

We want to make you aware that **attendance percentages this term may appear lower than usual**. We have been affected by **chickenpox and a number of other viruses**, which can make the figures look worse at the start of the year. These numbers will **even out over time**, and we will continue to monitor attendance closely. Please do not worry about this.. we will not be calling anyone for attendance meetings.

Please be aware though, that **arriving late to school** is recorded as an **unauthorised absence** and can affect your child's attendance data, even if they are present for the rest of the day.

If you are experiencing any barriers to your child **attending school regularly or arriving on time**, please do come and speak to us. We are always here to support families and ensure every child can make the most of their learning opportunities.

[DfE Parent Guide on School Attendance](#)

Times Tables Rock Stars



Based on **pupil voice and teacher feedback**, we are making an exciting change for **Key Stage 2 children**. From now on, children will be using **Times Tables Rock Stars** instead of Professor Assessor to support their times table practice.

**Times Tables Rock Stars** is a fun, interactive way for children to **develop quick recall of their times tables**, while also engaging in friendly competition and earning rewards for their progress. This will now form part of **Key Stage 2's weekly homework**, helping to make maths practice enjoyable and motivating for all.

We're looking forward to seeing how the children embrace this new approach and how it helps to strengthen their confidence and fluency in times tables!

Log ins will be sent home shortly (some lucky children may already have had them!)

## **Forthcoming events**

### **Parent Consultations:**

- Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th November 2025

### **Remembrance Service**

- Tuesday 11th November 2025 - 10:45am.

### **Travelling Book Fair**

- Wednesday 19th November - Monday 24th November 2025

### **Flu Vaccinations**

- Thursday 27th November 2025

### **Advent Celebration - Darkness to Light**

- Friday 28th November 2025 from 5pm

### **Non School Uniform Day**

- Friday 5th December - please donate a bottle for the Christmas Fair Bottle Tombola. (Full and unopened please!)

### **PTA Christmas Fair**

- Friday 12th December 2025

### **Nativity**

- 15th, 16th and 17th December (Times to be confirmed)

#### **Whole School Christmas Dinner**

- Wednesday 17th December 2025

#### **Christmas Church Service**

- Thursday 18th December 2025 - 9am.

#### **Spirituality Day**

- Friday 19th December 2025 (no open afternoon)

#### **Back to school after Christmas**

- Monday 5th January 2026

[St Nicholas Website](#)

[St Nicholas Primary Facebook page](#)

[St Nicholas Instagram](#)

## Reminders



As the weather turns colder, please ensure that all children come to school with a **warm, waterproof coat**. If your child brings **hats, gloves, and scarves**, please make sure they are **clearly named**, as these items are easily lost!

For the **continued safety of our children**, please follow our **one-way drop-off system** and avoid turning around at any time in the **school gateway**. This entrance is used by both **cars and pedestrians** throughout the day, so keeping it clear is vital to protecting everyone. This applies to **breakfast club, after-school club, and all other drop-offs and pick-ups**.

Finally, don't forget about our **Uniform Swap Shop!** If your child has grown out of any items, this is a great way to recycle pre-loved uniform and help other families in our school community. This can also include previously worn Nativity costumes and Christmas jumpers as we approach that time of year.