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As we turn the calendar page and step into the magical season of Advent, our school is already buzzing with excitement. The children have been sharing their hopes, their kindness, and (of course!) their eagerness for all the festive fun ahead.

Advent is a wonderful time for reflection, anticipation, and togetherness, and we look forward to celebrating this special season with our whole school community. Whether it's glitter-covered crafts, winter songs drifting down the corridors, or small acts of kindness shining brightly each day, we hope this month brings joy to your families as we count down to Christmas.

Mrs Waddington

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## Staffing

As we approach the end of term and look toward the excitement of the season ahead, I would like to share some important news with our school community. Mrs Frazer, has decided to step away from teaching so she can focus on her family as she eagerly awaits the arrival of her new baby.

We will miss her kindness, dedication, and the wonderful care she has shown her class each day. We are deeply grateful for everything she has contributed to our school, and we wish her and her family health, happiness, and plenty of joyful moments as they begin this next chapter.

We will be interviewing for a new teacher this Thursday and will update you as soon as an appointment has been made. Thank you for your continued support during this time of transition.

## Advent Service



I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the families who joined us for our first ever St Nicholas Advent Service. It was wonderful and deeply moving to see so many members of our school community gathered together to mark the beginning of this special season. We were truly overwhelmed by the number of people who attended, and your presence made the occasion feel uplifting and full of warmth.

The children were exceptional. They sang with confidence and heart, sharing the hope and light of Advent in a way that touched everyone in the room. Their enthusiasm helped create a thoughtful and joyful atmosphere, reminding us of the meaning and anticipation that this season brings.

We are grateful to everyone who supported this new event, and we look forward to building this into a cherished tradition for years to come. Thank you for making our first St Nicholas Advent Service such a memorable and meaningful moment for our whole school community.



We are delighted to share that, together, we raised over **£250**, which will go straight towards purchasing new books for our school. This means even more wonderful stories, adventures, and learning opportunities for all our children.

Thank you once again for helping us celebrate a love of reading and for contributing to our school community in such a meaningful way.

## Attendance

We want the very best for all our children, and being in school every day is a key part of helping them achieve their full potential. Did you know that missing just two days of school each month adds up to over four weeks of learning missed in a year? Every lesson, every activity, and every interaction helps build your child's knowledge, confidence, and friendships.

Being on time is just as important. Arriving promptly means your child can start the day calmly, join in from the very beginning, and get the most out of every learning opportunity.

We know that life can be busy, and sometimes children are unwell, but every effort to be here on time and every school day makes a real difference. Thank you for your continued support in helping us give our children the very best start!

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](#)

## School Morning Drop Off

As we head into a busy time of year, we would like to gently remind all families to be mindful and considerate when parking during school drop-off and pick-up times. We have recently received a number of concerns from local residents regarding cars blocking driveways and parking in ways that make it difficult for them to access their homes.

To help keep our school community safe and to maintain positive relationships with our neighbours, please ensure you are parking legally, safely, and with courtesy for those living nearby.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of our *unofficial one-way system* around the school. Following this helpful flow of traffic supports a safer environment for our children and ensures cars can move smoothly in one direction during our busiest times.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and for helping us keep our school and surrounding area safe for all.

## Admissions Consultation

Thank you to everyone who took the time to read and respond to our recent admissions consultation. We are pleased to share that we received three positive responses from our community.

Following this feedback, the revised Admissions Policy will now be submitted to the Trust Board for approval. As outlined in the consultation, the proposed change includes a reduction of our Published Admission Number (PAN) from 21 to 20.

We will keep families informed once the Trust Board has reviewed and confirmed the revised policy. Thank you for your continued support.

## Community Cafe Performance

We are delighted to invite all Key Stage 2 choir members' families to attend at the **Community Café on Wednesday 10th December at 2:00pm at Idmiston Village Hall**. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to share their singing with members of our local community, and we know they will make us all very proud.

**Parents and families are warmly welcome to attend** and enjoy an afternoon of music, smiles, and festive cheer.

During the performance, there will be a collection in support of **Morning Star**, a small Christian-based charity in Salisbury that provides support for those who may be at risk of homelessness. Any contributions, no matter how small, will be gratefully received.

We look forward to a joyful afternoon together and hope to see many of you there!

## Forthcoming events

**Non School Uniform Day**

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

### **Community Cafe KS2 Choir Performance**

- Wednesday 10th December 2025 - 2pm

### **Fox Class Worship**

- Friday 12th December 8:50am - All parents/carers of Fox Class are welcome to attend.

### **PTA Christmas Fair**

- Friday 12th December 2025 from 2:30pm

### **Nativity**

- 15th, 16th and 17th December - 2pm (tickets will be sent home shortly)

### **Whole School Christmas Dinner**

- Wednesday 17th December 2025

### **Christmas Church Service**

- Thursday 18th December 2025 - 9am at St Nicholas CE Primary School

### **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.