



Dream big, shine bright
St NICHOLAS
C of E Primary School, Alcester

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St Nicholas C of E Primary School – Newsletter



Dear families,

A warm 'welcome back and Happy New Year' to all our families!

Over the last few weeks, we have welcomed a number of new children and families to our school. We really hope that you have the best time here at St Nicholas, the community will make you all very welcome, I'm sure!

There are two new staff to welcome too. Miss McKelvie joins us as a teacher in year 1 and Mrs Cowley has joined us as a TA, supporting intervention and SEN provision across the school. Congratulations to Mrs Badger who has been successfully appointed as Assistant SENDCo, she will still be supporting 4K as their class TA. But, during the afternoon, is working alongside Mrs Allen, delivering SEND interventions and Thrive.

The Friends have a number of events planned for the children over the next two terms. They have requested any donations of spare uniform for their uniform sale please. This year they are especially short of clothes in age 10-11. Any donations can be popped to the office.

Please take a look at the year group newsletters which give you an insight into your child's learning over the term.

<https://www.alcesterstnicholas.co.uk/topic/children>

The diary dates have been updated detailing events over the Spring term. We will keep adding to this, to keep you as up to date as possible with all planned events.

Mrs Laura Newell,
Head of School

DIARY DATES SPRING TERM

Friday 20th January

Reception children trip to China

Monday 23rd January

Reception children Alcester walkabout

Week beginning 30th January

Bikeability for year 5

Tuesday 7th February

Reception children Festival of Football

Friday 10th February

Valentine's disco

Monday 13th February

Reception litter pick in local area

Tuesday 14th February

Year 3 & 4 children Festival of Football

Thursday 16th February

SENDCo coffee morning

Friday 17th February

Staff training day – school closed to children

Monday 20th – Friday 24th February

Half term

Tuesday 28th February

Year 1 & 2 children Festival of Football

Wednesday 1st March

Year 2 trip to Mary Arden's farm

Thursday 2nd March

World Book day

Wednesday 8th March

Year 5 & 6 children Festival of Football
3H Heart of England trip

Friday 10th March

3KH Heart of England trip

Week beginning 13th March

Science week

Tuesday 14th March

Reception families stay and play session

Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd March

Parent consultations (face to face)

Tuesday 28th March

Year 3 visit to St Nicholas Church

29th – 31st March

Year 4 Residential to Edgmond

Friday 31st March

Break up for Easter holiday

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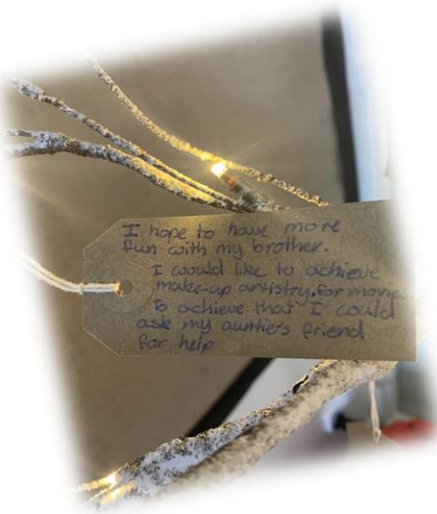
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Hopes for the New Year

Our theme for Collective Worship has been hopes and aspirations for the New Year. The children have learnt about different New Year's traditions around the world including; eating 12 grapes in 12 seconds (one for each month of the year), carrying a suitcase round the block in the hope of travel the following year, smashing plates on your friend's front door and taking an icy dip on New Year's day.

In our whole school Collective Worship, the children shared their family traditions for New Year's eve and talked about what they did to see the New Year in.

As part of their reflection children and staff have created prayers, wishes and hopes for 2023 and hung these on our new tree in the foyer and on our prayer tree in the main corridor. There are lots of tags available in the main entrance, if any families would like to add one too!



Prayer for Reflection

Dear God,

We are thankful for individual, family and community traditions.

We are thankful for new beginnings and fresh starts.

This year, may our hopes come true, may our actions and our motivation enable us to make what we hope for become a reality.

Amen



We have recently noticed on our supervisory visits that there has been an increase in vehicles which are not stopping for Cherrill, on St Faith's Road, when she is placing her stop sign out to slow and stop the traffic.

Warwickshire County Council's School Crossing Patrol Service would like to remind drivers that they must stop for the School Crossing Patrols when making their journeys.

Also known as 'lollipop people', School Crossing Patrols provide a vital service to the community by helping children cross the road safely on the way to school.

Drivers can face fines of up to £1000 and 3 penalty points if they refuse to stop their vehicle and over the past couple of months, it has been noticed that some drivers are continuing to break the law by not stopping.

Drivers and cyclists are also reminded of Highway Code Rule 210, which states that 'You MUST stop when a school crossing patrol shows a 'Stop' sign and reminded never to park, pullover or wait on 'School Keep Clear' road markings.

Thank you for your support.

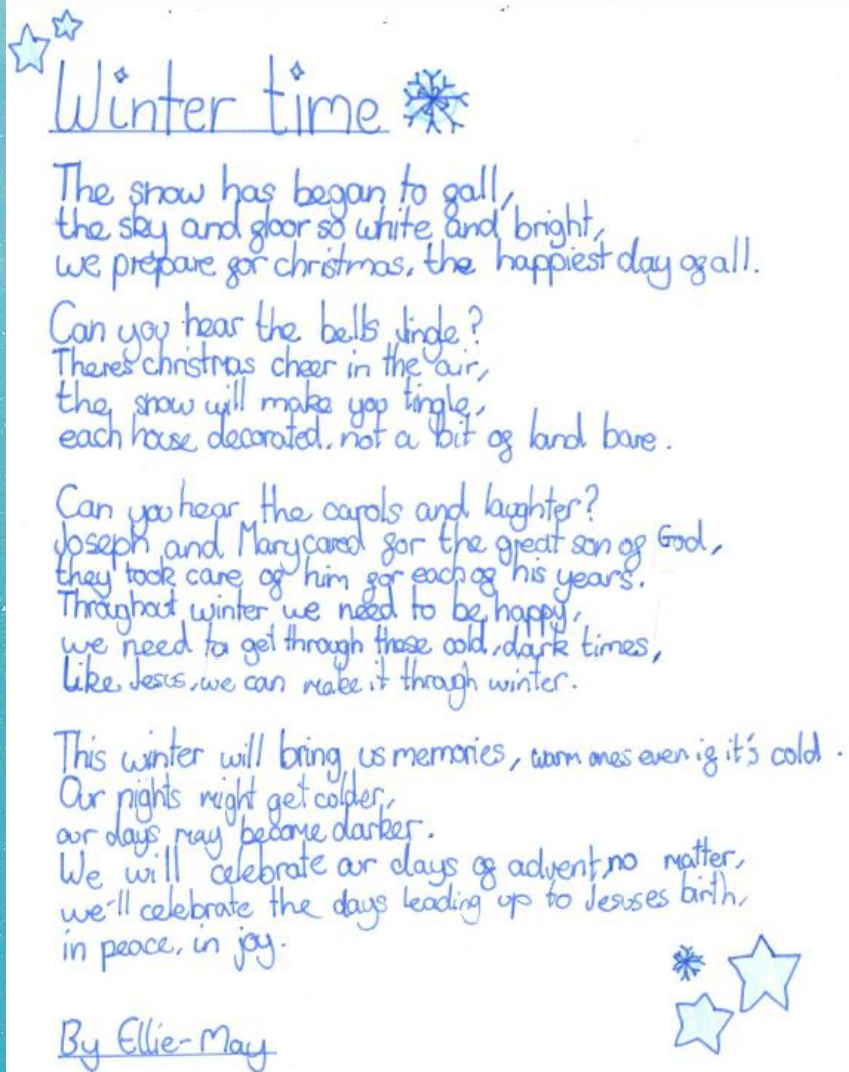
*Warwickshire School Crossing
Patrol service*



Dream Big Shine Bright

Well done to Ellie-May, in year 6, who was chosen as our school winner for a poetry competition run by St Benedict's secondary school as part of their Carols by Candlelight event.

Ellie-May's
entry for the
competition



The judge, Georgina Clarke, writes:

"I was delighted to be invited to read and judge these poems. I read them as the snow was falling outside my window – which made them seem even more Christmassy! They were all fantastic: wonderfully evocative of Christmas in all its forms. Some took the Bible story for inspiration, some Father Christmas, and some pondered the general 'ambience' of the season. It was hard to choose winners, but these stood out for me:

St Nicholas Church of England – Ellie-May Briscoe – Winter Time

A wonderfully evocative poem. Some lovely use of language bringing together the Christmas story with the winter season.

Reception – Chinese New Year



Reception have loved learning all about China and Chinese new year over the last couple of weeks. We were very lucky to have a visit from Laura Tann, who taught the children how to say 'hello' and 'goodbye' in Chinese. The children are very excited for their trip to China on Friday. They have their passports ready!

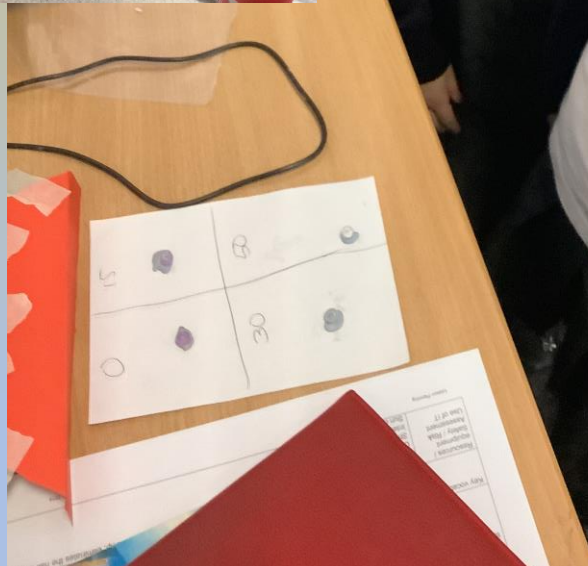
Year 1 – Paddington's adventures



We have started reading the story Paddington Bear in Year 1 and today we have researched all about Spectacled bears! We have learned, where they live, what they like to do, what they eat and why they are called Spectacled bears. The children have enjoyed looking at Peru on the map and packing a suitcase for Paddington on his voyage to London.



Year 3 – light sources



Children in Year 3 have been learning about different light sources. They have been identifying and exploring the differences between artificial and natural light sources. This week, children have been learning about the best ways to keep safe from the harmful UV rays of the sun. We have been testing different strengths of SPF suncream with UV lights and recording our observations.

Recommended resources

[Meet The Team](#)[Information Hub](#)[Classes](#)[Coaches](#)[Journal](#)

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<https://www.myfamilycoach.com/>

This resource has been recommended to us during our recent Team Teach training. Free resource available to families to support managing children's behaviours.

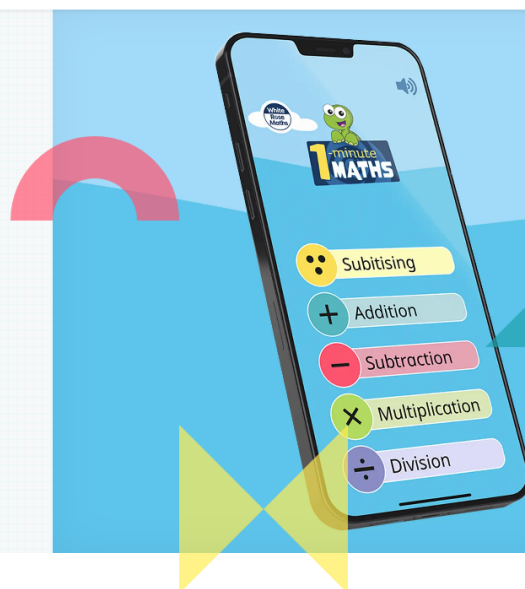
<https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths>

Free Maths resource from White Rose Maths – available to download from the App store. Great way to engage children with maths practice at home in short 1 minute chunks.

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WARWICKSHIRE SINGS

Warwickshire Sings Singing Workshops for Key Stage Two Children - At Venues Across Warwickshire

DATES

21st January 2023 - Nuneaton & Rugby

12th February 2023 - Stratford Upon Avon & Warwick

18th March 2023 - Warwick

20th May 2023 - Nuneaton & Warwick

11th June 2023 - Rugby & Stratford Upon Avon

25th June 2023 - Warwick

Online Registration & Details

www.choristers.org

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ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND



- Elite Football Coaching Provision for Under 5's - Under 15's
- Sessions delivered by FA Qualified Coaches
- Bridging the gap between Grassroots & Academy Football

Monday Academy U5 to U15

Arrow Vale Sports Centre 3G

5-6pm and 6-7pm

Friday Academy U5 to U15

Redditch United Football Club

5-6pm and 6-7pm



Saturday Clubs Pre-School to U11

Trinity High School, Redditch

Pre-School Club 9.15 - 9.45am

& Reception - Y6 9-10am

Woodrush High School, Wythall

Pre-school - Y2 9-10am

& Y3 - Y6 10-11am



School Holiday Football Camps

Woodrush High School, Wythall

9-4pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday



Contact Danny James on 07792 820118 or Wil Beach on 07802 683035
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Studley Village Hall Baby Massage 12:30pm—1:30pm Baby Chatter Matters 2:00pm—3:00pm <i>Phone Centre to book</i>	Lighthorne Heath C&FC Baby Time 10:00am - 11:00am <i>Book via Eventbrite</i>	The Grange Hall, Southam Toddler Chatter Matters 10:00am - 11:00am Baby Massage 11:15am —12:15pm <i>Phone Centre to book</i>	Wellesbourne Library Toddler Chatter Matters 10:00am - 11:00am <i>Phone Centre to book</i>	Stratford C&FC Baby Massage 09:30am—10:30am Baby Chatter Matters 11:00am - 12:00pm <i>Phone Centre to book</i>
Booking Essential Sessions FREE OF CHARGE To book on please call your local Centre. Please note that some of our courses are bookable on Eventbrite only. Please use the QR code or the link below. https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/stratford-district-children-and-family-centres-49498983293 	Stratford C&FC Toddler Chatter Matters 10:00am - 11:00am <i>Phone Centre to book</i>	Alcester C&FC Let's Play 10:00am—11:30am <i>Book via Eventbrite</i>	Badger Valley, Shipston Toddler Chatter Matters 10:00am - 11:00am Baby Massage 11:30am - 12:30pm <i>Phone Centre to book</i>	Stratford C&FC English as a Second Language Chat & Play 1st Friday of the month 1:30pm - 2:30pm <i>Phone Centre to book</i>
For up-to-date information on your local Children and Family Centre, please follow us on  Stratfordcfc  Stratford-upon-Avon District Children and Family Centres	Badger Valley, Shipston Let's Play 1:15pm –2:45pm <i>Book via Eventbrite</i>	Lighthorne Heath C&FC Let's Play 2:00pm -3:00pm <i>Book via Eventbrite</i>	Lighthorne Heath C&FC Toddler Chatter Matters 1:30pm - 2:30pm <i>Phone Centre to book</i>	Alcester C&FC Baby Massage 12:30pm - 1:30pm Talk & Play 2:00pm—3:00pm <i>Phone Centre to book</i>
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Monthly Community Chats— Find out what is going on in Stratford District Short interviews on our Facebook page with members of our Children and Family Partnerships. Got an idea you want to share or discuss please call Graham Lowther, Community Development Worker on 07594510678				

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Venue Contact Details

Stratford C&FC
c/o Bishopton Primary School
Drayton Avenue
Stratford upon Avon
CV37 9PB
Tel: 01789 266624

Badger Valley Outreach
Tilemans Lane
Shipston on Stour
CV36 4HP
Tel: 01789 266624

Lighthorne Heath C&FC
Stratford Road
Lighthorne Heath
CV33 9TW
Tel: 01926 691105

The Grange Hall
Coventry Road
Southam
CV47 1QA
Tel: 01926 691105

Alcester C&FC
c/o St. Nicholas CE Primary School
St Faiths Road
Alcester
B49 6AG
Tel: 01789 764093

Studley Village Hall
High Street
Studley
B80 7HJ
Tel: 01789 764093

Follow the links for **free online parenting guides** to understanding your child's behaviour: <https://familylinks.org.uk/parents>
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parentguides>
<https://warwickshire.gov.uk/parentingcourses>

For support around debt, housing, finance or information around childcare; children & young people please contact the **Family Information Service** on 01926 742274 or visit: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis
 Citizen Advice South Warwickshire appointments at Lighthorne Heath Children and Family Centre every Tuesday.
 Please contact the centre to book on - 01926 691105

Adult & Community Learning Courses
A wide range of courses and learning opportunities to adults and families across Warwickshire
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/adultlearningandtrainingcourses>

Physio Advice Clinic
If you have concerns with pre-school child's physical development.
 01926 413737

Refuge
08004 081552

Midwifery
Postnatal & Antenatal Clinics.
Appointment only
 01926 495321 Ext 6976/6977

Infant Feeding Team—
01926 495321 Ext 8584

Safeguarding Concerns
Warwickshire Children and Families
Front Door- 01926 414144
 (Mon-Thu 8.30am–5.30pm, Fri 8.30am–5pm)

Emergency Duty Team
(out of hours only)- 01926 886922

Activity Information

Baby Time: Relax, play and socialise with your baby in a friendly, informal environment, suitable from newborn
Baby Massage: 5 week programme teaching parents the skills of massage which has many benefits for baby & helps to create a close bond, suitable from newborn
Baby Chatter Matters: 5 week course of fun through songs, rhymes and sensory activities for babies to support their early communication skills, suitable from 5 months +
Toddler Chatter Matters: 6 week course of fun through songs, rhymes, stories & activities for toddlers to help develop their speech, language & communication skills
Let's Play: These sessions are aimed at toddlers, offering language enrichment learning through play. The course incorporates paint and print, messy play, malleable play, sound and music and outdoor play.
Wellcomm screens: A speech & language toolkit which can pinpoint areas in your child's speech which can be enhanced with targeted activities to help your child speak clearly and with confidence
Bookstart Corner: A 4 week course aimed at children aged between one and two and a half years. Each week covers a different theme – Books, Rhymes, Puppets, Talking about Library
Dads in the Room: A monthly session offered to encourage dads and their babies and toddlers up to the age of 2 to attend. It is an informal opportunity for dads to chat in a play setting and for babies and toddlers to explore the environment.
Talk & Play: 4 week course, small group, using different targeted activities to develop speech language and communication.
Speech & Language : If you have concerns regarding your child's speech and language the team are available for telephone consultations.
 Get in touch to book on 01789 405100 ext 346 or email SLT.AdminSouth@swft.nhs.uk

Health Visiting Team Clinic

Talk to a trained health care professional about any family health or developmental concerns and/or get your child weighed. If your child is ill please contact your GP. **Prebooked appointments, please contact your Health Visitor to arrange.**

For more information regarding Health Visiting Team Clinics in the South please visit:
<https://www.swft.nhs.uk/our-services/children-and-young-peoples-services/health-visiting>

Stratford - 01789 405122

Shipston & Wellesbourne - 01789 412844

Southam - 01926 815045

Alcester, Bidford on Avon, Studley & Henley - 01926 567098

Other Services - Please ask a member of Staff for more information

Warwickshire Health Visiting Team Text Chat Service

Advice & support for parents of pre-school children in Warwickshire

TEXT: 07520 615293 (9am - 5pm Monday to Friday)
 Advice Duty Line number is – 01926 567143

Health Visiting Team
Introduction to Solids
 Please contact your local Health Visiting

Parenting Courses
 Warwickshire Children and Families
 Virtual free courses booked through Eventbrite
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/warwickshire-children-and-families-17595309993>

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Parenting Project
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