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St NICHOLAS
C of E Primary School, Alcester

Weekly What's On

w/c 8th December 2025

Whole school Reminders	
Bag2School	Thank you to everyone who dropped off their Bag2School in the torrential rain back in November. The total weight of the collection was 703 kg. We raised £210.00! Thank you to the Friends of St Nicholas for co-ordinating it. All monies raised will support the school.
St Nics Night	Don't forget it is St Nicholas night tomorrow (Saturday 6 th December) and to visit our stall and have a go on our tombola. Look out for our school representatives in the parade.
Christmas Jumper Days!	Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Lunch Day, Christmas jumpers can be worn Thursday 18th December – Christmas Jumper Day! Friday 19th December – Christmas Party Day, non school uniform. When making clothing and footwear choices, please take into consideration that children will be enjoying OPAL play outdoors during break and lunch times!
Christingle Service (Years 3 – 6) Friday 12th December 2025	A Christingle is a simple, child-friendly symbol used in some Christian celebrations to explain God's love for the world. Children decorate an orange with a candle, ribbon, and sweets, each part representing something (like the world, Jesus as the light, and God's gifts). It's a hands-on, festive activity that helps children understand these ideas in a fun and meaningful way.
A Crucial Safety Reminder: The Pavement Side Rule	When dropping off or picking up your children, it is vital that they enter and exit the vehicle on the pavement side only. Many parents are unaware of just how difficult it is for drivers—including bus drivers and other parents in large vehicles—to see small children. Children are often completely invisible in a driver's blind spot. Stepping into the road to get into a vehicle in the road is incredibly dangerous for children. To ensure your child's safety, please make sure they: Never step into the road to exit the car. Always climb across the backseat to use the door that opens directly onto the kerb or pavement.



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Model this behaviour yourself.

This simple action protects your child from moving traffic that might not see them.

If your child needs support fastening their seatbelt, and their car seat is on the road side of the vehicle, ask them to get into the car from the pavement side. You can then carefully open the vehicle door on the road side to lean in and assist them. Adults are easier for other drivers to spot.

Have you visited our Botany Bay Santa?



Thank you to all the children and staff in Wraparound who had fun creating our display. What great team work!!!



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Panda Club Competition	PANDA COMPETITION!! CAN YOU IMPRESS US? Write a fact file with pictures and facts about pandas (not red pandas) to get an awesome prize. Feel free to add anything you want. The time you've got to bring it in for it to be entered is the first week after Christmas term. If you've got an entry hand it in to Mrs Newell. Good luck!! The children in Panda Club have created a competition which is open to all children. The closing date is Friday 9th January 2026. Good luck!
Uniform	A number of children are coming to school in clothing that is not in line with our uniform policy. We ask that everyone; children, parents and carers help to ensure that the school dress code is observed. Uniform guidance can also be found in planners and on our website. Please see the reminder below. Many thanks for your cooperation. School Uniform: Children need to wear a white polo shirt, navy cardigan or sweatshirt, grey skirt/trousers/shorts. During the summer term blue and white gingham dresses can be worn. Footwear; Black, smart shoes with flat soles. No boots or sandals please. Socks and tights can be navy, black, grey or white. PE and sports kit: When children have PE and Sport (PPA) children need to come to school wearing their kit; White t-shirt, dark blue or black jogging bottoms or leggings (plain), dark blue or black shorts (plain), dark blue or black jumper/hoody and trainers. Please note; no sport/brand logos on clothing.



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Christmas
Cards



From
Monday 1st
December
2025,
children will
be able to
send
Christmas
cards to
their friends
and
members of
staff.



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The Christmas Grotto

The link is as follows:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friends-of-stnicholas/index.cfm>

The Christmas Grotto!

The Christmas Grotto is back once again! * Each child is able to pick presents for up to 4 of their family members, friends or even the pet from our selection at the Christmas Grotto.

Again, the Grotto will be hosted by the Friends, with the help of the school community to have the full experience, complete with gift wrapping service! Each present will cost £2 - so a total of £4 for 2 gifts, £6 for 3 gifts or £8 for 4 gifts - please select the correct product for the number of presents you wish to buy, per child, and ensure your child's name and class are correct.

For example, if you have 2 children and you wish them to both have 3 presents, select the 'Santa's Grotto 3 Presents' twice, then proceed to add their names and class.

Please note that you should have the same number of items as children you are buying for.

Class teachers will be signing up for slots in the Grotto the week before, so please watch out for any communication about this.

This year please do consider "Gifting a Present" to support those who can not afford extras at this time of year.

Please follow this link for your child to take part in this magical experience!
[Friends of St Nicholas \(pta-events.co.uk\)](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friends-of-stnicholas/index.cfm)



Helpful Hints for the Grotto.

There are gifts available for all ages, sexes and even the family pet.

For younger children we suggest you write names of who the gifts are for in their planners the week of the grotto. We are then able to help them choose.

Please send your child in with a bag to carry the gifts home. Some are fragile and this would save presents being rammed into rucksacks or juggling them!

Day	Class	Time slot
Thursday 11th December	6O	9.00
	6G	9.25
	5W	9.45
	5G	10.10
	RP	10.50
	RD	
	2H	11.35
Friday 12th December	3L	9.00
	3J	9.25
	4O	9.50
	4H	10.10
	1K	10.50
	1B	11.10
	2W	11.35

The proposed timetable is left and is subject to change.

If your child misses the Grotto due to illness, please do not worry, they can pick presents upon their return.



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Coming up next week	
Reception	Rick Whittington Panto! If you have yet to contribute it's not too late! Please log in to your child's ParentPay account to contribute £3.40 as soon as possible, thank you. Please see letter of 24th November for more information.
Year 1	Rick Whittington Panto! If you have yet to contribute it's not too late! Please log in to your child's ParentPay account to contribute £3.40 as soon as possible, thank you. Please see letter of 24th November for more information. KS1 Nativity – Wednesday 17th December 2025 Please see our letter of 2nd December regarding tickets for the Nativity.
Year 2	Rick Whittington Panto! If you have yet to contribute it's not too late! Please log in to your child's ParentPay account to contribute £3.40 as soon as possible, thank you. Please see letter of 24th November for more information. KS1 Nativity – Wednesday 17th December 2025 Please see our letter of 2nd December regarding tickets for the Nativity.
Year 3	KS2 Advent Service The service will take place on Thursday 18th December, please see letter of 2nd December for more information. Orange We are delighted to be giving the children the opportunity to take part in a Christingle service next Friday, in school. As part of this, all children need to bring in an orange, in order to take part in the activities.
Year 4	Edmond Hall Residential Trip If you have yet to do so, please pay the second instalment on ParentPay as soon as possible please, thank you. KS2 Advent Service The service will take place on Thursday 18th December, please see letter of 2nd December for more information. Orange We are delighted to be giving the children the opportunity to take part in a Christingle service next Friday, in school. As part of this, all children need to bring in an orange, in order to take part in the activities.



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Year 5	KS2 Advent Service The service will take place on Thursday 18th December, please see letter of 2nd December for more information. Orange We are delighted to be giving the children the opportunity to take part in a Christingle service next Friday, in school. As part of this, all children need to bring in an orange, in order to take part in the activities.
Year 6	PGL, Boreatton Park Residential Trip If you have yet to do so, please pay the second instalment on ParentPay as soon as possible please, thank you. KS2 Advent Service The service will take place on Thursday 18th December, please see letter of 2nd December for more information. Orange We are delighted to be giving the children the opportunity to take part in a Christingle service next Friday, in school. As part of this, all children need to bring in an orange, in order to take part in the activities.
Other news	
Useful Links	Our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/AlcesterStNics/?locale=en_GB Our calendar https://www.alcesterstnicholas.co.uk/diary/grid/2024/11/ News https://www.alcesterstnicholas.co.uk/topic/news-and-events
Vacancies	Arden Forest MAT have a job vacancy for a Community Ambassador. This can be viewed on their website. Link below. https://arden-forest-c-of-e-multi-academy-trust.secure-primariesite.net/vacancies/



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Diary Dates

We thought it would be helpful to share the diary dates for the whole year. Please note: they are subject to change

Date	Time	info
05.12.2025	4.10 – 4.20pm	Musical Theatre Club – End of term performance
10.12.2025	5.00 pm	Reception Christmas Play – starts at 5.30 pm
11.12.2025	Am	Reception and KS1 Christmas pantomime in hall The Grotto
12.12.2025	9.10am	DBSB KS2 and Golden tickets The Grotto Weekly what's on Christingle 2.30 pm
17.12.2025	5.30 pm	KS1 Christmas Play (Greig Hall)
17.12.2025		Christmas Jumper Day (with school uniform) Christmas Dinner
18.12.2025	Am	KS2 carol service at the Church House Singing Competition
19.12.2025	All day	Christmas party day Last day of term
Christmas break - 20.12.2025 to 05.01.2026		

Diary dates over the year

Spring

Date	Time	info
05.01.2026	All day	Inset day
06.01.2026	All day	Children return to school
07.01.2026	All day	Year 5 – young voices
12.01.2026	2 – 3 pm	Year 4 MTC parent workshop
20.01.2026	All day	Year 2 trip to Coventry cathedral
03.02.2026	Am	Reception church visit – mock wedding
13.02.2026		Break up for half term
Half term 16.02.2026 to 20.02.2026		
23.02.2026		Children return to school
02.03.2026	All day	Height and weight (Rec pm/year 6 am)
10.03.2026	TBC	Year 5 experience Easter at church



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18.03.2026	4-7pm	Parents consultations
19.03.2026	4-7pm	Parents consultations
19.03.2026	Am	Easter service at church (year 5) with year 5 families
25.03.2026	All day	Year 4 Edgmond hall
26.03.2026	All day	Year 4 Edgmond hall
27.03.2026	All day	Year 4 Edgmond hall
27.03.2026		Children break up from school
Easter break – 30.03.2026 -10.04.2026		

Summer

Date	Time	info
13.04.2026	All day	Return to school
04.05.2026		Bank holiday – May Day
05.05.2026	Am	Year 1 church visit – Creation
06.05.2026	All day	Reception School Trip
11.05.2026	All week	SATs week
22.05.2026		Children break up
Half term break – 25.05.2026 to 29.05.2026		
01.06.2026	All day	Teacher Training day
08.06.2026	All week	Year 4 MTC all week
	All week	Phonics screening year 1 and year 2 retakes
09.06.2026	Am	Year 2 Church visit – world views
24.06.2026	All day	Year 6 PGL
25.06.2026	All day	Year 6 PGL
02.07.2026	Pm	Big Camp – year 2
03.07.2026	All day	Big Camp – year 2
07.07.2026	Am	Year 6 Church visit – worldviews/truth
10.07.2026	All day	Reports out to families Leavers festival (provisional date)
15.07.2026	4pm	Optional parents' consultations (families call office to book)
17.07.2026	Pm	Leavers performance/awards (TBC)
17.07.2026		Last Day of term
Break up for summer		
20.07.2026	All day	INSET day



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THE FRIENDS OF ST. NICHOLAS PRESENT

THE GROTTO

THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER
FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER

TICKETS AVAILABLE UNTIL...

MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER

Visit:-
<https://www.pta-event.co.uk/friends-of-stnicholas/index.cfm>
or look out for a post on our Facebook page:-
Friends of Alcester St Nicholas CofE Primary



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WILL YOU BE ALONE THIS
CHRISTMAS DAY?
NEW TO THE AREA AND WANT TO MEET
NEW FRIENDS?
IF SO, JOIN US FOR THE
**ALCESTER COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER**

**ERIC PAYNE COMMUNITY CENTRE
OFF ST. FAITHS ROAD
ALCESTER
B49 6AG**

THURSDAY 25TH DECEMBER 2025

CALL US OR EMAIL FOR YOUR INVITATION
07414 851644 ALCESTERCHRISTMASDINNER@GMAIL.COM

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Can you spare an hour or two on Christmas Day,
or a few hours prior to the big day?

call
07414
851644

email
alcesterchristmasdinner@gmail.com



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Delivered by Matthew Quarless, trainer at AbilityNet
10:00 - 11:30 In the Function Room
Alcester Unionist Club, 46 High St. B49 5AB

Wednesday 25th February 2026 Session 1
Getting to know your Smartphone or Tablet;
Using a computer for documents

Wednesday 4th March 2026 Session 2
How to access Public Services eg Gov.UK;
How to manage your health online

Wednesday 11th March 2026 Session 3
How to shop online;
How to bank online

Session delivered by Jared Anderson
10:00 - 11:30 In the Function Room

Wednesday 18th March 2026 Session 4
Staying safer online

During the AbilityNet Sessions
Well Connected Computer Group drop-in sessions
will be taking place in the Lounge as usual
Every Wednesday 09:30 - 11:30





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Let's give nature a helping hand!

Join our community planting days on

Thursday 8th January 2026

(wildflowers) or

Tuesday 3rd March

(tree planting and/or

constructing tree guards)

No experience required!

For more information contact

Wendy Sherwood

info@alcester-tc.gov.uk

Tel: 01789 766084



Alcester Connected for Climate and Nature

<https://www.alcester-tc.gov.uk/information/natural-environment/>



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The countryside charity
Warwickshire

BECOME A HEDGEROW HERO WINTER 2026

England's hedgerows offer a valuable habitat for wildlife, amongst many other benefits and CPRE are working to protect them and create more.

Not only are they beautiful, they also store carbon and help slow climate change.

We are looking for volunteers to join us, and get involved with hedge planting this winter. We will be running planting days during January 2026.

We aim to plant approximately 200 metres of hedges in Alcester.

If this is of interest, we'd love to hear from you! Contact Wendy Sherwood
info@alcester-tc.gov.uk
<https://www.alcester-tc.gov.uk/information/natural-environment/>





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Nutrition for Life

**HEALTHY EATING TALK AND
DEMO**

FREE to attend



**The Lounge, Greig Hall,
Kinwarton Road, Alcester,
B49 6AD**

**Benefits of a
healthy diet**

Hints and tips

**Food swaps for
your health and
your pocket**

**Bag of goodies
for every
attendee**

**Demo and
samples**

Recipes

**Friday 16th
January 2026.
10am-12 midday**

**TO BOOK YOUR PLACE
CALL TIM 01789 766084**



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JOY

Crib Service

St Nicholas Church, Alcester

*Good News of Great Joy
Come and Celebrate with Us This Christmas*

**Wednesday 24th December
5pm**



 **THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND**



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CHRISTMAS MULTI SPORTS CLUB



DQ SPORTS

VENUE: ST NICHOLAS C of E PRIMARY

DATES: **MON 22nd, TUES 23rd DECEMBER**

AGES: Reception Years – 12 Years

TIME: **DROP OFF** 8.45am – 9 am

PICK UP 3pm – 3.15pm

COST: £19 per day

£10 for half a day 9am-12pm or 12pm-3pm

Limited spaces

Payment can be made by cash or bank transfer,
please ask for details.

Contact Dave Geden 07990972762 or
davidgeden@hotmail.co.uk



Children are required to wear suitable clothing for a wide range of sports. Children may bring football boots and shin pads as football will be one of the sports played. Children are required to bring packed lunch and drinks to the course. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY FOOD CONTAINING NUTS.**

Aims are to introduce, adapt and improve skills in a wide range of Sports e.g. Football, Tennis, Basketball, Cricket, Hockey, Tag rugby, Netball, Archery, Kan Jam and many more. With the emphasis on fun and participation.