25th September 2026

ST NICHOLAS NEWSLETTER

Becoming the Best We Can Be - And God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:31



Respect remains our focus this half term and we are thinking about how it helps us live out our school vision of **becoming the best we can be**. Our vision is rooted in the words from Genesis 1.31, where God looks at creation and sees that it is good. This reminds us that every child is made with value and potential.

When children show respect, they recognise that goodness in themselves and in others. Respect shapes how they speak, how they listen and how they act. It encourages kindness, fairness and thoughtful choices that help everyone feel safe and included.

By showing respect, children help one another flourish. They learn that becoming the best we can be is not only about their own achievements but also about supporting others and celebrating strengths. Respect strengthens our shared commitment to building a school where everyone belongs and can thrives.



It has been wonderful to see our bike shed being used so well. Children have been arriving with bikes and scooters and it is lovely to watch families choosing active ways to travel to school. The bike shed is already becoming a busy part of our morning routine and we are delighted to have this space for our school community.

Active travel brings real benefits for children. It helps them start the day feeling energised, supports physical health and encourages independence. **Walking, wheeling or scooting also reduces traffic around school and helps us care for our environment.**

We are so pleased to see the bike shed becoming part of daily life at St Nicholas and look forward to watching it continue to grow in use.

Year 3 had a fantastic start to their cricket sessions with **Oxfordshire Cricket Club**. The coach has introduced key skills through fun and active lessons that have helped children build confidence and enjoy taking part in sport. It has been great to see them practising teamwork, coordination and **perseverance** while learning the basics of cricket.

The children will be working with the coach throughout this half term. We hope these sessions inspire some of them to explore cricket opportunities in the local community and continue to enjoy being active.

Families who would like to find out more can visit the club's website at **www.oxfordshirecricket.co.uk**

Author Visit

We are very excited to welcome our author of the term, David Melling, to St Nicholas. His stories are already loved across our school and the children are already looking forward to meeting him and hearing more about his work. Visits like this help inspire a love of reading and give children a chance to see how stories are created and brought to life.

We are grateful to FONS for sponsoring this visit. Their support helps us offer memorable experiences that enrich our curriculum and bring joy to our school community.

We are delighted to be a **Numbots** and **Times Tables Rock Stars** school. This means that children in Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) have all been provided with their own Numbots account. Numbots is a fun, engaging way for children to build strong number sense through quick, colourful games that help them secure key addition and subtraction skills.

Children in Key Stage 2 (Year 3) have been given their Times Tables Rock Stars account, where they can enjoy high-energy times-tables practice, level up their rock star avatar and celebrate their growing speed and accuracy.

Both games are fun to use at home and support the learning we do in school. They help children grow in confidence, strengthen their mental maths skills and free up their thinking so they can tackle more complex problems with ease.

If you can't find your child's login details, please speak with your class teacher who will be happy to provide them.

Thank you to everyone who has **generously donated** to YoungMinds. Your kindness is appreciated and will help this brilliant charity continue supporting young people's mental health.

On **Friday 9th October**, we'll be joining Young Mind's Hello Yellow campaign to mark **World Mental Health Day**. Children are invited to add a splash of yellow to their uniform as we come together to remind everyone that they are never alone with how they feel.

We also want to highlight the support YoungMinds offers to parents and carers, including online advice, a helpline and an online chat service. These resources are available to anyone who may find them helpful: **www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/**

Thank you for helping us share a bright, positive message about mental wellbeing across our school community.

We were delighted to welcome the **Springs Dance Company** to St Nicholas last week. They delivered their Creation Project, which introduces the Genesis story of creation in a fun and engaging way through dance. Chidren from Reception to Year 3 took part in workshops that explored who made the world, what God is like and our responsibility to care for creation. They used movement, imagination and creativity to respond to the text and grew in confidence as they worked together.

The sessions supported our school vision of becoming the best we can be. Children learned about the relationship between creator and created and thought about how we can look after the natural world. It was wonderful to see them express ideas through dance and enjoy such a positive and inclusive experience.

We would like to thank FONS for sponsoring this visit. Their support helps us offer enriching opportunities that inspire our children and strengthen our curriculum.



FONS NOTICEBOARD



The countdown is on — our FONS PTA AGM & Committee Meeting is nearly here!

Join us next Tuesday at 19:00 for an evening of ideas, connection, and exciting plans for the year ahead.

Come and meet some friendly faces, hear what's already in motion, and share your thoughts on shaping the future for students at St Nicholas CE Primary School. Your voice genuinely makes a difference.

Can't make it? No worries — you can still get involved with upcoming projects. Just drop us a message at stnicholasfons@gmail.com.

We can't wait to see you there!

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY...

30.09.26	Author Visit. See Class Dojo post on 18th Sept.
07.10.26	School Council presentations and voting.
09.10.26	Hello Yellow - World Mental Health Day. See letter sent on 18th Sept.
20.10.26	Year 3 Mueusm Visit in school. See letter sent on 24th Sept.
21.10.26	Harvest Festival. More Information to follow.



SPECIAL MENU - GOLDEN TICKET DAY!

On Thursday 1st October, we have a special menu, plus we will be running a promotion for children that order a school lunch that day.

Under 3 of the plates will be a special sticker which means they are in with a chance to win a goody bag, or a £50 Pizza Express voucher!

If your child is unsure about trying a school meal, they are welcome to bring a packed lunch in addition to choosing a school meal, which they are welcome to eat if they want to.



Oxfordshire County Council would like to hear about your child's move to primary school.

If your child has started in a Reception class, please take a few minutes to fill in our short survey:
Moving onto Primary School – parent/carer questionnaire
Your answers will help us understand what is going well and what could be better.

We will use your feedback to help nurseries, preschools, childminders, and schools make the move to primary school easier for all children.

Your answers will be anonymous. No one will know what you said.

We will share what we learn with early years providers and schools and use it to improve our transition guidance. This guidance aims to help early years settings and schools support children to settle into primary school smoothly and confidently.

HENLEY LITERARY FESTIVAL





Elizabeth House
Day Nursery & Preschool

October Half Term Holiday Club

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October 2026

- Arts & Crafts
- Woodland Adventures
- Football
- Cookery
- Team Games
- Yoga
- Spooky Science
- Dance Workshop

£50 per day
£40 for ex-preschoolers of EH Nursery

All meals and snacks are included

8:30am – 4:00pm
Additional wraparound care available upon request

Friday 30th October
is Festive Fancy Dress Day!
Come dressed up and join the fun!

To book your place visit our website
www.elizabethhousenursery.co.uk
clubs@elizabethhousenursery.co.uk
Elizabeth House, Reading Road, Wallingford OX10 9HA

Ofsted
raising standards
improving lives

Wallingford and Crowmarsh FC
Wildcats Football
First two sessions FREE!



2026/27 Season
Restarts on Friday
18th September

FOOTBALL SESSIONS FOR GIRLS AGED 5-11









Friday Evenings: 17:30 Bullcroft Field £2/session
Contact: Stephen East eumulie@gmail.com

FAMILY SHOWS AUTUMN 2026

The North Wall Arts Centre

TINY IDEAS FESTIVAL

Page One Theatre presents

RISE AND FALL

Saturday 26 September 11am and 2pm

Meet all manner of balloons from small floating moons to vast bouncing orbs! Forever expanding and contracting, balloons are free to float, fly and sway. Hold your breath and go sailing away.

Rise and Fall is a poetic and intriguing performance for young audiences about holding on and letting go. Performed by one dancer, Rise and Fall has toured internationally and at UK venues including The Royal Opera House.

AGES 2+





The Last Baguette presents

BIN RAT

Sunday 27 September 11am and 2pm

A rat-astic and realistic look into refuse and recycling. Rummage through the rubble with Bin Rat to discover where all the junk goes!

Scrape scraps off the streets in this interactive puppetry show, & find out what literally happens to litter.

The Last Baguette presents an entertaining, accessible and eccentric work for family audiences.

AGES 3-8

TICKETS: £12 (£8 children, under 2s go free)
BOX OFFICE: 01865 319 450 / thenorthwall.com
The North Wall, South Parade, Oxford, OX2 7JN

FAMILY SHOWS AUTUMN 2026

The North Wall Arts Centre

M6 Theatre presents

ALL THE SMALL THINGS

Saturday 24 October 11am and 2pm

Deep in the woods, in the middle of nowhere, lives the Story Collector. Drawers, cabinets and cupboards brim with baddies and goodies, hopes and wishes, once upon a times and far, far aways. A magical place of possibilities. On the turn of the snow globe, the enchantment begins…

M6 Theatre's trademark beautiful design and heartwarming storytelling combine with singing, puppetry, and physical comedy in this brand-new spin on fairytales.

AGES 4+





Sonrisa Arts presents

DANCE IN THE DARK

Wednesday 28 October 1pm & 3pm

Come in your favourite PJs for a slumber party in a giant sleepover den and a playful night-time adventure. As darkness descends, giggle as we get ready for bed, explore spooky shadows, listen to night-time sounds, and feel the wind and rain on our faces.

Discover the magic of the dark, whirl and twirl, catch a shooting star and learn to be brave at bedtime.

Co-created with children, this beautiful new show is a dreamy multi-sensory feast that gently introduces little ones to the magic and wonder of theatre.

AGES 3-8

STAY AND PLAY!

Families are invited to join us for relaxed and inclusive arts and crafts, activities and play between children's shows. These are free drop-in workshops, open to all.

Details of timings for each Stay and Play session are available on the website.



Wigod Way
WALLINGFORD
FAMILY CENTRE
- REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1173241 -

Support Your Family Centre
Wigod Way Wallingford Family Centre is a charity and relies on donations to continue running our term-time sessions and supporting local families.
If you're able to, a suggested donation can be made when attending our sessions, or you can make a one-off or monthly donation via our website.
Thank you for your continued support. We're so pleased to welcome you all back and look forward to seeing you throughout the new term!



Weekly Timetable

Monday
Toddler Group – 10am–11.30am
Once Upon a Playtime – a warm and welcoming session.

Tuesday
Oxfordshire Health Visiting Groups / Well Child - Please contact the Health Visiting Team for further information.

Wednesday
Baby Group – Baby Bunch 9.45am–10.45am & 11.30am–12.30pm

Thursday
Baby/New Walkers Group – 9.45am–10.45am For cruisers & crawlers.
Baby Massage – 12.45pm–1.25pm Booking required – please see our website for details.

Friday
Toddler Group – Nature Explorers – 10am–11.30am
MumFit with Hannah – 1.30pm–2.15pm Booking via MumFit by Hannah.

Saturday – Monthly
SEN Group – A Special Time to Play Please see our website for dates and times.

Coming Up
Bump Club – Thursday 24th September
A lovely opportunity for expectant parents to meet others, chat, share experiences and get ready for your new arrival.

Swap Shop – Tuesday 29th September
Bring along items you no longer need and swap them for something new to you! Full details will be shared on our Facebook and Instagram.

Introducing Solids Workshop – Wednesday 30th September
Thinking about starting your baby on solid foods? Join us for an Introducing Solids Workshop, with helpful information, practical advice and the opportunity to ask questions as you get ready for this exciting new stage.