

# St Nicholas School Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 25th April  
2024



Dear Parents,

It's been an exciting week for us at St. Nicks. Students and staff all loved our visit from Jump Start Jonny on Tuesday – we have also watched our the progress of our chicks closely, and celebrated Earth Day!

**Marathon Fundraising:** Huge congratulations to Catherine Holloway, one of our year 5 teachers who completed the London Marathon last Sunday in 5 hours and 19 minutes . She ran for the National Autistic Society and has a Justgiving Page. If you would be able to donate some money to this wonderful charity, please scan the QR link that will take you to Catherine's Just Giving Page.



## Important Dates

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May:** Spring Bank Holiday  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May:** Coffee Morning – Emotional Regulation  
**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** Coffee Morning – Chill and Chat  
**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May –** Half Term  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June:** Coffee Morning – Receptive Language  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June:** Coffee Morning How we teach your child to read (Little Wandle Phonics)  
**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June:** Coffee Morning – Chill and Chat  
**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June:** School Closed – Staff INSET  
**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June –** Ks1 Sports day – more details to follow  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June:** M&M Productions  
**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June:** Sports Day (more details to follow)  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June:** Key Stage 2 Sports Day  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July –** Art Week  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July –** Coffee Morning  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 6 residential  
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July:** Coffee Morning – Chill and Chat  
**w/c Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July:** School Picnic (more details to follow)  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July:** Olympics Week  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July:** St Nicks Got Talent  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July:** year 6 leavers assembly (more details to follow)  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July:** Last day of term – break up at 1:30

**Schools Mini Marathon:** Exciting news! Students have begun taking part in the Mini London marathon at school which is taking place between April 27<sup>th</sup> – May 10<sup>th</sup>. The children will be doing daily walks, jogs or runs that will add up to 2.6 miles over the course of a week. This is conjunction with the WWF who is encouraging everyone to take part in a Wild Mile where they would like everyone to engage with nature and take some positive actions for our planet. WWF are a leading global environmental charity and their aim is to bring our work back to life. Further information about how the fundraising will work will go out in next weeks newsletter.

**Chicks-** We have 3 batches of chicks to look after and care for for 2 weeks that arrived on Monday. We have all marvelled at seeing the eggs hatch before our eyes and then watching them get up and about minutes later. The new language, the awe and wonder and the cross curricular work linked to the chicks have really seen a buzz with the children so please ask your child about them at home too.

**Earth Day:** On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April we celebrated Earth Day. This was a day to encourage everyone around the world to think and learn about what w can do to look after the planet. Students took part in lots of different activities throughout week to explore this important cause.

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**Communication between school and parents:** The school is continuing to work on improving its communication with parents and I wanted to make you aware of some of the work that is going on. We have a trial group of parents on Evidence for Learning – this will continue for the next couple of weeks. This is where teachers can share work that your child has done during the week and you can also share things they have done at home. We will be rolling this out to all parents over the next couple of weeks.

We are also going to be introducing Behaviour Watch which will inform parents of any behaviour incidents or administering of First Aid during the day.

**Jumpstart Jonny:** Students and staff had the most incredible day on Tuesday when Jump Start Jonny visited St. Nicks. We had all prepared by making posters and decorations to welcome him and practising his routines. We then had two live shows – one for KS1 and one for KS2 with lots of high energy routines with everyone joining in with huge excitement!! Jonny then did a classroom crash where he visited every classroom to give out some signed posters, have pictures talked with everyone and to create some amazing memories for everyone! What a Whooptstic day we all had!!



**RSE Meeting:** Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the online meeting regarding RSE on Monday. We hope you found this useful. Please do share any feedback with us.

**Leave of Absence Requests:** If you are taking your child out of school during term time, you must complete a Leave of Absence request. These must be completed before you a taking your child out of school. I will look at each request on a case by case basis and decide whether t authorise or unauthorise the absence. The school office can send these via Weduc or your child's class teacher can send a paper copy home.

**Governors:** The Governing Board of St Nicholas are looking for more Governors. If you have any friends, family or colleagues who would be interested in taking up the role, please can they email the school office so that it can be forwarded onto me.

**LPPA update:** Please follow this link for a short video about the LPPA  
<https://vimeo.com/936574641/d2e0dc99e7>

In order to evaluate our current provision linked the LPPA, we need your input. Your views are important in helping us understand what we are doing well and how we can do even better. Please follow the link below to complete the survey.

<https://app.awardplace.co.uk/stakeholder-evaluations/user-survey/661e74971f8e5>

It should only take a couple of minutes. All responses and suggestions will be carefully considered and used to plan a range of school improvements. If you have any queries about this survey, please contact Sarah Holliday Thank you!

**Evaluation submissions are valid between: 16/04/2024 - 03/05/2024. Your submission will not be accepted outside of these dates**

We would also like to introduce the members of the working party to you.

## LPPA WORKING PARTY

**Sarah Holliday**  
**Deputy Headteacher**  
**LPPA coordinator**



**Juliet Bellagambi**  
**Family Liaison**  
**Officer**



**Oliwia Roszak**  
**Receptionist**



**Abbie McQueeney**  
**KS1 teacher**



**Juliet Hamilton**



**Melodie Blake**  
**KS2 teacher**



**Zara Rafique**  
**Speech and**  
**Language Therapist**



**Joanna Cole**  
**Parent**



**Lataanya Curling**  
**Parent**  
**Friends of St. Nicks**



**Kathryn Eyre**  
**Governor**

**Malcolm Goddard**  
**Award Advisor**

Have a lovely weekend.

Katie Goodwin

Head Teacher

THE WEEK IN PHOTOS



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ST NICHOLAS SCHOOL

**Term Dates: 2024-2025**

## Autumn Term 2024

**Training day: Monday 2nd September**

**Training Day; Tuesday 3rd September**

Open to pupils: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Last day for pupils: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Half term: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Open to pupils: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October

**Training day: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

Last day for pupils: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

## Spring Term 2025

Open to pupils: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Last day for pupils: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Half term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Open to pupils: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Last day for pupils: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

## Summer Term 2025

Open to pupils: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Bank holiday: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Last day for pupils: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Half term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

**Training day: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

Open to pupils: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

**Training day: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

Last day for pupils: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July