



# St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

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**Friday 28th November 2025**

## **St Nicolas' celebrates receiving Computing Quality Mark!**



We have been recognised for delivering high-quality computing education for our children, developing their digital skills and preparing them for the future.

Led by our computing leader, Mrs Flynn, we have achieved the Computing Quality Mark after evaluating our computing education and demonstrating high-quality provision. The Computing Quality Mark is awarded by the National Centre for Computing Education and recognises excellence of computing education offered by the school as part of our curriculum development through the Computing Quality Framework.

We completed all seven aspects of the CQF in order to receive the Mark, which recognises achievement in

- Leadership and vision
- Curriculum
- Teaching, learning and assessment
- Workforce development
- Addressing the needs of each pupil
- Enrichment, destinations and careers
- Impact and outcomes

Claire Garside, senior lead facilitator at the NCCE, said

*“Congratulations to St Nicolas’ on becoming an NCCE ‘Computing Quality Mark’ school! They’re among the schools leading the way to deliver high standards in computing education. The Computing Quality Mark recognises the quality of their provision to ensure all students receive the computing skills and knowledge so valuable for today and in their future careers.”*

***Thank you and congratulations to Mrs Flynn and the team!***



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## PTA Christmas Fair a resounding success!

Everyone had fun at Saturday's fair, which was very well-attended across the whole school community. It was lovely to see so many of you enjoying the festivities and to welcome so many former pupils.

The fair and raffle raised £4053 and the Christmas cards and panto £959, bringing the PTA Christmas total to a staggeringly impressive



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Thank you to our outstanding PTA for all your hard work and creativity, and to everyone who made donations, provided prizes and supported us during this festive period!



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## House Points

Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
346	265	280	302

Congratulations to the Jaguars

## Busy Bunch

This week at Busy Bunch we have been making snowflakes and enjoying the big toy sets.



### Coming up:

Christmas design activities

## Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 12th December

We are supporting Save the Children on Friday 12th December by wearing Christmas jumpers with our school uniform. Please do not go out and buy a new jumper but add festive decoration to something you already own.

**Please bring £2 to drop in the bucket for Save the Children as you come in to school.**



## EYFS & KS1 Nativity

Reception and KS1 Nativity play 'It's a Baby' takes place on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th December at 2.15pm in the school hall. Tickets have been allocated and will be sent home on Thursday 4th December.

**Our hall has limited capacity, so please ensure that you bring your tickets on the day of the performance as entry will not be permitted without them.**

## Sustainability

There's a clear link between the health of the Amazon rainforest and the health of our planet. Rainforests are enormous carbon stores and recycle rainwater - we need to help protect them.

In 2024, 65% of UK consumers bought USED goods online. More than half (54%) purchased used clothing while one in five purchased electronics, like smartphones or tablets.

The Amazon region, about 2/3rds of the size of the United States, is home to jaguars, harpy eagles, pink river dolphins, sloths, black spider monkeys, poison dart frogs ... over 40,000 plant species, over 3,000 freshwater fish species, and over 370 types of reptiles. (WWF)



'Amazon': toys, books, presents, shopping ... OR ...

'Amazon': a South American rainforest that is one of our carbon-storing, climate change-fighting powerhouses?

Black Friday deals, tv adverts, click, click goes the mouse. Maybe 'less is more'? Help to protect our planet this week by reducing the 'clicks'.

Homemade presents with an 'animal' theme - modern art wire spiders, rainforest lanterns, Amazon-inspired plant pot, animal poems ... let your imagination wander.



When you've completed this challenge ... Remember to hit the red button!



**'It's not the size of the gift that matters, but the size of the heart that gives it'. Anon.**



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## Wellbeing and Mental Health



**Having resilience means that you will have the tools to bounce back when changes happen and make the most out of life.**

Please watch this short 7-minute video with your children giving them an opportunity to talk about which resilience tools they use already and new ones that they may want to learn.

[Wellbeing For Children: Resilience - YouTube](#)

We watched the video together as a whole school from Early Years up to Year 6 on Tuesday morning and want to encourage all our school community to continually grow their resilience.

**Finding healthy ways to deal with stressful times**

**Ways to manage emotions**

**Feeling and acknowledging your emotions**

**Learning to be flexible when it comes to change**

**Developing resilience is super important if you want to handle difficult situations well**



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## Give your child an 8.30am head start



A reminder that school starts at 8.30am and that children should be settled in class for registration by 8.45, when the side gate closes.

All children benefit from time to greet friends and settle themselves in the morning.

The period from 8.30-8.45 am is especially important for children receiving additional support.

**If your child is part of an 8.30am intervention, please ensure that they arrive promptly.** If your child cannot attend their intervention, please let us know so we can give their space to another child.

**Thank you**

### Pupil quote of the week

Year 3 child to Mrs Shephard:

**'We aren't allowed onto the climbing frame without a grown-up. Are you a grown-up?'**

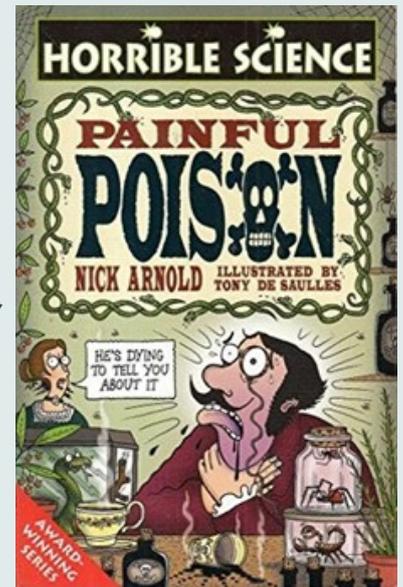
### Reading at St Nic's

'Painful Poison' (Horrible Science) by Nick Arnold

*I recommend this book because of the intriguing and interesting illustrations, along with amazing vocabulary to describe.*

Matilda, Fir Class

Suitable for ages 8+



### Carol Service

The KS2 Carol Service takes place on Tuesday 16th December at 2pm at St Nicolas' Church.

All are welcome.



### Football news

Well done to the boys football team who turned around a 0—1 score to win 2-1 against Farnham Common School on Thursday demonstrating resilience and great teamwork!



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## Headteacher Awards



**Chestnut: Olivia** for always showing kindness to others and enthusiasm for learning. **Eloise** for showing perseverance whilst writing an invitation to Kipper.

**Elm: Winston** for a great attitude to learning and showing that he can be a sensible, polite member of Elm class. **Mia** for becoming confident to work independently and tackling challenges in her learning

**Ash: Max** for demonstrating amazing resilience in our maths learning this week. **Jiya** for identifying and explaining which sources are good to find out about The Great Fire of London.

**Oak: Theo** for showing his working out to prove he understood the difference between sharing and grouping when dividing. **Rosie** for demonstrating growing confidence in maths, particularly in seeing patterns in multiplications and being able to build her bank of strategies.

**Pine: Beatrix** for showing her excellent skills and enthusiasm in DT making our picture frames. **Thomas** for his work in maths when comparing area and using this knowledge to help other children in the class.

**Willow: Grayson** for an excellent attitude for learning this week, showing a growth mindset. **Henry** for engaging in RE discussions with well-considered ideas and theories.

**Fir: Joshua** for keenness to contribute to discussions and commitment to developing his learning. **Ava** for always giving 100% and for showing positivity in all she does.

## And finally...

The school has been filled with the most beautiful singing this week as Early Years and KS1 rehearse their nativity play. It is lovely to see Year 2 stepping up into acting roles and growing in confidence too.

Wishing you and all our little stars a great weekend,

*Ms Holmes*



## PTA and Community News

# MAIDENHEAD UNITED FOOTBALL & MULTI-SPORT CHRISTMAS CAMPS



**Dedworth Middle School  
Cox Green Leisure Centre  
Holy Trinity, Sunningdale  
The Cage @ MUFC**



**For Boys and Girls  
aged 4-13**

**Dec 22-24th**

**Dec 29-31st**

**Jan 2nd**

**£25 per day, 10am to 3pm**

**£5 per day 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> Dec**

**£3 early drop off at 9am**



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## ST NICOLAS LUNCHTIME & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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DAY	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL
Monday 12th Jan - 23rd March	CHESS YR 3-6	FOOTBALL YRS R, 1 & 2	
Thursday 15th Jan - 26th Mar	LEGO YRS R, 1 & 2	NETBALL YR 3-6	FOOTBALL YR 3-6
Friday 16th Jan - 27th Mar	GIRLS FOOTBALL YR 3-6	BASKETBALL YRS R-6	

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AMA Soccer's

# CHRISTMAS Football Camp

MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> & TUESDAY  
23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER

Kick off 9AM  
Full time 3PM

2 DAYS OF PURE FOOTBALL WITH A  
FESTIVE THEME!

GAMES  
CHALLENGES  
COMPETITIONS  
PRIZES  
MATCHES & TOURNAMENTS

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