



# St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

Living and learning together with God

## Friday 12th December 2025

Well done to Chestnut, Elm and Ash classes for a sparkling nativity performance this week. The children's acting, singing and dancing was fantastic and it was thoroughly enjoyed by us all!



### Clubs have ended

All external clubs finish today. Please remember to collect your children at normal school finish time next week.

### Singing around the Christmas tree



We are excited to invite you to the Year 3 & 4 choir who will be singing around the Christmas tree on the village green on Wednesday 17th December at 3pm.

Please come and join us in this festive celebration.

### Carol Service

You are invited to our KS2 carol service on Tuesday 16th December at 2pm at St Nicolas' Church.





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## Christmas cards

To avoid children feeling left out, and to be eco-friendly, we don't distribute children's Christmas cards in school.



## Lost Property

The lost property cupboard is full of unnamed items. Please check it before the end of term. Anything remaining will be recycled or disposed of.



## Head lice alert!

We have had an outbreak of head lice. Please check and treat all the family over the weekend. Happy hunting.

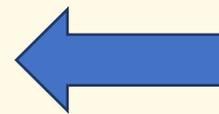
## Pupil quote of the week

"I feel really sorry for the reception class teacher especially when it's Nativity time."

**A year 5 pupil**

100%	Perfection
98%	Impressive
97%	Very good
96%	Good
95%	Nearly there
94%	Needs to improve
<94%	Poor

## Attendance matters



Attendance for this week was a nearly there **95.85%**

## End of term

The last day of term is Friday 19th December.

School will finish at  
**1.20pm** for EYFS and KS1  
**1.30pm** for KS2.



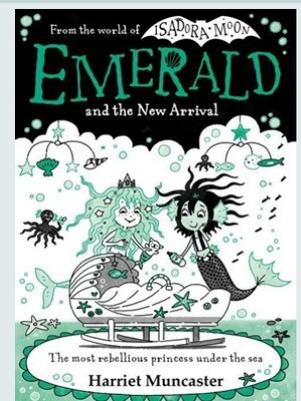
Busy Bunch will run until 4.30pm.

## Reading at St Nic's

'Emerald and the New Arrival' by Harriet Muncaster

*I rate this book 10/10. It is about a girl called Emerald who is worried about a new baby coming into her family but it turns out to be better than she expected.*

**Hannah, Ash Class**





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## Hot chocolate with Halle

Lucky Christmas fair winners and friends enjoyed hot chocolate and a game of School Dog Top Trumps with Halle today.



## Oak Class food tech

**Bobby** – The curry was delicious. It had some unusual ingredients in it, which made it unique.

**Anabel** – The curry was good because it was healthy and yummy. The best part was taking it in turns to cut slices each of the courgette with my partner



## Sustainability

There are 50-430 billion birds in the world, compared to 8 billion humans.

Birds are having to try to adapt to climate change. Some are laying eggs earlier, some are changing their migration routes, others altering their nesting locations. They need our help.

**UK garden birds to spot: starlings, house sparrows, blackbirds, blue tits, great tits, robins, greenfinches and collared doves.**

Robins sing throughout the winter. They tend to be the first to start singing at dawn and the last to stop at night.

Pause and enjoy our wild birds ...

Feathers for a coat, dead leaves and moss as a duvet. Can you imagine being a robin?

Your challenge is to pause and notice our wild birds - and help support them through the winter.

Make a Christmas wreath for birds, or a simpler toilet roll bird feeder?

Listen out and try to recognise a robin's song? Learn how to draw a simple robin?

Wild birds challenge!

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



'Nothing in the world is quite as adorably lovely as a robin when he shows off...'

'The Secret Garden' by Frances Hodgson Burnett.



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## Y4 Upton Court Residential—parent information meeting

Thursday 22nd January 3.40 – 4pm

Y4 parents and carers are invited to a presentation about our forthcoming trip in March to Upton Court. This will include information about the activities, kit list, food, the cabins and preparation for the trip. There will be an opportunity to ask any questions.

## Willow Class stars

Willow have been making stars for Picture News. On each star, they made a wish for a person or group of people in the world or wrote something they will do for someone this Christmas. Some examples include "I wish there was no hunger in the world," and "I will help my elderly neighbour this Christmas." Willow Class were lucky enough to present their stars to the whole school in assembly and share the project with other classes.



## Christmas Jumper Day 2025

Thank you from our eco-council for your donations to Save the Children.



Your money makes such a difference to children all over the world. £2 could buy seeds for a family in Kenya to grow their own food after drought destroyed their crops. £8 could buy a tube of peanut paste to help a child who is ill with hunger.

£10 could buy a supermarket voucher so a child in the UK has enough brain fuel to thrive.

We will share our total soon!



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## Headteacher Awards



**Chestnut:** **Max A** for confident and enthusiastic dancing during the nativity. **Ida-Rae** for always being kind and helpful to others especially during the nativity.

**Elm:** **Alice** for a great contribution in class this week and brilliant use of inference when discussing our class book. **Sohn** for his confidence in the nativity leading children on and off the stage.

**Ash:** **Megan** for always demonstrating super listening skills. **Sienna** for showing amazing resilience in her learning when approaching challenges.

**Oak:** **Ava** for producing a fabulous animation in our computing lessons with her partner and always helping her peers and adults in the classroom. **Milana** for excellent modelling of reading fluently and with expression to the class during our reading lesson.

**Pine:** **Felix** for his consistent effort with home learning and reading at home. **Tobias** for huge improvements with his handwriting.

**Willow:** **Vincent** for showing independence when writing a persuasive leaflet to travel to Greece. **Thomas** for showing a strong understanding of fractions and being able to explain his methods

**Fir:** **Sya** for challenging herself and for participating more actively in class. **Emmie S** for writing a magical, well-constructed story, with thoughtful vocabulary and complex sentences.

## And finally...

Thank you to the team for all your hard work to make the festive season fun and memorable for the children.

Nearly there!

Happy 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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Or book now via the QR code





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## ST NICOLAS LUNCHTIME & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

### UNITED AS ONE



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 - 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	GIRLS FOOTBALL YR 3-6	BASKETBALL YRS R-6	

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### Spring Term 2026

7<sup>th</sup> of January – 18<sup>th</sup> of March\*  
(excluding half term – 18<sup>th</sup> of February)

**Years:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

**Day:** Wednesday

**Time:** 3.25 - 4.25pm

**Venue:** Reception classroom

**Cost:** £75.00

To avoid disappointment please complete your form and fee as soon as possible as there are only 20 spaces per course. We work on a first come first serve basis once the payment & online form has been received

\*Please note these dates are subject to change

### St Nicolas' CE Combined School

#### **Building Confidence & Well Being through Drama**

- ♥ Little Tanks drama club is enrichment for your child as it aims to develop children's confidence and well-being.
- ♥ Throughout the term the children will partake in games and activities that will be fun, exciting and engaging.
- ♥ We believe that by embedding your child's resilience it will give them a more positive approach to developing their strengths even further.
- ♥ Work on an end of term show to share with parents during the last session.

### Contact Us

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Please [click here](#) to complete the registration form online and make the payment to secure your child's space.

Spaces are only allocated on receipt of both the form and fee