



St Nicholas CE Primary School

February 2026 Newsletter

Exploring Possibilities Together

'Love one another, as I have loved you'



What's Happening

4 March	4.00 pm ACR Meeting
5 March	World Book Day
9 March to 13 March Science Week	
9 March	Years 5 & 6 Football Match home match
13 March	PTFA Years 2 & 3 Film Evening
16 March	Years 3 & 4 Football Match home match
16 March	Parent Consultations—3.30 pm to 6.00 pm
18 March	Parent Consultations—3.30 pm to 6.00 pm
19 March	SEND Parent Meetings—8.00 am to 6.00 pm
20 March	Red Nose Day
20 March	PTFA Years 4, 5 & 6 Film Evening
23 March	KS2 Girls Football home match
27 March	Last day of term—school closes at 1.30 pm
28 March to 12 April Easter Holidays	
13 April	Inset Training—Children not in School
14 April	Children back to School
16 April	National Offer Day—Reception September 2026
16 April	Reception Children Heights & Weights—School Nurse
23 April	Cricket Festival at Gillingham School—Years 3 & 4 to be confirmed
27 April	Oaks Class—Larmer Tree Workshop
11 May to 15 May Year 6 SATS Week	
13 May	Cross Country Festival at Shillingstone School—further details to follow
19 May	Sports Day (pm)
20 May	Reserve Sports Day (pm)
21 May	Class Group Photos
21 May	Swift Kitchen—Theme Day—Out of this World
25 May to 29 May—Half Term	
6 June	PTFA Summer Fete—further details to follow

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents and Carers

As we look to move into March, it's wonderful to see the signs of spring appearing around our school grounds. The longer days and brighter weather have brought a renewed sense of energy and enthusiasm to classrooms, playgrounds, and after-school clubs.

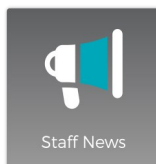
This half term has already been full of exciting learning opportunities. Our pupils have continued to show friendship, respect, curiosity and a community spirit in all that they do. From creative writing inspired by World Book Day preparations, to hands-on investigations in science and problem-solving in mathematics, it has been a pleasure to see their confidence growing.

Don't forget to book an appointment at our Parent Consultations—strong partnerships between home and school make a significant difference to children's progress and wellbeing. Also if you ever have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or a member of the leadership team.

Finally, I would like to thank our dedicated staff team for their continued hard work and commitment, and our families for your ongoing support. Together, we are building a nurturing and ambitious environment where every child can thrive.

Jill Watson
Headteacher

Staff News



We are delighted to share some wonderful news with our school community that Miss Hartland is expecting a baby!

Mrs Kinsey will starting her maternity leave after Easter and we are pleased to let you know that Miss Roberts-Wise has been appointed to cover her maternity leave. She will be working closely with the team to ensure a smooth transition and continuity for the children.

Spring Term Reminders

- * Please ensure your child brings a weather suitable coat every day
- * Ensure your child wears their PE kit on their class allocated PE day
- * Remember to order your child's hot school meals for after the Easter holidays



What's happening in March

World Book Day
Science Week
PTFA Film Evenings
Football Tournaments
Parent Consultations
SEND Parent Consultations
Music Workshops
Red Nose Day



Attendance Matters

Our whole-school attendance target is 98%.



Thank you for ensuring your child attends school regularly and arrives on time.

Even small improvements in attendance can have a big impact on learning.

If your child is unwell, please inform the school office before 9:00am.

Aspens—our hot schools meals supplier—newsletter and updates ...



FOOD FESTIVAL
 TAKE YOUR CHILD'S IMAGINATION ON A FOOD JOURNEY WITH ASPENS

Aspens has been chosen to provide the meal service at your child's school. Take a look below for a glimpse of a typical menu.

FRESH THINKING AND HEALTHY EATING
 We take our responsibility of catering for today's children and young adults seriously. Our chefs are prepared every day, using high-quality, seasonal ingredients that are responsibly sourced. Our trusted suppliers and transparent supply chain can ensure the provenance of all produce.

Our dishes are created and served to experienced and enthusiastic teams who care about both what's on the plate and the message behind it.

It's about helping children build a positive relationship with eating, and supporting their ongoing food and nutrition journey.

MEANINGFUL MEALTIMES
 We believe school meal times are the best time of the day and a chance for children to eat nutritious and delicious food, learn and create great school food memories.

What really brings the dining experience to life are our fun and engaging theme days based around school curriculum topics to enrich your child's learning and support the wider school experience.

Our staff may dress up and decorate the canteen to make something deliciously different on the menu, so the provider we are proud to play a part in your child's school journey!

LUNCHTIME

MEAT	VEGETABLE	STARCH	DRINK
Chicken	Broccoli	Pasta	Milk
Beef	Carrots	Rice	Juice
Pork	Peas	Spaghetti	Water
Lamb	Spinach	Curry	Milk
Fish	Tomatoes	Naan	Juice
Vegetarian	Onions	Pasta	Milk

Theme days that spark imagination

As part of our commitment to food safety, our theme days include a top 14 allergen-free menu, so all students can enjoy the fun and flavour safely.

Ask your school for more information.

HELP YOUR KID TOAR WITH A SCHOOL MEAL!

Aspens is proud to be a Corporate Partner of The National Allergy Research Foundation. It's the only UK-based charity that funds medical research into the causes and prevention of food allergies. The mission of the charity is to make allergy history - starting with food allergies.

Ask at the office to find out more!

Please visit - www.aspens-services.co.uk or scan the QR code on the left.

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MEET THE PLANET HEROES

Our Planet Heroes are here to make every school meal a powerful step towards better health and a better planet. These mighty heroes spotlight dishes packed with our nutritious choices, made from low CO2 ingredients, packed through the efficient supply chain, and served in energy-efficient canteens.

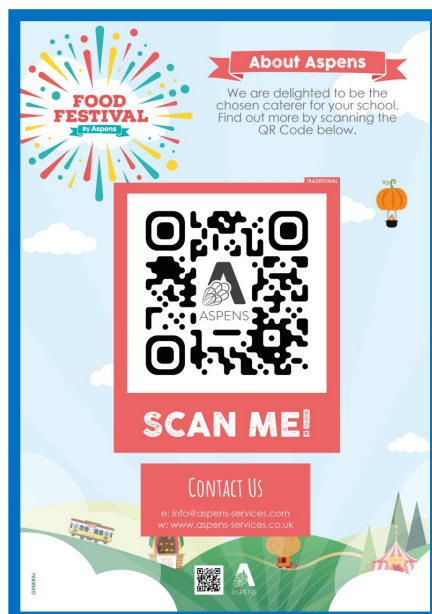
When your child chooses a school meal, they're playing a mission to reduce their food footprint, support sustainability, and build habits that last a lifetime.

Helping Every Bite Count

I'M POWER HERO!
 I'M PLANT HERO!
 I'M HEARTY HERO!
 I'M ECO HERO!

Want to make a big difference with your meal today? Come to a meal today! Come to a meal today! Come to a meal today!

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 About Aspens

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Netball Tournament 12 February at Stalbridge Primary School

Congratulations and very well done ... to our netball team who took part in a recent tournament at Stalbridge against three other schools. We came 2nd to William Barnes on goal difference.



Child Protection & Safeguarding



Our Designated Safeguarding Lead in school is Ms Jill Watson (Headteacher). Mrs Belinda Bolar and Mrs Sarah Salisbury are our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.

If you have any concerns related to child protection/safeguarding issues please contact them through the school office.



Celebration Assembly—Fridays at 2.45 pm everyone welcome