

# St Nicholas School Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
February 2024



Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the half term break. I hope you all had a lovely break and enjoyed spending time with your family. It was a shame the weather was a bit wet and windy. The children have returned this week full of smiles and eager to continue with their learning.

**World Book Week:** The week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Week which we will be celebrating in school. Each class are going to choose their favourite book and will do lots of fun activities linked in with the story. Classes will also decorate their doors with the work they have done. We will also have Savvy Theatre (the resident theatre of Fairfield Halls) are going to do some story telling workshops with the children. On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, we will also dress up for World Book Day. Children can come dressed in as their favourite book character. Please do not feel that you need to buy your child a costume – they could make a mask of their favourite character and wear that. I have added in some ideas at the end of the newsletter that Natasha Maloney (one of our Reading leads) has found.

**Comic Relief:** We will be celebrating Comic Relief in school this year. The theme for this is 'Do something funny for the money'. More information will follow on what we will do will come in next week's newsletter.

**Friends of St Nicks:** If you are interested in being part of the new committee please follow this link Forming the Friends of St Nicks Committee (office.com) to show your interest. You are also able to suggest ideas for future events. If you have any questions regarding the Friends please contact [friendsofstnicks2024@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofstnicks2024@outlook.com) for any further information.  
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAANAAWpPTQ5UMk5KN0tQODJRWEY3NzVEMTBDRkNNMIEzSi4u>

**Mother's Day Wrap:** One of the first activities that the 'Friends of St Nicks' are going to hold is a 'Mother's Day Wrap'. We are looking for donations for this. Things you can send in are candles, socks, smellies, chocolate, small gifts – anything you think a well deserving mum would like to receive on Mother's Day. In exchange for a gift, your child can wear mufti (their favourite clothes) on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**. You can start sending in your gifts next week but we will need them by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. The Friends of St Nicks will be wrapping all of these gifts for your child to purchase after this. We will send out further information about how your child can purchase a gift in next weeks newsletter.

**Parent Policies:** Last term Parent Policies, the Parent Code of Conduct and the Home/School Agreement were sent home via Weduc. Please follow the link so that you can sign the form on Weduc. These are all policies that are recommended by the LA and be the DfE so it is important that they are signed. There are a few parents who have not yet signed (we are waiting for 60 responses) so will be sending out reminders leading up to the end of term.

**Little Wandle Books:** Please can you have a look at home for any Little Wandle Reading books that have been sent home in your child's book bag. These are part of our phonics reading scheme. We have had some un-returned books which has meant we are left with short supply for other children to use as part of their weekly reading.

## Important Dates

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March:** Mufti Day in exchange for a gift donation for Mother's Day Wrap. Wear own clothes.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March:** Book Week

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March:** World Book Day – mufti favourite book character

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March:** Science Week

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March:** Comic Relief – more information to follow

**18<sup>th</sup> March:** SaLT coffee Morning – Behavioural and sensory feeding

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March:** Parents Evening – Whole school

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March:** Last Day of Term – finish at 1:30

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April:** Easter Holiday

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April:** Children return for summer term

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**Leading Parent Partnership Award:** Thank you to those parents who expressed an interest in joining our working party for the LPPA. We now have our audit booked and will then be updating you with the next steps that we will be working on. If anyone is still interested in joining the working party please do let Sarah know via Weduc.

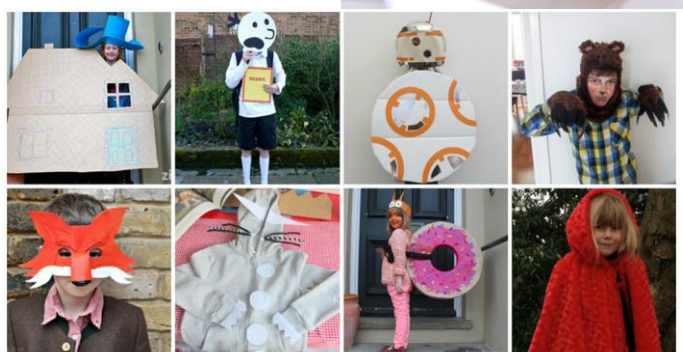
**Sensory Processing Accredited Course:** The Autism Training Network will be running a course for parents and professionals on Sensory Processing. The course aims to increase knowledge and understanding about how people with sensory challenges may experience the world around, how to meet individual's sensory needs and how important stimming can be for regulation. Practical strategies and reasonable adjustments will be discussed. If you are interested in this course, please see the poster at the end of this newsletter.

**Term Dates 2024-2025:** The term dates for the 2024-2025 academic year are attached to the end of this newsletter. They will also go on the website and sent via Weduc.

**Nut Free School:** As a reminder, we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. No nut products must be brought into school in lunch boxes or as snacks. This includes peanut flavoured crisps, yogurts or chocolate. We have children and staff with nut allergies in school. If staff members see nut products in lunch boxes, we will be removing them to ensure the safety of others.

**Absence Reporting Procedure:** To report an absence please do so through the absence report section on Weduc or message the class teacher. Please follow the link for a step-by-step guide to report absence via Weduc. <https://weduchelp.zendesk.com/hc/en-gb/articles/14181580731921-How-do-I-report-an-absence-for-my-child->

Have a lovely weekend.  
Katie Goodwin  
Head Teacher



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## Sensory Processing Programme

This programme will explore the 8 sensory systems and how the environment can impact on Autistic individuals.

The aim of this course is to increase knowledge and understanding about how people with sensory challenges may experience the world around, how to meet an individual's sensory needs and how important stimming can be for regulation.

We will be discussing practical strategies and reasonable adjustments that will have a positive impact and facilitate learning.

**Our Sensory programme will be held on Zoom on the following dates:**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 2-5pm**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 2-5pm**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 2-5pm**

**The cost of this 3-hour programme is £50**

To book your place on the webinar please either scan the QR code below or go to: [www.theautismtrainingnetwork.com/training](http://www.theautismtrainingnetwork.com/training)

"For every person who understands Autism better, another Autistic person will be happier."-  
Libby Scott, Autistic Author (at age 11)



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**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