



St. Nicholas Church School

Friday 9th January 2026

Welcome back to a new term at St Nicholas. I hope that you had a restful Christmas and new year. There have been a lot of changes this term, and the children have settled into their classes really well and already have a lot to celebrate. Thank you to you all for your patience and understanding during these times of change.

Staffing Update – We are pleased to introduce Mrs Shon, who will be starting with us Monday teaching our Ladybird Year 4 pupils (Monday and Tuesday). Mrs Shon comes to us with wealth of experience and having worked in many local schools. She spent today working in class alongside Mrs Hopkins getting to know our school and the children.

Start of Day Timings

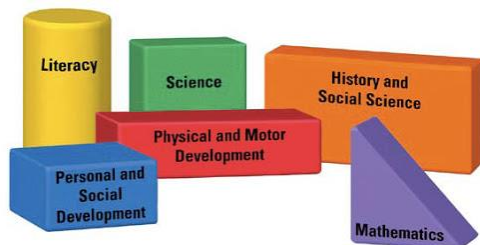
There has been some confusion over timings around the gates in the morning. They will be opened at 8.40am and closed at 8.55am. A bell will ring at 8.45am to signify when teachers will invite children into class.



Collective Worship Reflections



We have started our new term thinking about our value of growth. At this point in the year, when many people are thinking about their new year's resolutions, we have thought about how we can grow in our values. The children chose one thing that they would like to do more of this year, whether in respect, responsibility or kindness and we will check in with them next week to see how they are getting on.



Our Curriculum



Hedgehogs Geography

Hedgehog Class have started their term with a focus on their Geography learning, and the Himalayas. Their new book, 'Running of the Roof of the World' is set there, and explores the lives and culture of the people who live in the highest place on Earth. On Wednesday, they explored a number of different mountain ranges, researching key areas and then presenting that information to each other so that they could compare different ranges the following day.



Every Learner Matters

Children’s Commissioner – Digital Guide for Parents

Please do look at this new online guide shared by the Children’s Commissioner, which shares helpful information on helping children navigate our digital world [What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children’s digital lives.](#)

**Empowering Parents Program
Session Four**

This 60-minute session, led by Emma Hemmings from The Essential Safeguarding Company helps parents understand online gaming, explore risks such as child privacy, and spending, and learn practical ways to keep children safe and gaming responsibly

We will also look at new and upcoming changes to restrictions on Xbox and Roblox, including age verification, parental controls, chat restrictions, and spending limits, so you are as up-to-date as possible on how best to protect your children while they play.

By the end of the session, parents will have practical tips and tools to manage gaming safely, set boundaries, and have meaningful conversations with their children about online play.

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Online | 29th January 2026 | 6pm - 7pm

The next session in the Empowering Parents series is taking place **online on Thursday 29th January 2026 at 6.00pm**. This session will focus on **online gaming** and will explore how parents and carers can support children to engage with this popular hobby safely, positively, and responsibly.

The session will provide practical tools, insights, and strategies to:

- Understand the online gaming world and why it appeals to children
- Recognise potential risks, including online safety and wellbeing concerns
- Support healthy boundaries, communication, and positive gaming habits
- Help children enjoy gaming safely while maintaining balance

Anyone wishing to attend the session will need to register for a ticket using this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1979863381671?aff=oddtcreator>

Previous Empowering Parents sessions have been recorded and we will share these over the coming weeks – the first of these recorded sessions is Our Behaviour, Their Behaviour.

Link: <https://www.safeguardingco.co.uk/support/>

Username: empoweringparents

Password: empowering2526

Please click on the link, then insert the username and password above to access the recording.



Celebrations

	Dojo winners	Dojo runners up	Star worker	Role model
Hedgehogs	Chloe and Scarlett R	Jude and Summer	Alyssa	Amy
Ladybirds	Louie and Ivie	Oscar and Harry	Sebastian, Harry and Ivie	Esther
Butterflies	Daisy and Eden	William and Poppy	Poppy	Carter

