

A photograph of three children playing in a park. They are surrounded by many colorful bubbles. The child on the left is a boy in a blue shirt and light shorts. The child in the middle is a boy in a grey shirt and blue jeans. The child on the right is a girl in a white shirt and dark patterned pants. They are all smiling and looking at the bubbles. The background is a bright, sunny outdoor setting with green grass and trees.

NURSERY INFORMATION PACK

ST NICHOLAS VC PRIMARY SCHOOL



WELCOME

We would like to extend a warm welcome to you as a Nursery parent at St Nicholas VC Primary School.

Our positive reputation reflects our drive to provide **Inspirational Learning for All** of our children, right from the start. The enriched curriculum we offer provides exciting learning opportunities, which extend beyond the classroom to engage and inspire inquisitive minds.

It's our aim to meet the needs of each child individually and we provide the resources and the staff to achieve this. Our dedicated team is committed to providing a wonderfully creative learning environment to fascinate every child.

Within this pack you'll find more information about our Nursery provision. If you have any questions, or would like to arrange a visit, please contact the school office on 01380 850391.

With kind wishes

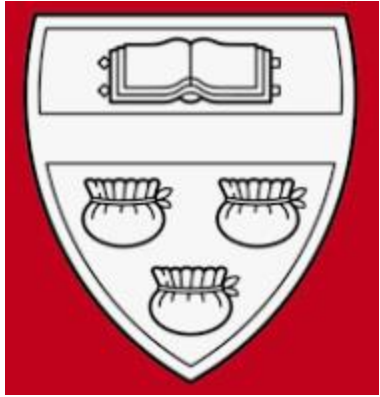
Theo Gaines, Head Teacher



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Children only get one chance to experience childhood and they have an absolute right to the highest quality of education

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ST NICOLAS VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Theo Gaines

Ofsted rating: Requires Improvement (February 2023) – NB Previous Headteacher, pre-academisation

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St Nicholas' is a happy and vibrant place where children are encouraged to dream, strive, achieve, and celebrate. Our extensive school grounds include wildlife areas, a small wooded space, and stunning views of the surrounding countryside. These exceptional outdoor environments are used daily to enrich teaching and learning, offering children an inspiring setting in which to explore and grow.

We love to make the most of our supportive and special community, whether that means a visit to the family-run butcher's or a trip to the local community hub. These real-world experiences help our children feel connected, confident, and proud of the place they call home.

Our friendly, energetic, and professional staff work closely together to create a warm and thriving school community. We take great pride in offering a rich and engaging curriculum that nurtures curiosity, confidence, and creativity. At St Nicholas', every child is valued, challenged, and supported to reach their full potential.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

We believe in encouraging our children to be independent in their self-care, confident in their emotional wellbeing, able to build relationships and have the confidence to make their own choices from the free-flow activities that are carefully planned to further their interests.

Throughout the day the children have access to a wide range of activities and resources both inside and out with a range of adult led experiences as well as ample time to pursue their own avenues of play and learning.

Adults in the foundation stage focus on what the children can do, their stage of development and what their next steps are in order to support them in meeting their full potential. This is an exciting way to learn and teach and we share the children's learning journeys regularly with parents / carers.

In the Early Years children work towards the Early Learning Goals which most of them achieve by the end of Reception. Our curriculum ensures that all children have access to learning in the following seven areas:

- Personal, social and emotional
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Maths
- Expressive Arts and Design
- Understanding the World

We welcome our parents as essential partners in our nursery and would like to encourage parents to become fully involved and supportive of the successful education of our children. If you would like to volunteer some of your time or expertise please get in touch with the school office.



WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING

- **Nappies & wipes:** Please provide your child with a supply of nappies for their session. If you would like us to use nappy cream, please provide this as well with their name clearly written on the container
- **Clothes:** All children need a change of clothes and underwear, which will be kept in their bag
- **Bags:** Pegs are allocated each day so we advise all belongings are kept in your child's bag
- **Autumn/Winter:** Please provide a suitable raincoat, wellies, hat, scarves and gloves
- **Spring/Summer:** Please provide an outdoor hat, sun cream and suitable clothing
- **Medication:** If your child needs prescribed medication please ask the school office for a form so that we can administer it as necessary

We aim to go outside in all weathers so please make sure your child has appropriate clothing for each session.



SETTLING IN

You will be invited to an initial settling in session with your child which will last 30 - 45 minutes. This is a chance for you to meet the Nursery staff and other children, and ask any questions.

We will use this opportunity to find out as much as possible about your child and their needs. This could include any comforter your child might have, their medical needs, interests, anxieties or difficulties.

The daily routine will also be explained and you will be able to see where your child will eat, play and learn within the setting.

We will cater to you and your child's needs, so if your child requires more settling in sessions this can be arranged.

SESSION TIMES, COSTS, AND DATES

Nursery Opening Hours

Monday	8.45am-4.15pm
Tuesday	8.45am-4.15pm
Wednesday	8.45am-4.15pm
Thursday	8.45am-4.15pm
Friday	8.45am-3.15pm

Sessions

Cost

8.00am – 8.45am	£6.25 (including breakfast)
8.45am – 12.30pm	£25.00 (or free entitlement where available)
12.30pm – 4.15pm	£25.00 (or free entitlement where available)
8.45am – 4.15pm	£50.00 (or free entitlement where available)
4.15pm – 5.30pm	£12.50 (Monday to Thursday)

The Nursery will be closed on all of the following dates:

TD Day	1st September 2025
TD Day	2nd September 2025
TD Day	3 rd November 2025
TD Day	5 th January 2026
TD Day	23 rd February 2026
Bank Holiday	4 th May 2026
TD Day	15 th June 2026

Term

Dates

1	3 rd September 2025 – 22 nd October 2025
2	4 th November 2025 – 19 th December 2025
3	6 th January 2026 – 13 th February 2026
4	24 th February 2026 – 27 th March 2026
5	13 th April 2026 – 22 nd May 2026
6	1 st June 2026 – 22 nd July 2026

Please note: We cannot refund any days when your child cannot attend due to illness or other reasons.

MEALS & SNACK TIMES

We aim to provide a healthy and balanced diet. During meals and snack times we discuss the importance of eating healthily and encourage the children to independently access their snack.

Snack times involve a range of healthy, nutritious finger foods with a choice of milk or water. Lunch and tea are cooked meals prepared by the school kitchen, or you are welcome to bring a healthy packed lunch if you prefer. Our menus change every other term, to ensure we offer seasonal variations. You'll be asked to choose your child's hot meals from our termly menus when they start at the Nursery.

With an emphasis on quality, we provide food that is:

- Sourced or produced locally
- From sustainable sources or ethical suppliers
- Farm assured meat
- Free from any undesirable additives or hydrogenated fats

Sample menu:

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN COURSE	Salmon & leek pasta bake	Mild chicken curry with brown rice	Farm-assured beef lasagne	Roast pork with roast potatoes	Italian chicken
VEGETARIAN	Jacket potato with cheese and beans	Autumn vegetable risotto	Sweet potato curry with cous cous	Vegetarian sausage & roast potatoes	Vegetable cheese & bean wrap
VEGETABLES	Mixed salad	Broccoli & cucumber sticks	Green beans	Carrots & cabbage	Sweetcorn
DESSERT	Lemon cake	Eves pudding & custard	Fruit Yoghurt	Ice cream	Oat & raisin cookie



OUR EARLY YEARS STAFF

We have a tremendously friendly, energetic and professional staff who continually work together to establish a happy and effective learning community.

All people have democratic rights which mean listening to children, families, staff and community to shape our Nursery to be the best it can be. Our strength is in our relationships with each other. Believing in oneself and others is essential to promoting well being.

Within The Trust we have many areas of strength and expertise. Details of all of our staff members and their roles are available on our website.

In addition to our Nursery team, we have a range of people who are available to help and support you:

Inclusion Lead: Our SENDCo and Inclusion Lead Ann Law will be happy to meet with you to discuss any if your child has an Special Educational Needs.

The governing body: The school has a local Governing Body that has a focus on ensuring high quality provision and outcomes for all of our children. Details of our Governors are on our website.



NEXT STEPS

Please contact the school office to arrange a visit to our Nursery or to ask any questions (01380 850391).