

# St Nicolas and St Mary CE Primary School



## Why choose St Nic's?



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## Top 10 reasons for choosing St Nic's for your child:

### 1. 'HAPPINESS'

Parents and children speak very highly of the school: 97% recommend it, 99% think their child makes good progress and 98% say their child is happy. (Parent View)

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### 2. High Ofsted grades

Ofsted acknowledged that the school had maintained its good quality of education. They reported how we actively engage with children's needs at an individual level, behaviour is consistently good & children show excellent attitudes to learning.

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### 3. "Distinctiveness and Effectiveness .... is outstanding" – Diocese of Chichester

Our Christian ethos, assemblies and mission statement are at the heart of all we do. Religious Education, Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development and our Christian values are an important part of our journey together. This was recognised by our most recent school inspection (2016) which acknowledged the schools Christian values having a significant influence on pupil's daily lives resulting in exemplary behaviour, positive attitudes to learning and high levels of attainment.

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### 4. High Academic Achievement

Children achieve very highly in our Early Years, Phonics, end of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 assessments with results well above national averages. More able children have access to more challenging activities to ensure that they are stretched.

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### 5. Top Technology

All classrooms from Reception to Year 6 have a multi touch interactive whiteboard or touch screen TV. We also have a large number of iPads, Apple TV, a 3D Printer, computer suite and three mini- suites as well as many other computers and laptops around the school.

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### 6. Gold Artsmark Award – Twice

The school has twice been awarded the top national "Gold Artsmark" in recognition for excellence in drama, music, art, dance and creative writing. We offer a very creative curriculum experience where children are involved in a range of performances, exhibitions and working with specialists.

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### 7. Strong Sporting Track Record – GOLD School Games Mark

We have achieved the Gold School Games Mark. Over the last few years we have performed extremely well in a number of sporting events and tournaments including community games, rounders, swimming, tennis, golf, basketball, tag-rugby and cross country with a number of children reaching county and national standards.

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### 8. Great Grounds and Facilities

The school has spacious grounds and a dedicated outdoor Early Years area. We have a large field, two playgrounds, an outside gym, adventure trail, play castle, large sandpits, climbing wall, pond, labyrinth and a "Forest" area. We have great accommodation too with a library, art room, kiln, music room and two halls as well as many shared practical areas. Our 8-classroom extension and hall enlargement opened in 2017.

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### 9. Many Clubs

The school hosts many clubs including Art, Band, Cheerleading, Chess, Choir, Coding, Construction, Creative Writing, Dance, Drawing, Eco, Football (*Girls and Boys*), French, Gardening, Gymnastics, Karate, Maths Games, Multi-skills, Music tuition, Netball, Outdoors Project, Orchestra, Performing Arts, Singing, Spanish, Samba Band and Tag Rugby. We also have the Octopus Breakfast Club and Starfish After School Club for childcare.

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### 10. Top award winning Eco-School

The school has gained the top Green Flag eco award for the second time in recognition of our on-going work, supported by our proactive Eco-Council, to tackle environmental issues such as tree planting, reducing water, reducing plastic usage and energy usage, recycling and more!

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## Top 10 quotes from St Nic's parents\*:

"We feel very lucky that (our son) goes to such a wonderful school, where he finds learning fun and enjoys a wide range of activities. Thanks so much!"

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"We are so pleased at how well he has settled into school and how much he has learnt over the past year. You are a wonderful school and your teachers are a credit to you." (YR)

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*"We could not have asked for a better introduction to school, thank you!"(YR)*

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*"If schools were at the 'Olympics', you would win gold every time LOL!"*

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"Great school, great staff!"

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"She has had a fantastic year in Reception with great teaching. It is a fantastic learning environment. Our daughter is so happy and loves going to school!" (YR)

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"The facilities and premises are second-to-none."

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"Both our children love school and are very enthusiastic about the projects and topics that the staff get them involved in. We are full of admiration and appreciation for the amazing commitment and time all the teaching staff put into running the school and supporting the children."

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"The school continues to be a wonderful place for learning and growing up in. It is creative, safe and happy."

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"We are thrilled with the progress our daughter has made during her time at St Nic's. Thanks to everyone who has been part of her journey." (Y6)

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*\*Quotes from parent survey*



Top 10 quotes from children at St Nic's\*:

“The best thing about school is everything -  
This is the best school ever!” (Year 5)

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“Great lessons, with great teachers.” (Year 4)

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“School is great, it makes us learn more things.” (Year 3)

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“The fact that teachers really try  
their best to help us.” (Year 6)

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“I enjoy the projects we do  
because they are fun.” (Year 5)

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“I am inspired in school by art in  
lessons and in clubs” (Year 6)

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“The excitement of our school trips and going to the  
amazing Dalesdown.” (Year 6)

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“Learning new things on the computer.” (Year 1)

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“I love coming to school and seeing my  
teachers.” (Reception)

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“I love learning!” (Year 2)

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