

Earlier today we had the chance for our KS2 children to mark St Nicholas day and our Year 1 children gave the school the first performance of the season. It really feels like Christmas has begun...

Have a wonderful weekend  
Mr Lincoln and the Senior Leadership Team

## 1. COMMUNICATION

- **Website:** please check the website for answers to queries before contacting the office. General information can be found under the Parents & Carers tab. Bulletins/letters are under Parents & Carers > News & Events.
- **Email:** [office@stnm.org.uk](mailto:office@stnm.org.uk) - please do not email staff directly (unless agreed previously).
- **Calendar:** Follow the link for instructions on how to [use](#) or [subscribe](#) to the calendar.
- **New website:** we are hoping to launch the new website in the next week or so, thank you for your patience!
- **Language of the Month:** French
- **Sign of the Week:** Advent Calendar
- **Facebook page:** [facebook.com/stnmschool](https://facebook.com/stnmschool)

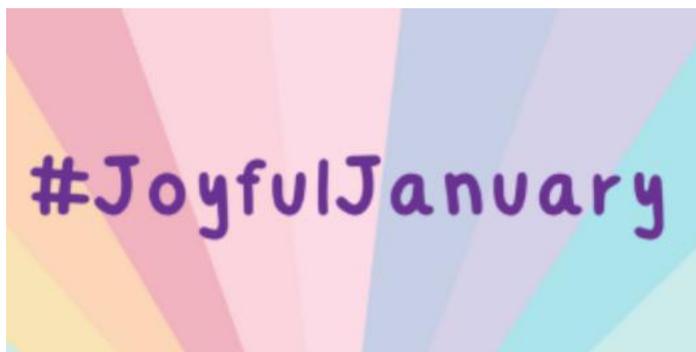
## 2. DATES AND EVENTS: click [here](#) for the dates list.

- **Friday 12 December:** PTA – “Be an Elf on the 12<sup>th</sup>” and Break the Rules Day
- **Tuesday 16 December:** YR 6 Living Wax Work Museum – Small Hall/Main hall
- **Tuesday 16 December:** LFN Cookies and Carols
- **Wednesday 17 December:** School Council visit Herons Dale
- **Thursday 18 December:** Reindeer Fun Day

## Christmas Performances



Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	4.30pm	Year 1
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Reception
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm	Year 1
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	5pm	Year 2
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm	Year 2 ( <i>Care Homes also invited</i> )
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm	Reception
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm	KS1 Carol Service at St Giles
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm	LFN Cookies and Carols
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm	KS2 Carol Service at St Mary's



More details to come in next week's bulletin...

### 3. ROAD SAFETY

**We must urge you all to please drive slowly when driving near the school and be aware of everyone around you. There have been several incidents in the last week or so involving members of our school community – one member of staff and her daughter were nearly knocked over by a vehicle driving too fast around a corner. Please be extra vigilant during adverse weather conditions and allow extra time to get to school.**



### 4. REQUESTS, REMINDERS AND GENERAL NOTES

- **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL:** If you are out and about in Shoreham over the weekend, please visit the annual Christmas Tree Festival in St Mary's church which is running until 5pm on Sunday. We have our own entry for the festival with decorations made by our own Nursery and Reception children.
- **REINDEER FUN DAY:** On Thursday 18th December, children are invited to wear a festive jumper for a £1 donation and take part in a sponsored Reindeer Dash to raise money for Chestnut Tree House. Please ensure sponsorship forms are handed to the class teacher before the event. We will also be holding a festive cake sale and would greatly appreciate any homemade or shop-bought cake donations. Thank you for your support!
- **MIDDAY MEALS SUPERVISOR:** we are currently looking for someone who would like to do 1.5hrs per day to help with our lunchtime supervision in the hall. This would be a temporary position. Please do email the office if this is something you would be interested in [office@stnm.org.uk](mailto:office@stnm.org.uk)
- **KEY STAGE ONE PLAYGROUND GAMES:** We are starting some organised games in the playground at playtime and lunchtime. Each week we will have two 'Games of the week'. We will add these to the bulletin in case you would like to play or explain these to your child at home. Next week's games will be: *Farmer, Farmer may we cross the golden river?* and *Queelio cockio*. Please see the end of this bulletin for how to play these games.
- **START OF THE SCHOOL DAY:** We have noticed an increasing number of pupils arriving late. Please be aware that the school gate opens at 08:45, and registration begins at 08:55. To ensure your child does not miss

out on vital learning, please make sure they arrive by 08:55. We appreciate your help in ensuring all pupils start the day on time and ready to learn.

- **POPPY APPEAL 2025:** We are delighted to share that our school community raised £114.27 for the 2025 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal! Your generosity will help support former servicemen and women, both in the UK and overseas. The Royal British Legion has kindly sent us the following letter of thanks:  
*“Thank you for joining with us in the 2025 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. All of the donations have now been counted and I am delighted to confirm that St Nicholas & St Mary CE Primary School have raised £114.27. This is a fantastic amount and all donations received are paid into the Royal British Legion Benevolent Fund and covers essential welfare and support for former servicemen and women 365 days a year, including those beneficiaries in need living overseas. Once again, thank you so much for your continued and valued support. The veterans are truly grateful.”*



## 5. FREE HARMONICA TASTER SESSIONS AT SCHOOL on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 1.15pm:



If you'd like to try the harmonica for free, professional player and tutor Richard Taylor will be leading taster sessions after lunch on Monday 15 December. Places are limited and allocated on a first come first served basis. To reserve your place visit [www.harpacademy.co.uk](http://www.harpacademy.co.uk) Click the Gold Harmonica and select FREE TASTER. Participants get to keep their taster harmonica! Richard's taster sessions are without obligation, but if you enjoy your trial and wish to continue music learning on the harmonica Richard will be running weekly music groups in January for which places are currently available. Harmonica courses run after lunch on Wednesdays for 10 weeks and cost £75.00.

This is an affordable, fun, creative, and confidence-building music activity for any child. Music sessions are aligned with the National Curriculum for Music, helping children to play familiar tunes, explore diverse musical styles, learn rhythm, melody, and build confidence and musical creativity with a view to performing at school and in public. Whether your child is a complete beginner or already loves music, the harmonica is an exciting, affordable, easy-to-play instrument that makes music learning accessible. Let's make Wednesdays the highlight of your child's week, with music, smiles, and a whole lot of harmonica fun!

Register for your free taster now at [www.harpacademy.co.uk](http://www.harpacademy.co.uk) by clicking the Gold Harmonica (smart phone users may need to scroll down), or call Richard Taylor on 07525 256954

6. **FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS, CHRISTMAS 2025:** West Sussex County Council is pleased to confirm that families with Free School Meal eligible children will once again be entitled to a voucher for each FSM child during the upcoming winter school holiday. FSM eligible families in West Sussex will be entitled to a total of £10.00 worth of vouchers per child, per week, a total of £20.00, to span the entirety of the winter school holiday period. All vouchers will be distributed on Friday 19th December.
7. **COMMUNITY HUB:** Those children and families that are not eligible for FSM will be able to access urgent support for food via the West Sussex County Council Community Hub. The Community Hub can be contacted on 0330 222 7980 and is open 09:00 – 17:00, seven days a week (except bank holidays, when they are open between 10:00 – 14:00). Further information can be found via the WSCC website. Should you require any further information or advice about the scheme, please contact [communities@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:communities@westsussex.gov.uk)
8. **Support the PTA:** Did you know you can support the PTA with a contribution of just £1 per month (or more if you wish). Every donation, no matter the size, helps our school continue to provide wonderful opportunities for our children. If each family gave just £1, imagine the amazing resources and experiences we could offer to enrich their education! If you'd like to set up a direct debit, the bank details are:

ST NICOLAS & ST MARY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL PTA ASSOCIATION COVENANT SCHEME  
Sort code: 60-19-17  
Account number: 05413249

Thank you so much for your kindness and support - it truly makes a difference!

9. **LITTLE FISHES NURSERY - 30 HOUR FREE CHILDCARE CODE REMINDER – RENEW BY 31ST DECEMBER:** Just a reminder to apply now to ensure you have renewed your 30 hours free childcare code by 31st December 2025 to ensure you continue to be eligible for 30 hours free childcare in the Spring term. Log in to your childcare account to check your details are up to date and reconfirm your eligibility by 31 December 2025 [gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account](https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account) Contact the HMRC helpline if you are experiencing issues applying or reconfirming on 0300 1234 097.



# STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026?



At St Nicolas and St Mary CE Primary School, we're passionate about providing an early years learning environment where every child feels valued and empowered to reach their full potential.



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**EXTENSIVE SCHOOL GROUNDS**



**DEDICATED AND PASSIONATE STAFF TEAM**



We'd love to meet you and your child at one of our upcoming tours or stay and play sessions. Please call or email the office to book:



- Mon 13 Oct/Weds 22 October - 9.15-10.15am
- Tues 11 Nov - 9.15-10.15am
- Weds 12 Nov - 6-7pm
- Thurs 13 Nov/Tues 18 Nov - 3.40-4.30pm - STAY and PLAY
- Fri 28 Nov - 9.15-10.15am
- Sat 29 Nov - 10-11.30am - STAY and PLAY
- Thurs 4 Dec - 1.30-2.30pm
- Weds 7 Jan - 9.15-10.15am

*'Thank you to everyone for settling my child into school so brilliantly. I love the wide range of areas my child learns about and how the learning follows the children's interests. The Reception team staff are so nurturing and caring' - Reception Parent.*



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Eastern Avenue, Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex, BN43 6PE





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## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB SPRING TERM 2026



**"MY SON HAD SO MUCH FUN. HE WANTS TO GO BACK FOR MORE TOMORROW!"**

**"MY DAUGHTER WAS FULL OF BEANS AND BURSTING WITH LOVELY STORIES WHEN I COLLECTED HER"**

**FUN, EXERCISE, FRESH AIR & DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES EVERY WEEK**

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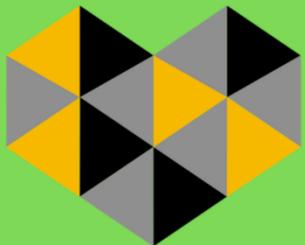
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**CUDDLY TOY CATAPULT ASSAULT**  
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**VIKING RUNESTONES & CODE BREAKING**  
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**BUSHCRAFT: HEAD SHELTER MAKING**  
**FAIRY DOORS & TREE SPIRITS**  
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**WATCHING CHILDREN'S CONFIDENCE GROW & NEW FRIENDSHIPS FORM AT OUR CLUBS IS ONE OF THE MOST REWARDING THINGS WE DO.**

**ST NICOLAS AND ST MARY  
 CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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**YEAR GROUPS 1 - 6**  
**7TH JANUARY - 25TH MARCH 2026**  
**PRICE: £88 (11 WEEK TERM)**



**MORE INFO & BOOK: [WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK](http://www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk)**  
 HOLIDAY CLUBS - BIRTHDAY PARTIES - SCHOOL WORKSHOPS - AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - SAILINGS PARENT & TODDLER GROUP  
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AS 'THE CAT'



19TH-31ST  
DEC 2025

# DICK WHITTINGTON



ROPETACKLE ARTS CENTRE



# TRAINING

## AUTUMN TERM 2025




### WORKSHOPS

Making Sense of Masking	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30am - 12.30pm
Wellbeing - Communication skills for parents and carers	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30 am - 12 pm
Understanding Autism in Girls	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Making Sense of Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30am - 12.30pm
Making Sense of Anxiety in Children (Primary age)	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Making Sense of Adult Life - Supporting Adolescents	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Understanding Sensory Processing Differences	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am - 12.30pm

All of the above training will be delivered on Zoom

For further information visit our website or email: [outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk](mailto:outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk)



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All our workshops are free of charge. For more information or to book a place, please visit our Eventbrite page or scan the QR code.

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# Umbrellas

## Parent Support Group Autumn Term 2025

Would you like to connect with other local parent carers?

If you are a parent or carer of a child or young person with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex, please join us at one of our local support groups or from the comfort of your own home.



EMPOWER INFORM SUPPORT

### Shoreham Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am  
Adur East Family Hub (Shoreham)  
9th Sep / 7th Oct / 4th Nov / 2nd Dec

### Littlehampton Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am  
Creative Heart Community Hub (upstairs)  
10th Sep / 8th Oct / 5th Nov / 3rd Dec

### Worthing Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am  
Durrington Community Centre  
16th Sep / 14th Oct / 11th Nov / 9th Dec

### Horsham Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am  
Horsham Family Hub  
17th Sep / 15th Oct / 19th Nov / 17th Dec

### Chichester Umbrellas

Thursdays, 10 am - 11.30 am  
Donnington Parish Hall  
25th Sep / 23rd Oct / 20th Nov / 11th Dec

### Burgess Hill Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am  
The Cherry Tree Centre  
23rd Sep / 21st Oct / 25th Nov / 16th Dec

If you would like more information about our Umbrellas Support Group or would like the link to join Umbrellas online, please contact the outreach team.

Email: [outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk](mailto:outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk)



**Reaching Families**

[www.reachingfamilies.org.uk](https://www.reachingfamilies.org.uk)

### Umbrellas Online

Thursdays via Zoom

11th Sep	7.30 pm - 9 pm
9th Oct	7.30 pm - 9 pm
6th Nov	7.30 pm - 9 pm
4th Dec	7.30 pm - 9 pm

# Reaching Families

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person who has, or may have, special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex?



EMPOWER INFORM SUPPORT

Reaching Families is a parent-carer led charity which aims to empower parent-carers and families of children & young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex through the delivery of information, training and peer support.

### Making Sense of it All

In-depth parent-carer guide covering SEND issues from birth to adulthood

### Umbrellas

Parent support groups based at locations across West Sussex and online, via Zoom

### Training

Workshops and courses on a variety of issues delivered online, via Zoom

### Face-2-Face

Peer based befriending for parents of children undergoing diagnosis

### Animations

Short animated films on a variety of subjects

### Fact sheets

Covering a range of SEND issues localised to the needs of West Sussex families

### Benefits Advice Service

1-2-1 advice & claim checking support for families applying for DLA, PIP & Carers Allowance

### NDP Navigation Service

Support service for parent-carers of children undergoing assessment on the West Sussex Neurodevelopmental Pathway (via referral from a professional)

### Facebook Group

An online parent support group providing news, information and peer support

If you would like more information about how Reaching Families can help, please contact:

Email: [admin@reachingfamilies.org.uk](mailto:admin@reachingfamilies.org.uk)  
Telephone: 01903 366 360

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**Reaching Families**

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# St Mary de Haura Children & Families

## Christmas Dates

EVERYONE WELCOME

7th Dec  
4pm Christmas  
Pop up Nativity!

Refreshments available

14th Dec  
10am Sunday School  
"Shine"

21st Dec  
4pm Christingle Service

24th Dec  
11am Family Crib Service

25th Dec  
10am Christmas Day Service

CHRISTMAS at  
St Mary  
de Haura

# Christmas Tree Festival

*Start Christmas in Shoreham*

Live Music,  
Refreshments,  
Raffle,  
Vote for your favourite tree

5th-7th December 2025

Friday 12pm-5pm  
Saturday 10am-5pm  
Sunday 12pm-5pm

*All proceeds to the Friends of St Mary's*

★ St Mary de Haura, Church Street Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 5DQ



# BE AN ELF ON THE 12TH

**THURSDAY 12 DEC**

## CHOOSE UP TO 6 RULES TO BREAK



1. Wear odd socks
2. Wear a funny hat/Hair Piece
3. Wear non uniform on your top half
4. Wear non uniform on your bottom half
5. Wear your own Shoes
6. Have squash in your water bottle
7. Bring a small bar of chocolate or crisps for a snack
8. Wear nail varnish
9. Have a temporary Tattoo



**50p PER RULE  
BROKEN OR  
£2.50 TO BREAK  
6 RULES**



# WELCOME

ST NICOLAS AND ST MARY SCHOOL PTA



## WHO ARE WE?

We are a Registered Charity (Number 291223) made up of parents and staff who hold events throughout the year to raise much needed money for our School!

Contact Chairs Gigi and Claire on [Stnicsptachair@gmail.com](mailto:Stnicsptachair@gmail.com)

## WHAT DO WE DO?

We hold various events with **ALL** our profits going back to the School

## HOW DO WE COMMUNICATE?



St Nicolas and St Mary School PTA

Join Classlist using QR Code



## WHERE DOES THE MONEY WE RAISE GO?

IT Equipment  
Playground Equipment  
Climbing Wall  
PE Equipment  
Books  
Classroom Essentials  
Learning Resources  
Playground Markings



...and so much more!!

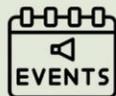
## WHAT ARE WE CURRENTLY FUNDRAISING FOR?

60 Tablets  
Outdoor Classroom  
Ducklings  
Computers



## WHAT EVENTS DO WE HOLD?

**Discos**                      **Breakfast with Santa**  
**Golden Ticket Chocolate Bar Sale**  
**Easter Egg Hunt**                      **Summer Fayre**  
**Pre loved Uniform Sales**  
**Break the Rules Days**  
**Ice Cream Sales**  
**Mothers/Fathers Day Crafts**



## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Come along to our termly meetings

Come to our events

Volunteer to help run our events

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St Nicolas & St Marys C.E. Primary

Thursdays 3.40pm



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## Holiday Activities and Food Programme



**WTM**

worthing theatres  
and museum

Ages  
8-11

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January

We're delighted to be delivering free  
workshops and activities in Worthing this  
festive season as part of West Sussex  
County Council's Holiday Activities and  
Food (HAF) scheme.

**CIRCUS WORKSHOP AND PANTO**

TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025, 12:00-16:30

**CRAFT WORKSHOP AND CINEMA**

FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2026, 10:00-14:00

**CRAFT WORKSHOP AND CINEMA**

SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2026, 10:00-14:00

**CIRCUS WORKSHOP AND PANTO**

SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026, 10:00-14:30









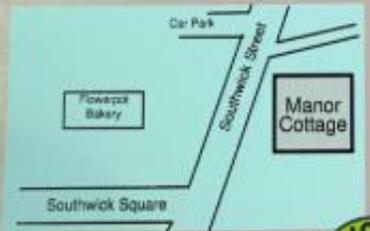




Come and meet  
**Father Christmas**  
 in his grotto at  
**Manor Cottage**

16/18 Southwick Street, Southwick (see map below)

- \* Saturday 6th December 11 am to 3 pm
- \* Saturday 13th December 11 am to 3 pm
- \* Sunday 14th December 11 am to 3 pm
- \* Saturday 20th December 11 am to 3 pm
- \* Sunday 21st December 11 am to 3 pm



Only £6.00 per child  
 to include a gift  
 No need to book



## Hands On Art Workshops

**Christmas Holiday  
 Art Workshops**

Make, draw, build, sculpt, design!  
 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2025  
 Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2025  
 @The Circular Space, Ham Rd.,  
 Shoreham



Small groups  
 Ages 6-14  
 Drop off 9am-3pm  
 £35 per day



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## 1. Farmer, Farmer May We Cross Your Golden River?



15 minutes  
Age Range: 6-10  
Ideal Number of Players: 6+  
Equipment Needed: None

### How to Play

One player is named the farmer and stands in the middle of a designated area of the playground.

The other players stand behind a line, in a row about ten metres away from the farmer.

A designated 'home' area is agreed, usually the opposite end of the play area.

The players call out, 'Farmer, Farmer may we cross your golden river?'

The farmer replies, 'Not unless you have the colour... on.'

Those players lucky enough to have that colour on may cross the playground safely to the designated home area.

The farmer then counts to five and on five the other players must walk or run 'home' whilst the farmer tries to catch them. Anyone who is caught helps the farmer to choose what colour the players should be wearing next to be able to cross the river.

The game continues with a different colour each time until the last player is caught and she becomes the farmer.

### Variations

Once a player is caught they stand in the middle, join hands with the farmer and help him to catch players.

### Comments

Make sure all players keep inside the marked area.



## 9. Queelio Cockio



15 minutes  
Age Range: 6-11  
Ideal Number of Players: 4+  
Equipment Needed: Ball or bean bag

### How to Play

A person is chosen to be 'Queelio'.

Queelio stands with a ball/bean bag in his hand and his back to the other players who stand about 6-10 metres away.

Queelio then throws a ball over his shoulder and the aim is that one of the other players catches it or picks it up.

Whoever catches the ball hides it behind their back.

All players, except Queelio, put their hands behind their backs so that Queelio doesn't know who has the ball.

When Queelio turns, the players chant, 'Queelio Cockio, who's got the ballio?'

Queelio has to guess who has the ball. If the guess is correct, he remains Queelio; if he is wrong, the player who has been successful in concealing the ball takes his place.

### Variations

When Queelio turns round to guess who has the ball, it is best if he doesn't make up his mind immediately as to who has the ball. Instead he should ask one player and then another to stretch out a hand, turn around, do a star jump and so on. This is considered to be part of the play. The player needs to show the empty hand if they don't have the ball. The players often pretend they have the ball even if they haven't! Queelio can then guess who he thinks has the ball.

### Comments

The player must admit to having the ball or will automatically be 'out'. The player who is Queelio must not look when throwing the ball or Queelio himself will be 'out'. This is known as a traditional Scottish ball game.



