



I. COMMUNICATION

- **Website:** please check the website for answers to any queries before contacting the office.
- **Emails:** use office@stnm.org.uk to contact the school with queries – please include your child's class.
- **School Office:** parents/carers should **not** enter the foyer unless they have a pre-arranged appointment. Please refer to the school website for information or email / phone if you have any queries 01273 454470.
- **Calendar:** term dates, upcoming events etc. This can be filtered by year group to help you find dates relevant to you. Follow the link for instructions on how to [use](#) or [subscribe](#) to the calendar.
- **Letters/Emails sent home this week:** click on the link for past letters:
<http://www.stnicolasmary.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Letters+Sent+Home&pid=56>

2. HEALTH & SAFETY – Covid-19 Update

We are delighted to have had very few cases of Covid-19 within our school community. The Government has set out a procedure for schools to follow to ensure we can all continue to keep our community safe. If you or members of your household have symptoms of coronavirus the whole household must immediately go into self-isolation. Please arrange a test(s) for anyone with the symptoms urgently. If your child receives a positive test result you may need to contact the school, please check the details carefully below. If you have been volunteering in school or if you consider that pupils or school staff have been in close contact with you and you receive a positive test result please follow the same procedure.

Date my child developed symptoms	Date my child received a positive test result	Should I inform St Nic's & St Mary's School?	Information St Nic's and St Mary's will require
Friday 18 th December to Sunday 20 th December	Saturday 19 th December to Thursday 24 th December	YES , because two days before symptoms started your child was in school and you have received the test result within 6 days after the end of term. Please email positivetest@stnm.org.uk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The last day your child was in school. • The date symptoms started. • Date of Covid test. • Date you received Covid test result.
Friday 18 th December to Sunday 20 th December	Friday 25 th December onwards	NO , because the confirmed case is reported to the school more than 6 days after the end of term (when children were last in school).	None
Monday 21 st December and later		NO , because two days before symptoms developed was not in term time.	None

3. **WORSHIP & ETHOS:** Fruits of the Spirit - there are two assemblies to bring all the Fruits of the Spirit assemblies together, last week's was #10 Fruit Salad and the second one is #11 Smoothie https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVs_954b4yEOTi5sAhKhGKw
4. **A BIG THANK YOU TO THE PTA!** Many thanks to our wonderful PTA for funding the virtual Panto experience and Winter Wonderland snow machines. It has helped us to bring some Christmas magic into school during this rather different festive period and as always we are so grateful for their support.
5. ***** Fundraising updates from the PTA *****
Thank you so much to everyone who's supported our fundraising efforts! Tea towel sales have raised a profit of £817! The CHRISTMAS RAFFLE has been record breaking, with over 2,300 tickets sold 😞. The raffle has raised a profit of £2,101. This is absolutely incredible & so much more than we have EVER raised for one of our raffles! Thank you 🙏
6. **OCTOPUS BREAKFAST & STARFISH AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:** sessions for the first half of the spring term are now available to book. You will now be able to do ad-hoc bookings and do not need to book the whole term in advance; however bookings are subject to availability on a first come first served basis. We will still require 4 weeks notice of any cancellations.

PAYING BY CHILDCARE VOUCHERS: If you usually pay by childcare vouchers, please book your sessions and we will send you an invoice in January. Once you have received the invoice, please arrange for payment, take a screenshot of the confirmed payment and send to office@stnm.org.uk Thank you.
7. **TEMPORARY POP UP CYCLE LANE REMOVAL – CHANGE OF REMOVAL DATES:** due to operational issues the removal of the pop up cycle scheme has been postponed until the new year.
8. **EMMANUEL CHURCH** presents an extraordinary musical extravaganza, 'Light In The Dark Place'. A creative film featuring breathtaking performances of traditional and modern Christmas music, telling the story of light shining into the darkness, premiering on YouTube, Sunday 13th December at 8pm. Here's a sneak peek.... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kkaVZJtkqx8>
9. **PRINTING PLEA!** We would like to get some curriculum posters printed and have received some rather high quotes which unfortunately our school budget won't stretch to! So, we were wondering if there was anybody out there who has any printing contacts who might be able to get us a good deal! Please email the office if you can help office@stnm.org.uk
10. **SCHOOL GAMES AWARD:** We are very proud and honoured to have been awarded the School Games Award – *'to recognise all your efforts over the course of the 2 terms from the last academic year. As a school you have provided extensive opportunities for your pupils to both engage and compete in sport, and this award is a true reflection of all the effort and hard work that you have demonstrated to enable sport to be an integral part of the school.'*
11. **MARATHON RUNNERS:** We are delighted to announce that we now have 31 Marathon runners of which 5 have run the equivalent of 2 marathons! Children in KS2 have the opportunity to run at lunchtimes and in some PE lessons to build up laps towards their marathon run of 42.4K. This is a great way for them to keep active. We have 70 children who have completed their half marathon and in total 124 who have ran over 10k. Thanks to our PTA, all have received recognition for their efforts including a special medal for completing a marathon. We look forward to many more marathons in the spring term.

REQUESTS & REMINDERS

- 12. LITTLE FISHES NURSERY EXTENDED FUNDING:** Please can we remind you that in order for your child to access Extended FE in the Spring term 2021 their 30 hour code must be issued or renewed by HMRC by 31st December 2020. To renew, log in to your childcare account to check your details are up to date, and reconfirm your eligibility to ensure you continue to be eligible for Extended FE: www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account For any queries please email free.entitlement@westsussex.gov.uk or phone the HMRC helpline if you are experiencing issues applying or reconfirming on 0300 1234 097
- 13. ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021:** the deadline for applications for children who will be starting primary school in September 2021 is 15th January 2021. Parents/Carers must apply online at www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions. If you are applying for a place at St Nicolas & St Mary school you must also complete the Supplementary Information form and Church Form (if relevant) which can be found on our website: [Admissions Information for September 2021](#)



Beach Hut Christingle

Enjoy a Christmas beach hut
decorated by children

Collect a Christingle

Saturday December 19th,
4pm to 5pm, Hut 34, Beach
Green, Shoreham Beach





AFTER SCHOOL CLUB SPRING TERM BOOK NOW

FREE
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB SESSION
If we still have a space you can
join us for a trial session!
Email: info@theoutdoorsproject.co.uk



"MY DAUGHTER
ASKED IF SHE CAN
ATTEND THE CLUB
UNTIL SHE
LEAVES SCHOOL"



"I'VE SEEN
MY SON'S
CONFIDENCE
GROW DURING
HIS TIME SPENT
AT THE CLUB."

Fun, exercise, fresh air and different activities every week

Learn new skills and have fun playing outdoors with our experienced and fun adventure instructors.

NEW ACTIVITIES FOR SPRING TERM INCLUDE:

- * BUSHCRAFT * DESERT EXPLORER * WATER FILTRATION *
- * NEW GAMES "HOUNDS OF BASKERVILLE" & "AFTER EIGHT GAME" *
- * CAMPFIRE COOK OUT - SMOREO'S & GINGERBREAD DIPPING SAUCE *
- * FAIRY PILLOWS FIRE LIGHTING *
- * HAPA ZOME – JAPANESE NATURE ART *
- * NERF * SOAP CARVING *



ALL FEATURING THE KEY INGREDIENT FUN!



ST NICOLAS AND ST MARY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS ARE NOW RUNNING IN SEPARATE YEAR GROUP BUBBLES.
PLEASE ENSURE YOU BOOK ON THE CORRECT YEAR GROUP/DAY.

YEARS 1 & 2	TUESDAYS	3.20PM-4.20PM
YEARS 5 & 6	WEDNESDAYS	3.20PM-4.20PM
YEARS 3 & 4	THURSDAYS	3.20PM-4.20PM



"The staff are all enthusiastic & energetic, I don't know how they do it!"

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Excellent, Friendly, Fun, Professional activities for Kids

CLUB STARTS W/C 11TH JANUARY, CLUB ENDS W/C 22ND MARCH
TOTAL TERM COST £70.00 (10 WEEKS)

OFSTED REGISTERED // CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

Inspiring Adventure Clubs For Kids

Our mission is to encourage kids to spend time outdoors and gain all the benefits from doing so. Our priority each week is that everyone has fun and is excited to join us for our outdoors adventures. Every week is a different activity and alongside playing games and learning new skills within the club we work on promoting team work, confidence building, leadership and resilience. We encourage children to develop a sense of achievement, an awareness of the environment around them and all the great outdoors has to offer.

MORE INFO & BOOK: WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK

HOLIDAY CLUBS - BIRTHDAY PARTIES - SCHOOL WORKSHOPS - AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Do you need Childcare on a Saturday?
Want the Kids to have some Fun outside whatever the weather?

The Outdoors Project Saturday Club

Location: St Nicolas and St Mary's Primary School, Eastern Ave, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 6PE
Drop off: 10am Pick up: 3pm Price: £30 Age: 5 (Year 1) - 12 (we suggest 6+ For the Nerf day)

Different activities every week - coming up:



9th January

Pokemon Wild Adventures

A day of craft & tech meets nature and team games. Creating our own Pokémon, Building Pokémon Balls and making Pokémon Cards to take home. Plus, the mega Pokémon Stack Attack game - Which Pokémon Trainer are you? "Gotta catch them all!"

16th January

NERF Winter Wasteland

All things Nerf. Join us For an energetic day of Nerf dart dodging, playing tactical and team Nerf games in our winter wasteland - a barren landscape filled with zombies and amusing NERF hazards to navigate - be at the ready! (Due to more competitive nature of this day, age 6+ is recommended)



23rd January

Back 2 Basics Bushcraft

We love our bushcraft days. Expect fire lighting, shelter building, marshmallow toasting and of course plenty of woodland games.



30th January

Minecraft vs Wildcraft

One of our favourites! Form your clan, earn your reward-pixels and expand your settlement. A day of imagination and creativity. Watch out For The Creeper!



6th February

We're going on a Yeti Hunt!

He's back! Our researchers in the field are confident yeti sightings in Shoreham will peak in early February. The Kids will need to entice the yeti out with some delicious nature plates, take plaster moulds of his footprints and build a trap to catch him so he can be safely relocated.



GOT A BIRTHDAY TO CELEBRATE??

Whilst we are not returning to running individual birthday parties yet, if you'd like to book a Saturday club as a birthday celebration we are very happy to offer a discounted rate for group of 5 or more children, we'll make sure to find a moment during the day to celebrate and present the birthday child with a T-shirt & Badge. Please email to find out about group booking availability.

More info & book: www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk/westsussex





SewCrafty

SewCrafty sewing & craft club
for children in Y3-6



SewCrafty is online!

When: Wednesdays, 4:15-5:15pm

Cost: £7 weekly, half-termly blocks

Who: For children in Y3-Y6

Contact: Yo Clay at yosewcrafty@gmail.com m. 07825 381160



Weekly sessions after school

Small friendly classes (places limited)

Resources delivered to your door

Learn how to sew, create unique projects and have lots of fun!

Hand-sewing (machine sewing can be incorporated if you have a machine and know how to use it!)



After school club, holiday workshops, parties, 1:1 lessons

Check out @yosewcrafty





**CHRISTMAS IS NOT CANCELLED
BECAUSE CARING IS NEVER CANCELLED**

**HOMELESS CHARITY URGENTLY
NEEDS YOUR HELP.**

**COVID IS TAKING JOBS AND LIVELIHOODS
FROM LOCAL PEOPLE**

INCREASINGLY PEOPLE ARE LOSING THEIR HOMES.

**A DONATION TO OUR CHRISTMAS APPEAL
ENSURES NO ONE IS ALONE.**

**YOUR DONATION ENABLES US TO PROVIDE
FOOD, FRIENDSHIP, SHELTER AND SUPPORT**

- IT COULD HELP TO REBUILD A LIFE.

**IF THIS CHRISTMAS IS GOING TO BE DIFFERENT
- LET'S MAKE IT THE RIGHT KIND OF DIFFERENT.**

TO DONATE 01903 680740

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Was your child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017?

If so they are eligible to start
school in September 2021.

Apply online!

It's simple, convenient
and timesaving. If your
application is received after
the deadline of Friday 15
January 2021 your chance
of securing a place at one of
your preference schools could
be seriously affected.

You can apply online from Monday
5 October 2020. If you would like
further advice or information contact:

03330 142 903

Free internet access to apply
online is available at all:

- West Sussex libraries
- Children and Family Centres



www.westsussex.gov.uk

Apply online at:
www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions
Deadline: Friday 15 January 2021



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