

North Nibley C of E Primary School

16th October 2026: Positivity



Headteacher's message



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to Art and DT Week next week, when the children will have opportunities to explore, design and create. We are excited to see their ideas take shape and to share what they produce with you.

There is also exciting news for our Young Voices singers: our tickets for January have now been confirmed! Having been placed on the waiting list, we are delighted that the children will have the opportunity to take part. They have already been learning the songs at club, and we will share further details with families soon.

Our school environment continues to develop, too. The library is due to be completed over half term, and we are looking forward to seeing the finished space. I appreciate that books are currently spread across the floor—thank you for your patience while everything finds its new home!

Our vision, “Be Bold, Be Strong. Do everything in love,” sits at the heart of our ambition for children as readers. We want them to be bold in exploring unfamiliar books and ideas, strong in persevering as their confidence grows, and loving in the way they understand other people’s lives and experiences through stories. Our refreshed library will help nurture that enjoyment of reading, giving children a welcoming space to discover books that spark their curiosity and imagination.

In the KS1 area, more and more resources are making their way outside to support the children’s play and learning. A big thank you also to the families who have donated dressing-up clothes and accessories for our playground stage. These are helping the children create characters, tell stories and put on their own shows. We remain hugely grateful to GG for the time, care and practical skill he has given to creating the stage and improving our play spaces.

Alongside this, a gentle reminder that toys should stay at home unless agreed with your child’s class teacher in advance. If we need additional toys or resources in school, we can source them so that everyone has the opportunity to use them. We recognise that some children need a familiar or comforting item, and these arrangements can be agreed individually with the class teacher. Children understandably want to bring something in when they see others doing so, and we want to keep things as fair as possible while responding to individual needs.

This Sunday sees the first cross-country fixture of the season at KLB. We are pleased that it is now going ahead! Mr A will be there, and Tom Malins will lead the children’s warm-up. Come along, support our runners and help us get the season off to a great start.

Finally, please help us spread the word about our Open Day on Wednesday 4 November, from 9:15–11:15am, with a Headteacher’s talk at 10am. If you have friends or family looking for a Reception place for September 2027, please encourage them to visit. We would love to show them what makes North Nibley special and what “Small School, Big Ambition” looks like in practice.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Steven Hodgkinson

Headteacher

Aardvark Class



Aardvark class have had an amazing two weeks. We have been busy thinking about all things Autumn and had an autumn harvest investigation, looking at pumpkins, butternut squashes and even apples and pears. We thought about their colour, smell and texture and then used tweezers to scoop and compare the sizes of the seeds. In addition to this, we also made our own vegetable soup. We thought about how to be safe when cutting and chopping and we all safely cut tomatoes, carrots and some sweet potato too. Lots of children liked the soup and even had seconds!

Work of the Week and Values Certificates

Work of the week: Louis J - for his fantastic phonics knowledge!

Compassion: Arthur - for being a kind and caring peer and always willing to share!



1 - Our autumnal vegetable investigation.



2 - We made Autumn soup where we practiced cutting and peeling vegetables.

Bumblebee Class



There's been a real buzz in class as Bumblebees started their new writing journey. They are enjoying finding the fascinating facts about bees, observational art and posing their own questions. They look forward to sharing their fact files with everyone by the end of next week.

The class have faced lots of challenges in their maths and are showing real perseverance when tackling these, using the manipulatives to support their thinking and developing their mathematical explanations.

Work of the Week and Values Certificates

Work of the week:- Wren for her great attitude in maths

Hugo for positivity across the curriculum and especially our bee work!

Chipmunk Class



In RE we have been looking at the Greatest Commandment and how charities try to carry this out. We had a look at some photos and looked at how the charities could show love to God and others.

Edie, Jessica and Holly

In English, we are writing our reports about our mythical Egyptian creatures. We look forward to sharing these with you in the next newsletter. In science, we carried out an experiment, testing which materials block magnetic force. The photos show us making mazes out of plastic bottles!

Bea, Jules and Pip



3 - Making a plastic bottle maze to demonstrate how magnetic force can act through materials.



4 - Exploring different materials to investigate if magnetic force can be blocked.

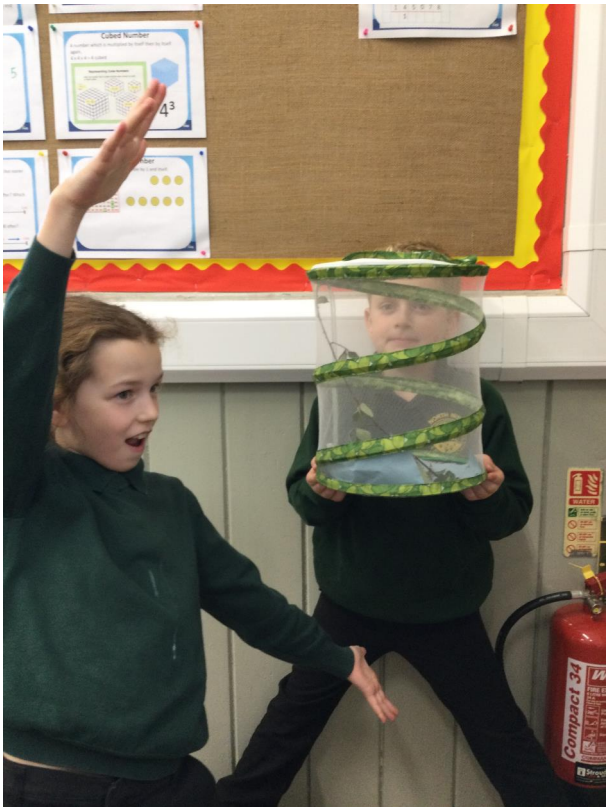
Work of the Week and Values Certificates

Work of the Week: Dylan and Tilda for working so well together in RE

Compassion: James for being so kind to his friends

Dolphin Class





5 - Stick insects hatching



6 - Butterflies emerging from their chrysalis



7 - Researching the life cycle of a butterfly



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Our weeks in Dolphin have been full of learning and children have once again astounded me with their effort and attitude. In writing, we have finished our shared version of the Perseus and Medusa story and started planning our own version with a creature we have created. Science has been a real highlight over the past 2 weeks. We have watched stick insects hatch, caterpillars turn into chrysalis and then emerge as butterflies before we released them and hatched brine shrimp eggs in class as we explore life cycles and reproduction in the animal kingdom. Alongside this, we have created brilliant non-chronological reports in history explaining how belief in the myths and stories of their gods and goddesses impacted everyday Ancient Greek life. Well done all!

Work of the Week and Values Certificates

Work of the week: Tilly for her brilliant research on the lifecycle of a butterfly.

Value of the week: Poppy for her curiosity about the world and linking information we are learning with her prior knowledge.

Numbots Champion



Most Improved Player - Mollie

Times table Rockstar Champion



Sam S

Running Club



Key Dates for the School Year

Please find below our key dates for the year. We hope this makes it easier for families to plan ahead. Please note that some dates may be subject to change, and we will keep you updated through the usual school communications.

OCTOBER 2026

18th October – Cross Country now going ahead at KLB! Mr A will meet you there.

NOVEMBER 2026

3rd November – Individual School Photos

4th November – School Open Day for prospective Reception 2027 families

6th November – Remembrance Service at St Martin's Church, 2:30pm

15th November – Cross Country

19th November – Parents' Evening

20th November – Parents' Evening

DECEMBER 2026

6th December – Cross Country

15th December – Nativity – Afternoon Performance for parents

16th December – Nativity – Evening Performance, 6:00pm

18th December – Christmas Carol Service at St Martin's Church, 2:30–3:15pm

JANUARY 2027

8th January – Epiphany Service at St Martin's Church, 2:30pm

17th January – Cross Country

FEBRUARY 2027

7th February – Cross Country backup date

MARCH 2027

4th March – World Book Day

19th March – Easter Service at St Martin's Church, 2:30pm

22nd March – Parents' Evening

23rd March – Parents' Evening

APRIL

15th April - Swimming starts for Bumblebee class (until 20th May)

MAY 2027

20th May – Swimming ends for Bumblebee

6th May – 8th July – Chipmunk Swimming

10th – 14th May – Year 6 SATs Week

14th May – Year 6 SATs Treat Afternoon

27th May – Sports Day

We are holding Sports Day earlier in the year this year.

JUNE 2027

7th June – Year 4 Multiplication Check

10th June – Sports Day backup date

JULY 2027

7th July – Leavers' Morning

13th July – Summer Production – Evening Performance **/ 14th July** – Summer Production – Evening Performance

20th July – Leavers' Service – Morning

FONNs and local community

FONNs

FUNdraising for North Nibley CofE Primary School

FONNs Fireworks! All are welcome on Friday 23rd October.

EARLY BIRD TICKETS

Early bird tickets are £5 per person or £15 for a family of 4. In order to get your tickets please pay bacs to the FONNs account.

Sort code 55-61-38

Account number 25314122

Please put your child's name as the reference.

Gates open at 5pm and the fireworks display starts at 6.30pm. Food and drink will be available from 5pm. There will be a professional fireworks display by Coates Fireworks Company. Wrap up warm, bring a torch and some cash.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Nibley Nook

What a busy time we have had at Nibley Nook, making pizzas for tea, playing, den building, construction building and so much more.

Gentle reminder, if you wish to book in next Tuesday afternoon for our end of term party at The Nook, can you please do so before the weekend so I have enough time to order extra food (Thank you).

Also don't forget our Friday Film Club, it's lovely to see so many children enjoying it.

Lin and Tina x

Nibley Nook Film Nights

There are lots of film nights planned at **Nibley Nook** this term! Here's what the children can look forward to:

16th October – *Ratatouille*

23rd October – *The Lion King*

6th November – *Jungle Book*

13th November – *Peter Pan*

20th November – *The Incredibles*

27th November – *Finding Nemo*

4th December – *The Polar Express*

11th December – *Arthur Christmas*






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