

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Applications for entry to Reception or Year 3 in September 2021 need to be submitted to your Local Authority no later than 15th January 2021.

For the full admissions criteria please see the Admissions Policy which can be found on our website at www.stnicolastaplow.com/admissions-2021-22/

Applications can be submitted from November 2nd 2020 from 11am onwards. The deadline for submissions is 15th January 2021. National Offer day is 16th April 2021 when parents will receive their Primary School allocated space.



**Living and Learning Together
with God**

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Our School Vision

Jesus said 'I am the vine and you are the branches'.

Our school is rooted in the Christian Faith. Nourished by God, we want to grow together drawing on His strength to live out our Christian values so that we can reach out to others in our community.

We are all unique and together with God we want to be the best that we can be. As we learn together in a supportive and nurturing school, we will thrive and be ready to face the challenges of life.

Our Christian Values

**Love/friendship - Respect - Honesty
Courage - Thankfulness - Peace**

*Listen to the adults and each other
Be proud of our school and take care of it
Walk quietly and sensibly around our school
Wear our school uniform with pride*



**Welcome to
St Nicolas' CE Combined School**



**An Oxford Diocese and Buckinghamshire
Academy**

About our School

We are pleased that you are considering our school for the education of your child. At St. Nicolas' we are committed to meeting your child's needs, interests and abilities. Each member of staff is working hard to make sure your child's time with us will be happy and successful. We aim for children to leave St Nicolas' as confident, self assured and well rounded individuals.

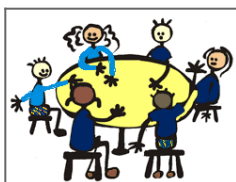
St Nicolas' is a one-form entry school with approximately 218 children aged 4-11 years.

Academy Status

We achieved Academy status in May 2012. As an Academy we benefit from our own creative curriculum, ensuring that we do not lose the subjects which teachers know enthuse and inspire the children to learn.

A child's perspective (from a Year 5 pupil)

"We get to do really fun lessons and games in class. Another great thing about St Nicolas' is you get very good teachers who get you to try your best. The school also gives out Headteacher Awards during Friday's assembly. The children are well educated and make a lot of life long friends. Sometimes we work with the younger children".



Pupils have a number of forums which influence activities in the school. Eco Councilors work together to help reduce the environmental impact of the school. School Council representatives meet regularly to decide on future projects within the school. We also have 'School Ambassadors' who welcome all of our visitors and inform them about the teaching and learning in their class and school.

They enjoy a variety of trips, all appropriate to age group and linking with topics being studied in class. Children particularly look forward to residential trips. In Year 4 the children visit Shortenills for three days

and in Year 6 they enjoy a fantastic activity-packed week at River Dart.

Home Learning at St. Nicolas'

We believe home learning should not be a battle between parents and children. It only has value if it complements and supports what is being learnt in lessons. Home learning includes: spelling, reading, maths and topic work



Parental Involvement

We welcome volunteer helpers to come and read with children or help out in classes; we usually avoid helpers working with their own child's class.

Parents are invited to class assemblies where the class will present a topic they have been learning about. The school communicates with parents via the school website, weekly newsletters and termly 'Curriculum News' which gives information specific to each class.

To see the format of these communications, please see our website : www.stnicolastaplow.com

Extra Curricular Activities

We have a vast number of additional clubs and classes on offer, ranging from sewing, knitting, lego, choir and a variety of sports clubs through the year. More information can be found on our website. Our clubs are for extra curricular purposes. We also offer The Busy Bunch, our own before and after school childcare.



Music plays a key role at St. Nicolas', with a singing assembly every week and the opportunity to learn a wide variety of instruments including guitar, violin, woodwind, brass, piano and recorder. The musicians often join together as a school orchestra. We offer introductory classes for the recorder in Year 2, African drumming in Year 4 and trumpet in Year 5.



Community-Church

We are a Church of England School and have collective worship every morning. Children are encouraged to reflect and, if they choose, pray in assembly each morning. We have close links with St. Nicolas Church and we visit for services such as Easter, Harvest and Christmas as well as using it for school productions.

PTA

As well as our parent volunteers, we have an active Parent Teacher Association (PTA) who work really hard to create fun and profitable events to support the school. Over the last few years some of the items the PTA have funded include a fantastic play trail on the school field, equipment for gardening club, lockers, playground painting and a Living Eggs scheme where the young children watched incubated eggs hatch into chicks. The PTA's involvement really enriches the children's experience at our school.

Keeping Safe and healthy.

We do everything we can to educate our children about keeping themselves safe. The local PCSO visits regularly to talk to the children about online safety along with our own E-Safety lessons. Our JRSO's (Junior Road Safety Officers) promote walking to school and we organize Bikeability lessons for the Junior children so that they can keep themselves safe on the roads. We frequently talk about 'Stranger Danger'.



Parent Survey results - July 2020

- 100% of parents would recommend this school to other parents.
- 100% stated that their child is happy at school.
- 100% stated that their child feels safe at school.