



**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021**  
**St Nicholas CE Primary Academy**  
**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Headteacher: Christopher Dale**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another very busy week at St Nicholas. Although I must say a little quieter with the majority of the Year 6 children on their Bushcraft residential. Those who remained behind have had great learning this week making and baking different breads, which they should be bringing home during this afternoon.

As you are aware we have had a really big push on reading since the national lockdown finished which saw all children return to school in March. I would be most grateful if parents can continue to support us with this and make sure they are listening to their children read regularly. I know as a parent myself how difficult this can be to fit everything in at the end of a busy day but it is only by working together we will enable the children to experience the success they need having been out of school for such a long time.

Key Stage 1 (Years R, 1 & 2) we are now sending home speedy green and red words for your child to read at home. Ideally this will be alongside their reading each day and should only take a few moments. Each group will have home words specific to the books they are reading so they can increase their fluency and speedy reading. They will be able to show you how they read these as part of their routine and should aim to read these at speed. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's teacher. Your support with this is much appreciated.

Have a good weekend.

Christopher Dale  
**Headteacher**

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**Star of the Week & Reading Awards**

Congratulations to all our Star of the Week and Reading Award winners this week.

Star of the Week goes to:

**Squirrel:** Frankie H, **Hedgehog:** Reggie A, **Otter:** Olivia-Jay D,  
**Badger:** Alexis S, **Fox:** Rocco F, **Hare:** Livvy B, **Chestnut:** Demi T, **Rowan:** Layton S, **Beech:** Archie R, **Birch:** Ethan E, **Willow:** Keelie M,  
**Maple:** Summer H

Reading Awards go to:

**Squirrel:** Grace J, **Hedgehog:** Rupert R, **Otter:** Harlan R,  
**Badger:** Jessica S, **Fox:** Harry G, **Hare:** David A, **Chestnut:** Violet W,  
**Rowan:** Riley T, **Beech:** Poppy J, **Birch:** Jayme C, **Willow:** Leila T,  
**Maple:** Megan F



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**Dates for your diary**

**May**

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup>**

Year 5 Group 3

Windsurfing

Promotional video day

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup>**

Rev John in school to bless the new Worship Garden

St Augustine's House  
**(Blue)** non-uniform day  
End of Term

**June**

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup>**

Children return to school  
Start of 'Arts' fortnight - children to link with Folkestone Arts Triennial

**Wed 9<sup>th</sup>**

Kent Test meeting for Y5 parents 6 – 7 pm watch out for Zoom invite via Dojo page

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup>**

Kent Challenger Games at the Julie Rose Stadium

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup>**

Rev John & Governors to meet Worship Leaders

**Thurs 24<sup>th</sup>**

3pm Current Y3 meeting for parents regarding proposed residential to Kench Hill in Y4

6pm Current Y5 meeting for parents regarding proposed Bushcraft visit in Y6

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup>**

Coffee Morning for all parents with Mrs Starmer-Smith & Lisa Baker FLO from 8:30am – 9:30am



## Attendance – Every Day Counts

It is essential that your child comes to school on time every day. Learning begins immediately with SODA Work when many additional interventions are also scheduled for this time, which may include your child as part of our 'catch-up' programme.



This term's collective worship focus is:  
**RESPECT**

Our whole-school attendance this week was 95.7%.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	98.8%	Chestnut	85.6%
Squirrel	99.2%	Birch	96.1%
Badger	97.8%	Beech	98.6%
Otter	97.1%	Maple	95.9%
Fox	95.4%	Willow	94.1%
Hare	95.4%	Oak* pupils not at Bushcraft	99.3%
Rowan	98.2%	Elm* pupils not at Bushcraft	96.4%

## Well done this week to

- Squirrel
- Oak

Thank you for realising the importance of sending your child to school every day.

## Up coming events – please make a note of these.

### Year 5 Parents

On **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm** there will be a meeting for those parents considering entering their child for the Kent Test (11+) – A zoom invite will be sent out nearer the time.

### Year 5 Parents

On **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm** there is a meeting for current Y5 parents regarding the proposed Bushcraft visit when the children are in Y6.

### Year 3 Parents

On **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm** there is a meeting for current Y3 parents regarding the proposed residential to Kench Hill when the children are in Y4.

## Kent Test - Important information for parents of children in Y5

You can register for the Kent Test (11+) between **1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 and 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021.**

Kent County Council (KCC) will continue to monitor whether any adjustments are required to the Kent Test process this year in light of COVID-19.

Please register if you would like your child to be considered for a place at Kent grammar school in September 2022. Once registered KCC will keep parents up to date with the latest information on any adjustments that may need to be made to the Kent Test.

The Kent Test is due to be held on **9 September 2021** for children who go to a school in Kent

If you would like more information on the test and testing, follow this link.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test#tab-3>

Please remember you may also apply for your child to take part in the Shepway Test if you are considering The Folkestone School for Girls or The Harvey Grammar – These applications must be made separately to each school.

We will be holding an information evening for parents on the Kent Test on **Wednesday 9th June at 6:00pm** via Zoom - a link will be sent out to parents nearer the date via Class Dojo

## STEPPING UP INTO SECONDARY SCHOOL – An information course for Year 6 Parents

We have been fortunate to secure 2 course from Kent Adult Education on helping parents understand their child's transition into secondary school.

The aim of the course is to help parents

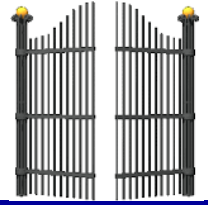
- Know what to expect when their child gets there
- Learn how to help your child get ready &
- Help your child to be happy and settled.

Courses will be offered via Zoom on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> July 9:30am to 11:30am.** If you are interested in attending on one of these dates please contact Lisa the FLO on the number via the Class Dojo Page or by contacting the school office.



## Morning Gates Reminder

The gates in the morning are open at 8:30am and close at 8:45am. The register is taken in class at 8:45am. Please do your best to get your child to school in this 15 minute window as lateness causes disruption to the class and embarrassment to your child.



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## PE Kit

As you are probably aware, we have had a sharp focus on uniform over the last few weeks asking pupils to come to school dressed in their normal uniform, no non-regulation sweatshirts etc.

Over the next week your child's teacher will be checking the PE Uniform. Teachers will tell you on which day your child has PE via Class Dojo. PE is a vital subject essential for health and wellbeing and it is important that children are prepared and safe for their PE sessions with the following kit:



- A white round neck t-shirt.
- Navy or black jogging bottoms/sports trousers.
- Navy or black shorts can be worn in warmer weather.
- Black plimsolls (to be brought in school bags).
- Trainers (your child may be using the field in some PE sessions and these may become muddy).
- Navy jumper – children can wear their school jumper or a coat in cold weather.

It is important that pupils do have their hair tied back for PE sessions, where applicable, and that jewellery, including studded earrings, are not worn for these sessions.

If you have any queries/questions, please do let us know.

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## Virtual Visit by The Worshipful Mayor of New Romney, Councillor Paul Thomas.

Last week Year 1 had a very important visitor over Zoom. As part of our Topic, we asked the Mayor of New Romney questions to find out more about historic artefacts and buildings of the past. We learned lots about what it is like to be a Mayor. Otters and Badgers listened beautifully and had a fantastic time seeing inside the Mayors Chamber too!

