



**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022**  
**St Nicholas CE Primary Academy**  
**Newsletter**

**Headteacher: Christopher Dale**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another very busy week at St Nicholas. This week we have had a huge range of activities taking place across the school, including swimming, water sports, balance bikes, interviews, worship leaders leading key stage assemblies, attendance tea parties not to mention a vast range of learning which includes painting, clay work and making models. Many of these activities can be seen on the school's twitter site – follow us via this link [@St\\_Nicholas\\_CEP](#)



So far over 300 people have responded to the consultation over the length of the school day. If you would like to have your say on the school day, register your response using the form sent out to all our families via ParentMail. Please be aware the consultation will close on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

Next week sees the start of the Year 6 SATs. We wish all those taking part in these tests our best wishes and hope everyone involved gets the opportunity for plenty of rest before this very busy week in the school.

Have a lovely weekend

Christopher Dale  
**Headteacher**

**Dates for your diary**

- Mon 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Y6 SATs week starts
- Tues 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Y4 Swimming (3/8)  
Y5 Katananu group 2  
Y3 Parents - Kench Hill Residential information meeting at 5pm
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Y4 stand up paddle boarding group 2
- Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Y6 SATs week last day  
12:45-2:45pm Adult Education Family First Aid Course
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup>**  
YR Balanceability  
Whole school consultation on length of school day closes.
- Tues 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Y4 Swimming (4/8)  
Y5 Katananu group 3  
Y6 Parents Bushcraft meeting at 5pm
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Y4 stand up paddle boarding group 3
- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>**  
12:45 – 2:45pm Family First Aid
- Tues 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Y4 Swimming (5/8)  
Y5 Katananu group 4
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Y4 Stand Up Paddle Boarding group 4



*"Learning, loving and encouraging through Christ"*



## Awards & Birthdays This Week



Star of the Week Awards went to:

**Squirrel:** Archie H, **Badger:** Sophie H, **Hare:** Vinnie T, **Rowan:** Mollie-J L, **Beech:** Albert C, **Maple:** Jude B, **Elm:** Riley O



Reading Awards went to:

**Hedgehog:** Aila M, **Squirrel:** Levie A, **Otter:** Willow U, **Fox:** Sophie M, **Chestnut:** Skye D, **Birch:** Tommy S, **Willow:** Jayme C, **Oak:** Joseph W

## Birthdays this week:

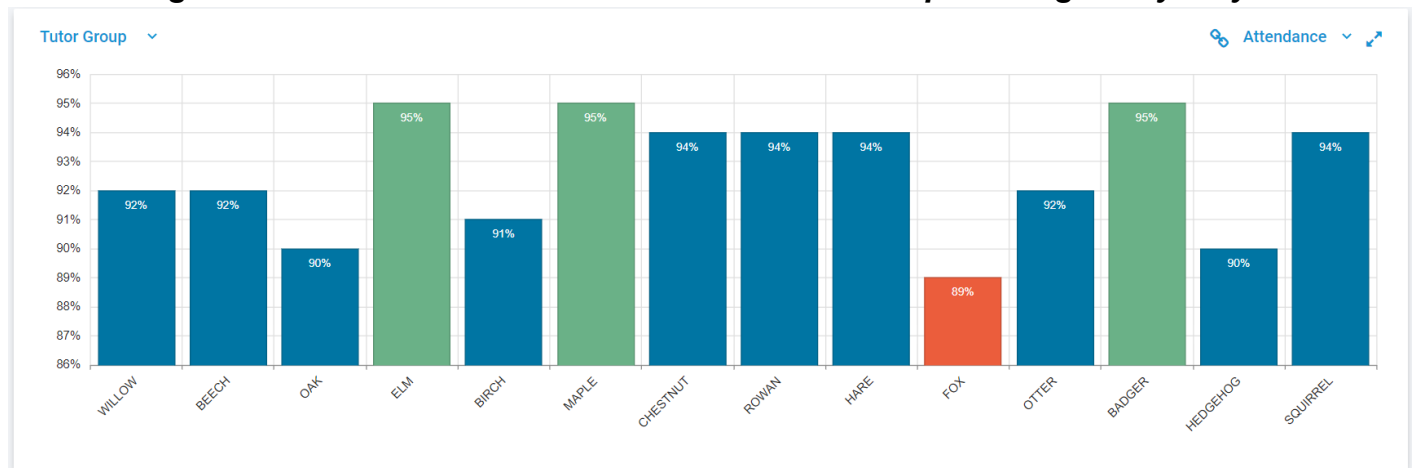


A happy birthday this week to the following pupils:

Jude B, Harlan R, Chloe D, Frankie P & Layton S - many happy returns to you all!

## Attendance – Every Day Counts

It is extremely important that children are on time for school so that they have a settled and productive start to their morning. When children are frequently late for school this adds up to lost learning time. **The graph below shows the attendance level for each class across the school – the national minimum standard for schools is a 95% attendance rate. Currently most classes do NOT meet the governments national minimum standard. This impacts negatively on your child.**



**At St Nicholas learning begins immediately with SODA – Start of Day Activities when the class doors open at 8.30am, when many additional interventions are also scheduled for this time which may include your child.**

**Please be in school on time - lateness affects everyone's learning**

## Year 3 Parents - Kench Hill Residential

We would like to invite parents and carers of pupils in Year 3 to join us for a presentation on the Kench Hill residential in September 2022.

Last year's trip was very successful and we would like to repeat the success for all the children in Year 3 again in the new school year.

For more information on the residential and the wonderful activities available join us on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm** where you will be able to ask any questions you might have.

We look forward to seeing you.

## Year 6 Bushcraft Information Meeting

We will be holding an information evening for parents and carers on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm** to provide an update on the final details before we go on our residential. Copies of the kit list have already been sent out to all parents via class dojo.

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## Important dates for families

<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	PTA Community Breakfast 8:30am to 12:30pm
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Whole school Platinum Jubilee celebrations
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Y5 Parents – 11+ registration opens (see last weeks newsletter)
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Staff Development Day – School closed to children
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	KS2 Sports Day (weather permitting)
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	KS1 Sports Day (weather permitting)
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	District Sports
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	PTA Summer Fayre

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## QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLATINUM JUBILEE PARTY FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022

*Would you like to join in with the celebrations?*

On this day the children will have a 'Street Party' style lunch on the school playground with flags.

This will be followed with an afternoon event in which we would like to invite parents from 1:30pm onwards to an afternoon of song and dances from the decades of Her Majesties reign.

There will also be an opportunity for parents to see all the arts and crafts the children will have made to mark this historic event.

### **As part of the celebration we will be running a design a hat competition open to all.**

The Queen is known for her large collection of fancy hats which she wears a new one for almost every royal outing. With this in mind we challenge you to design and make a hat fit for a Queen (or King).

The design is completely up to you and can be any shape or size and it should be red, white and blue. All entries to be in school on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May ready to be judged and the winners will be announced during our Jubilee celebration. Please see the poster with this newsletter for more ideas.

*We hope you will be able to join us!*