



Friday 14th July 2023
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear parents and carers,

This week I met with the Governing Body. In the meeting we reflected on our successes this year including looking at the school's results.

In EYFS, 75% of our children achieved a Good Level of Development compared to a previous national result of 63%. In Year 1, 90% of our children achieved the Expected Standard for Phonics.

In KS1, 83% of pupils achieved the Expected Standard in Reading, compared to the national result of 69%. In Writing 61% of pupils nationally reached the Expected Standards. At St Nicholas, pupils achieved an outcome of 64.4%. In Maths, the school achieved 73% in our KS1 Maths results marginally above the national of 72%.

In KS2, our Year 6 pupils achieved 82% in their Writing against a national result of 71%. In Reading 26% of pupils were judged to be working at the higher standard, with 18% at the higher standard in Writing. In PESE (11+) outcomes, 25% of our Y6 children also achieved the threshold for a grammar school this year.



I am also pleased to report we achieved the Gold School Games Mark award for the 4th year, for our commitment & engagement in the School Games for 2022/23.

Our successes can be seen in areas such as the Herald Cup in which the boys team reached the semi-finals and the girls team made it to final in the first ever Girls Herald Cup tournament. The school had many stand out performances in various individual events, with the school coming 3rd in the District Sports competing against schools across Folkestone, Hythe & the Romney Marsh. I am pleased the school continues to maintain a very high standard in sport as well.

Last night I was proud watch the Year 6 production of Oliver Twist. It was a joy to see so many children have the confidence to sing and act individually on stage. As one parent commented to me *"it's testament as to how safe the children feel at the school to sing and act in the way they did."*

This evening Year 4 pupils will take part in the JAM on the Marsh Music Festival, having the opportunity to perform with nationally recognised Opera singers and a professional orchestra. Dedication comes in many forms and the children taking part in this project have been working all year towards this event. I and your parents who have supported you, are looking forward to the performance.

This is the last newsletter of the school year. I would like to wish you all a very good summer break - have a lovely weekend.

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

JULY

Tues 18th

Year 6 trip to Folkestone
Year 3 trip to Battle Abbey

Thurs 20th

9:30am **Year 6** Leavers service @ St Nicholas Church.

END OF TERM

Fri 21st

SDD – School closed to pupils

Mon 31st July – 25th

August

Holiday activity and food programme starts for the next 4 weeks

September

Mon 4th

Y1 – Y6 children return to school

Wed 6th

EYFS Children start school

Thurs 7th

Year 6 Children PESE (11+) tests all day
EYFS children stay until lunch

Fri 8th

EYFS children first full day

Mon 11th

Total Sports Soccer School starts after school

Wed 13th

Year 6 Group 1 water sports



SUMMER HAF – Holiday Activities & Food Programme



We are delighted to announce that St Nicholas will be open for 4 weeks over the summer holiday to support our families with the HAF programme – holiday activities and food programme. **The programme is set up to provide support to children in receipt of free**

school meals through holiday periods. Children not in receipt of free school meals can also attend.

Our HAF programme will run from **Monday 31st July for 4 weeks until Friday 25th August 2023 from 9:00am until 1:00pm with up to 40 spaces available.** It is designed to support primary aged children as we understand best the needs of primary aged pupils.

If parents are interested in their child attending, they should use the following link to register - <https://tscoaching.co.uk/session/st-nicholas-c-of-e-primary-school-summer-activity-camp/2023-07-31/>



This term's Value is:
TRUST

"When I am afraid,
I put my trust in you."

PSALM 56:3



Awards



Star of the Week awards went to:

Squirrel: Gaia H, **Otter:** Jude M, **Hare:** Sophia S, **Fox:** William C, **Rowan:** Jaiton F, **Beech:** Harper S, **Maple:** Phoebe W



Reader of the Week awards went to:

Hedgehog: Maggie P, **Badger:** Betsy P, **Rabbit:** Lilly B, **Chestnut:** Archie S, **Birch:** Logan P, **Willow:** Nevaeh E



This week's birthdays:

Eva P, Albie S, Harry T, Maxim K, Tia T, Hugo B, Eleanor W, Niamh D, Logan P – many happy returns to you all!

Parental Behaviour

The overwhelming majority of our parents are thoughtful and mindful of the staff at St Nicholas and treat staff with courtesy and respect. Unfortunately, as in all walks of life, there is a small minority who do not think of the wellbeing or needs of the staff they interact with. As adults we are the role models for our children in how we would like them to behave and manage difficult situation.

I will not tolerate staff being shouted at or being treated with disrespect. Where this happens, I will take firm action and I must ask if this is the correct school for such parents, as I will not tolerate such behaviours. Thank you. Christopher Dale - Headteacher

Year 6 - End of Year Information.

There are a number of notable events for Year 6 parents to be aware of over the coming weeks.

- Friday 14th July – Year 6 Prom evening 7.00pm to 9.00pm
- Tuesday 18th July – Year 6 Trip to Folkestone
- Thursday 20th July – Year 6 Leavers service at St Nicholas at 9.30am. In the afternoon, the school gates will be opened early at 3.00pm with Y6 children being applauded out of school.

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