

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
**St Nicholas CE Primary Academy**  
**Newsletter**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy week at St Nicholas. The children have had visitors to the school, we have had our European Languages Day in the week and the learning taking place has been amazing with children from all year groups celebrating their wonderful achievements in their learning with me and other senior members of staff.

A huge thank you to all the parents in EYFS who attended our reading workshop this week and received their RWI packs. It was lovely to see so many of you there. Please see details below of other workshops due to take place next week and a poster at the end of this newsletter reminding us of the importance of reading regularly with our children. At St Nicholas we aim to make sure children are read with at least 4 times a week.

On **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 9:15am**, we will be celebrating **Harvest Festival** at St Nicholas Church with Rev Chris. We look forward to welcoming our parent to join us for this whole school event. Please see the reverse of the newsletter for more details.

**Year 6** parents are invited to attend a PESE information evening on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 6:00pm** on how to complete the online secondary schools admissions form. Details will also be posted on Class Dojo. **Applications** for transfer to secondary school in September 2024 **will close at midnight on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**. If you do not make your application on time, the Local Authority will decide which school your child will attend. Applications can be completed online at:

<https://kent.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Admissions.aspx>

Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale  
**Headteacher**

**Reading Workshops reminder**

A reminder that we have two more reading workshops on **Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Oct at 2:45pm – 3:15pm for KS1** and **Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am for KS2** – both workshops will take place in the small hall. There will be a raffle drawn after the workshops for all who attend.



As a school we subscribe to Oxford Owl, allowing parents to have FREE access to loads of online materials. Getting involved in your child's learning can have a real impact on their success at school.

Oxford Owl is FREE and easy to use and packed with helpful advice, free e-books and fun activities to help you support your child's reading and maths.

**Dates for your diary**

**September**

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Y6 – Marsh Academy**  
Open Day from 10am to 12noon.

**October**

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Whole school - start of Arts Week

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup>**

**KS1** Reading Workshop  
for parents at 2:45pm

Water sports Y6 Group 4

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>**

**KS2** Reading Workshop  
for parents at 9:00am

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup>**

Open Classes for  
parents from 3:15pm

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup>**

EYFS & Y6 to Church

Attendance tea party  
2pm

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup>**

Water sports Group 5

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> & Fri 13<sup>th</sup>**

Y4 - Kench Hill  
Residential

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup>**

KS2 Parent teacher  
Consultations

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup>**

Whole school **HARVEST FESTIVAL** at St

Nicholas Church 9:15am  
Y6 PESE info event 6pm

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup>**

11+ results emailed to  
parents

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>**

KS1 Parent Teacher  
Consultations

**Tues 31<sup>st</sup>**

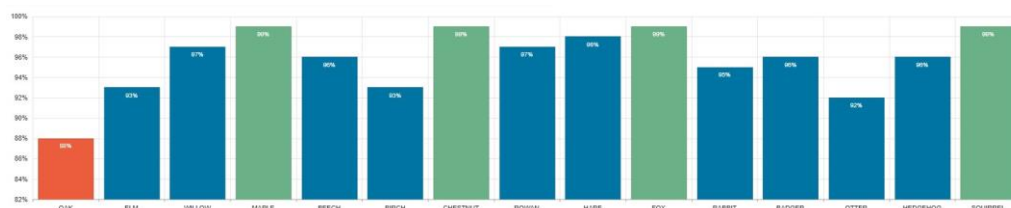
Y6 Secondary school  
applications close



*"Learning, loving and  
encouraging through Christ."*

## Attendance – Every Day Counts

It is essential that your child comes to school **on time** every day. **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, **this may include your child!**



*Congratulations to all the classes with attendance above 96%*

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



This term's collective worship focus is on our value:

### COMMUNITY



**Colossians 3:13**

## Star of the Week Awards



**Star of the week awards went to:**

**Otter:** Annaleiss T, **Hare:** Archie W, **Rowan:** Scarlett P, **Birch:** Ricco Q,

**Willow:** Alexa-Grace M, **Elm:** Lilly C



**This week's birthdays:** George D, Ricco Q, Samuel E, Finley G, Rupert R, Jacob R, CJ S, Aria-Belle R, Elsie B, Oceana K & Mason L – many happy returns to you all!

## Harvest Festival



Please join the whole school for our Harvest Festival Service at St Nicholas Church on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 9:15 am**. We do hope as many of you as possible are able to attend.

This year we would like to continue to support the needy and elderly within our parish by contributing a Harvest collection.

We would be extremely grateful if your child could bring a food item to school from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October. If possible, tinned or dry food with at least 4-6 months left on their use-by date.

The following items would be very much appreciated:

- Pasta shapes, spaghetti, rice, flour.
- Tinned fruit and vegetables.
- Tinned meat and fish such as ham, tuna or sardines.
- Meat and fish pastes, sandwich spreads, jam.
- Biscuits (sweet and savoury), simple cakes.
- Cooking sauces, mayonnaise, ketchup and any other condiments.
- Sugar, coffee, tea, milk powder, cooking oil.
- Instant potato, tinned or packet soups.
- Soap, disinfectant, washing powder, toothpaste.

These would be ideal, however, we will gratefully accept any other food and will distribute it to other local causes including the local day centres for the elderly.

**Thank you in advance for your support.**

## Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)

This week, we had a visit from MAF, the world's largest humanitarian air operator. For over 75 years they have been flying light aircraft over jungles, mountains, swamps and deserts. Enabling more than 1,400 visits for humanitarian aid and support. The worship leaders at school decided that we would raise some money for them this year. You will be sent home a letter this week so that you can look at the work that they do to support others around the world. They will be working with us all year delivering workshops and, in the summer bringing one of their planes on site for the children to see and explore. Worship leaders and the school council will be planning some exciting fundraising events for everyone to enjoy.



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# 8 BENEFITS OF READING

International Literacy Day

**1. READING EXERCISES THE BRAIN**

While reading, we have to remember different characters and settings that belong to a given story. Reading is a workout for our brains that improves memory function.

**2. READING IMPROVES CONCENTRATION**

Gadgets shorten our attention span, so we must constantly practice concentration and focus. Reading is one of the few activities that requires our undivided attention.

**3. READING IMPROVES LITERACY**

Books can improve our vocabulary by introducing us to new words. Reading also improves writing skills by helping readers understand and learn different writing styles.

**4. READING IMPROVES SLEEP**

By reading at bedtime, we can signal our bodies that it's time to sleep. Reading right before bed helps calm our minds and anxiety and improves sleep quality.

**5. READING INCREASES GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Books can provide us with information we would've otherwise not known. Reading various topics can make us more knowledgeable, improving our conversation skills.

**6. READING REDUCES STRESS**

Reading can transport us to another world and away from our daily routine. By doing so, reading can decrease stress, lower heart rate, and reduce blood pressure.







**7. READING SETS A POSITIVE EXAMPLE**

Reading is a key component of early literacy development, and we can set an example of just how crucial this is by modelling the behaviour ourselves.

**8. READING TEACHES EMPATHY**

Books teach us to relate to others by often putting us in the narrator's shoes. Reading builds on empathy by constantly presenting thoughts and scenarios outside our perspective.

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