

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**  
**St Nicholas CE Primary Academy**  
**Newsletter**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, that was a real welcome back to us all after half term with some very eventful weather in the first week back. On that note, thank you to everyone for bearing with us during the extreme weather yesterday. I am pleased to report that all our health and safety systems and risk assessments worked as we would expect.

Some parents asked why we were open when other schools in the area were closed. In short, I cannot speak for the circumstances that cause other schools to close. Indeed, each school site is unique and it is for that reason headteachers have to make decisions regarding closure based on their own schools' individual circumstances. In relation to St Nicholas, I always try to keep the school open where it is safe and practical to do so.

Now we have reached the time of year where we may experience extremes of weather can I take this opportunity to remind parents that we will inform parents of school closure via Class Dojo or via Bromcom MCAS text service. As a school we also publish our information on the Kent School Closure site. - [Kent Closures - Kent County Council](#) this is also a site where parents can register to receive alerts on their phone to ensure they have the most up-to-date information. I would respectfully request that parents use these to find out information and not telephone the school which places a high demand on the office staff.

This term is normally one of the busiest with all the Christmas activities going on. I dread, mentioning it too early in the year but there are some events which parents may need to speak to employers to secure time off to attend school events over this period.

Our Christmas calendar looks like this;

**December**

- 8<sup>th</sup> - EYFS Christmas Tableau to parents 9:30am & 2:00pm**
- 12<sup>th</sup> - KS1 Nativity to parents at 9:30am and 2:00pm**
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Whole school, Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day**
- 14<sup>th</sup> - School Choir, 10am onwards Carols in the community**
- 15<sup>th</sup> - 9:30am – KS2 Christingle Service at St Nicholas Church**

I do look forward to seeing as many of our parents as possible at these events.

Have a lovely weekend  
Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale  
**Headteacher**

**Dates for your diary**

**November**

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup>**

PTA meeting 2:15pm – all welcome

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Y6** Cathedral Schools Day @ Canterbury  
Year 4 Swimming

**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>**

Year 3 Skiing  
KS2 Parent Teacher consultation, postponed from last Thurs

**Sun 12<sup>th</sup>**

Remembrance Day service at St Nicholas Church. 10:30am

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup>**

Start of Anti Bully Awareness week across all schools nationally.  
9:45am New Intake meeting  
1:30pm New Intake meeting

**Tues 14<sup>th</sup>**

Year R / 6 Height & Weight checks by NHS England.  
Year 4 Swimming  
2pm Attendance Tea Party

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup>**

9:45am New Intake meeting  
6:00pm New Intake meeting

**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>**

Year 3 Skiing

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup>**

Children in Need Day  
Home clothes day £1 donation

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup>**

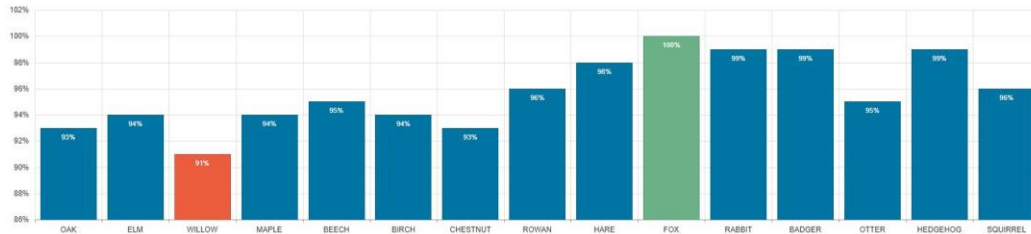
Bishop Rose in School & 1:00pm Confirmation at Church



*"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!**



This term's worship focus is on our value:

**FRIENDSHIP**

**Jesus said,  
"Do to others  
as you would  
have them do  
to you."**

**Luke 6:31**

*Congratulations to Fox with 100% attendance this week and Hedgehog, Squirrel, Badger, Rabbit, Hare and Rowan classes with attendance above 96%!*

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

## Star Award



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

**Squirrel:** Luca B **Otter:** Aser R **Fox:** Bailey V **Rowan:** Georgia I **Beech:** Gracie J  
**Maple:** Skye D **Elm:** Rylie W

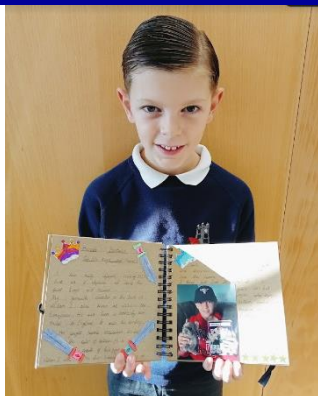


## This week's Birthdays:

Rory B, Lola R, Olivia B, Bailey B, Ronnie H, Felicity S, James B, Pixie G and Logan S – many happy returns to you all!

## Class Book Bags

Over the last few weeks parents will have heard of the reading bags that children will all have the opportunity to have – inside the bag there is a book in which we would like the children to review



what they have been reading. This week we shared Archies review with the school. Perhaps you could use this to think about how you would like to present your work.



REMEMBRANCE DAY  
*Let's Not Forget*

## Poppy Sale

Poppies will be on sale from Monday next week as the school begins its period of Remembrance to the fallen and those who have served in the protection of their country during war or at time of support for other nations. **Please donate generously.** Thank you. Some of the children have already started to produce work so we are reminded of the sacrifice of others at this time of year.

## KS2 Parent Teacher Consultation – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

Due to the weather on Thursday, the KS2 parent teacher consultation has been rescheduled to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 3:30pm onwards in the Main School Hall. All appointment times will remain as they were originally. Thank you.

## Year 3 Skiing

Unfortunately, the Skiing session due to take place this week had to be postponed due to the weather – Group 1 Skiers session will now take place in January, with all other groups taking place on the dates advised. Apologies for the inconvenience.



## Confirmation Service



A reminder to parents that all children currently undertaking confirmation classes with Rev Chris, that the service with Bishop Rose will take place on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 1:00pm at St Nicholas Church.**

## Financial Support for Families with Children on Free School Meals: Payout vouchers

Parents of children who are in receipt of benefit related free school meals will receive a £100 "Post Office Payout" voucher (via E-vouchers) for each child you have in school who is eligible for free school meals to support families with energy costs. This will be issued by the school from the 13<sup>th</sup> of November. If you have not received your voucher by 20<sup>th</sup> November, please contact the office.



## Sleep

Please find below a poster providing more information about a free resource that can help parents and children to learn more about their sleep and develop better bedtime routines. Sleep is essential for the brain to function properly. By helping children to sleep better, we can help them to succeed in school.

## HEAD LICE

As many of you are aware, headlice can cause problems both at home or in school. Please check your child's hair regularly and if you see any headlice then treat both them and the whole family.

To find out more about this then please follow the link below.

<http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com>



REMEMBER  
ONCE A WEEK,  
TAKE A PEEK

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# ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY ACADEMY

*"A place where children come first." - OFSTED*



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## **Is your child starting school in September 2024?**

Parents and families are welcome to visit our school and wonderful grounds.  
Join an open session - Contact us on: 01797 361906 to book a place.

Monday 13th November 2023 - 9:45am & 1:30pm

Wednesday 15th November 2023 - 9:45am & 6:00pm

Wednesday 22nd November 2023 - 1:30pm & Mon 8th January 2024 - 9:45am

*"The schools work to promote personal development, welfare and behaviour is  
Outstanding." - OFSTED 2019*

**Community Friendship Perseverance Ambition Respect Trust**



the national  
**sleep**  
helpline

# Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle  
with your child's  
bedtime?

Will your child  
not sleep in  
their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

 **03303 530 541**

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm

Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am





**Around 50% of  
children will have  
a sleep issue at  
some point\***

## **WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?**

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

## **HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP ME?**

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in mental health wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why you might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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