

Friday 10th November 2023
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week schools across the United Kingdom take part in Anti-Bullying week. At St Nicholas we will have a number of events in pupils PSHE teaching and assemblies where we will explore the themes of this year's anti-bullying week. This year's theme is 'Make A Noise About Bullying.'

As part of this year's Anti-Bullying Week campaign, we are urging everyone to think about what we mean by 'banter', the role 'banter' plays in bullying and how we can tackle it. Banter and jokes can play an important role in the development and maintenance of friendships. Banter is defined as 'the playful and friendly exchange of teasing remarks.' However, sometimes these behaviours can be taken too far such that the behaviours constitute bullying.

We are not saying that we can't joke with friends, but we are encouraging everyone to be mindful of how, sometimes, these jokes may not be received as they were intended. If you would like to know more about this year's anti-bullying theme, [click here](#).

A polite reminder – Please be aware that abusive, threatening or violent behaviour towards staff will **NOT** be tolerated in this school.

Last week the children took part in Maths' week; this included a Money Sense workshop, where the children used their maths skills to help a family save money whilst saving the planet! The children also took part in solving maths puzzles in PE and completed a maths-themed escape room. We hope the children enjoyed the weeks activities.



Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale

Headteacher

Dates for your diary

November

Sun 12th

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

Mon 13th

Start of Anti Bully Awareness week across all schools nationally.

9:45am New Intake meeting

1:30pm New Intake meeting

Tues 14th

Year R / 6 Height & Weight checks by NHS England.

Year 4 Swimming
2pm Attendance Tea Party

Wed 15th

9:45am New Intake meeting

6:00pm New Intake meeting

Thurs 16th

Year 3 Skiing

Fri 17th

Children in Need Day
Home clothes day £1 donation

Mon 20th

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

Wed 22nd

1:30pm New Intake meeting

6:00pm Y6 Bushcraft Residential meeting for parents.

Thurs 23rd

Y3 Skiing

Fri 24th

SDD School closed to pupils

Mon 27th

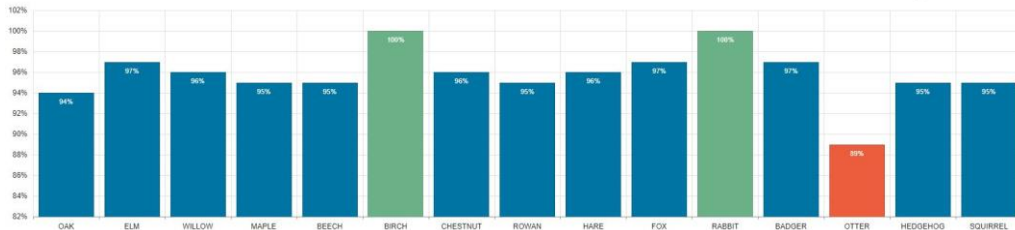
School Health
Immunisation for YR to 6



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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

My command is this:
Love each other as I have loved you.

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command.

John 15: 12-14

Congratulations to Rabbit and Birch with 100% attendance this week and Badger, Fox, Hare, Chestnut, Willow and Elm 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:

Hedgehog: Sonny S **Badger:** Dollie A **Fox:** Ollie B **Chestnut:** Jacob W
Birch: Vince B **Willow:** Sophia D **Oak:** Isabel D



This week's Birthdays:

Mason F, Isabel H, Irin S, Arthur M, Ralph M, William R, Darnia F and Neive R – many happy returns to you all!

Children in Need – Friday 17th November



Every year we support BBC Children in Need. There are so many reasons why this charity is such an important one and all the money we raise helps to support many children and families in need.

On **Friday 17th November** we would like children to come to school wearing something spotty for a small donation of £1 to contribute to this worthwhile cause.

The school council will also be holding a biscuit/ cake sale at the end of the school day.

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 20th 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 Pay-out" 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 13th November**. If you have not received your voucher by 20th November, please contact the office.

Year 6 Residential meeting for parents



We will be holding a meeting on **Wednesday 22nd November at 6:00pm** for parents, where there will be an opportunity to find out more and answer any questions you may have regarding an exciting residential visit to the Bushcraft centre in Penshurst, Kent.

This year the residential is due to take place from 11th to 14th June 2024. In previous years our residential has provided children the opportunity to try out a range of outdoor activities such as archery, camping crafts, wild swimming and outdoor camping. We look forward to seeing you.

December Christmas Dates for parents

- 1st - School Disco. 5pm to 6pm - **Years 1 to 3**; 6:30pm to 7:45pm - **Years 4 to 6**
- 8th - **EYFS** Christmas Tableau to parents 9:30am & 2pm
- 12th - **KS1** Nativity to parents at 9:30am and 2:00pm
- 13th - **Whole school**, Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
- 14th - **School Choir**, 10am onwards Carols in the community
- 15th – 9:30am – **KS2** Christingle Service at St Nicholas Church



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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*

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