

Friday 1st December 2023
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a very busy week at St Nicholas our Christmas festivities have started with a bang this week.

The whole school had a Panto this week – KS1 at school and KS2 visited The Marlowe Theatre for a super performance of Aladdin. I think we have started a new tradition at St Nicholas, the children (and grown-ups) really enjoyed their visit – 'Oh yes they did!'

Year 4 as part of our start to Christmas put on a lovely Advent service, where they asked us questions on 'How do we prepare for Christmas' and 'How do we get ready for a special visitor.'

We had our own special visitors yesterday, with the Diocesan Inspection Team in. I am pleased to say the visit was very positive and I look forward to sharing the inspection report with our families in the New Year.

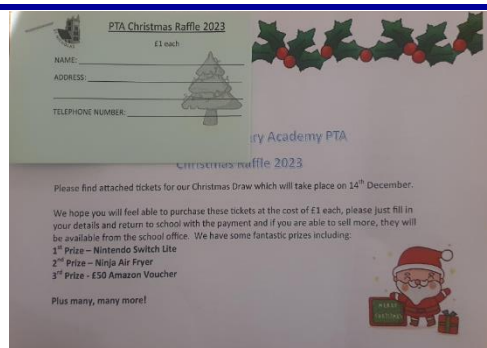
Over the last few days I have noticed since the change of the weather more and more parents parking on the yellow Zig-Zags.

While we all like to be as close as possible to the school when dropping off our children, we should never compromise the safety of other people's children.

PLEASE KEEP THE YELLOW ZIGZAGS CLEAR FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL OUR CHILDREN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH THIS.

Have a lovely weekend – and see some of you on Saturday!

Yours sincerely
Christopher Dale
Headteacher



PTA – Christmas Raffle

Your child should have come home with PTA Christmas raffle tickets by now, if not see your child's teacher!

We have a good range of prizes – A Nintendo Switch Lite, a Ninja Air Fryer and a £50 Amazon Voucher along with many many more great prizes from our local community

businesses. Please return your tickets and money as soon as you are able and if you would like anymore tickets, please see the ladies in the office. We would like to say a massive thank you to TW Roofing for donating the Nintendo Switch Lite!

Thank you for supporting your child's school.

Dates for your diary

December

Fri 1st

CHRISTMAS DISCO

Y1-Y3 – 5 to 6pm

Y4-Y6 – 6:30 to 7:45pm

Mon 4th

1:30pm KS2 Advent

Eucharist

Tues 5th

1pm Choir to Romney

Marsh Community Hub

5pm Y2 Parent meeting

in main hall

Wed 6th

9:15am Whole School St

Nicholas Day service

2pm Attendance Tea

Party

Fri 8th

9:30am & 2pm EYFS

Tableau at St Nicholas

Church

11:00am Catch up flu

Immunisations for YR Y1

6:30pm – Light Up New

Romney parade.

Tues 12th

Y3 Polar Express Day

9:30am & 2pm KS1

Nativity

Wed 13th

Whole school Christmas

jumper & dinner day.

Fri 15th

9:30am – KS2

Christingle service

END OF TERM

2024

January

Wed 3rd

Children return to school

Mon 8th

9:45am New Intake

meeting

Tues 9th

9:15am Y6 Epiphany

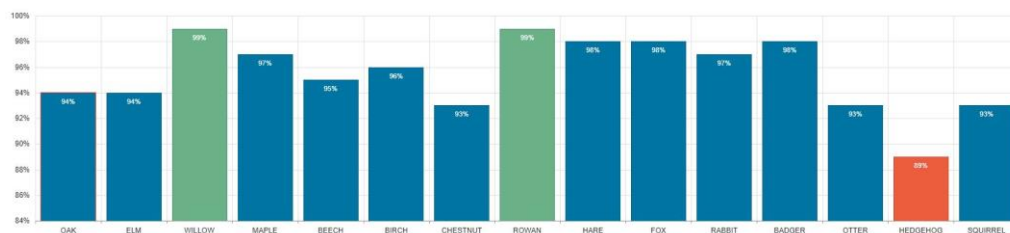
Service



*"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!**



Well done this week to all the classes with attendance above 96%



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

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

Awards



Star of the week awards went to:

Hedgehog: Olivia N, **Badger:** Ralphie M, **Rabbit:** Henri E, **Chestnut:** Xinyi L, **Beech:** Bailey B & Archie S, **Willow:** Harry G, **Oak:** Harry H



This week's birthdays:

Aleaha B, Poppy L, Evie H, Winnie W, Mia G and Ernie B – many happy returns to you all!

Flu Immunisations

As the Year R and Year 1 classes were closed on Monday, the School Health Team will be back in school on the 8th December to give the nasal flu immunisations to Year R and Year 1 pupils.

Christmas dates

- 1st – School Christmas Disco 5pm to 6pm - **Years 1 to 3**
School Christmas Disco 6:30pm to 7:45pm - **Years 4 to 6**
- 8th - **EYFS** Christmas Tableau to parents 9:30am & 2pm
- 10th – School Choir to Canterbury Cathedral
- 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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Dear Parents/Carers

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Following on from last year we would like to repeat the reverse advent calendar. The items collected will be sent to the local food bank for distribution to the local needy in our community. With the season of Christmas almost here we would like to make the children aware of those in need around us and support the children to be generous in sharing what we have with others.

Items for our reverse advent calendar can be brought to school from Monday 4th December until Tuesday 12th December. The items collected will be taken to the distribution centre on Thursday 14th December.

Each day a different year group will be asked to bring in one item from the list below and place it in the reverse advent calendar box which will be in the main school hall. Please see the class list below for the day for each class. The list is not exhaustive; however, these are the items which the food bank has suggested as being most useful to families. There are no rules as to how much you can bring or which items you bring on which day.

We hope our families would like to take up the challenge of bringing a small item on the day your child's class has been nominated for the reverse advent calendar period.

- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Hair brushes
- Bubble Bath/ Shower Gel
- Hand Soap
- Christmas Crackers
- Table Napkins
- Tea/Coffee
- Sugar
- Bread Sauce Mix/Gravy Mix
- Stuffing
- Tins of Fruit
- Tins of Chicken in Sauce
- Tinned meat/meat pies
- Pringles/Crisps
- Marmalade/Jam
- Christmas Pudding

Date	Class
Mon 4 th	Year R
Tues 5 th	Year 1
Wed 6 th	Year 2
Thurs 7 th	Year 3
Fri 8 th	Year 4
Mon 11 th	Year 5
Tues 12 th	Year 6

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs V Turner

Deputy Headteacher