

Friday 26th January 2024
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Newsletter

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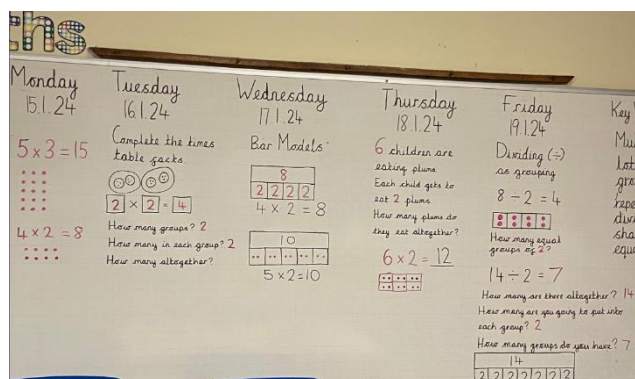
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Dear Parents and Carers,

This term there has been a big focus on the teaching of times tables across the school. Each week on ClassDojo, you should see the class whiteboards which show what learning has taken place.

The children use this information in class to recap on the weeks learning and support them when they need assistance in remembering how to complete a task. Do take the time to talk to your child about this to see if they can explain what they have been doing in their maths.



This week we are also sending home some self-help sheets on supporting your child with their multiplication tables. Last week classes published their Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) children need to be aware of for their tables.

Over the last three weeks we have had a number of visitors to the school to put us through our paces and review the standards in our school. Yesterday, we had an OFSTED inspector in to review our reading curriculum, I am delighted to share the outcome of the visit where it was reported, *"The school provides ample opportunities for pupils to practise and apply their reading skills in a variety of texts and contexts and has worked hard in order to employ a range of strategies that develop the pupils' fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, and enjoyment of reading."* Feedback also highlighted; *"The school works tirelessly in supporting the children's reading development and the school celebrates reading and fosters a positive reading culture in the school."*

Obviously, we are pleased to receive feedback such as this and we will continue to work hard to ensure reading holds a high profile in our curriculum. We would like to ask our parents to continue to support the school with our aim that all children read regularly at home 4 times a week. It is with partnerships such as these that we are able to work towards these outcomes.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

FEBRUARY

Thurs 1st

Y6 Dodgeball

Mon 5th

3:15 – 3:45pm Open class sessions

Tues 6th

Internet safety week

Wed 7th

Y5 Ash Wednesday service – parents welcome

Fri 9th

End of term

Mon 19th

KS1 Parent Teacher Consultations

Tues 20th

Attendance tea party

Thurs 22nd

KS2 Parent Teacher consultations

Mon 26th

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Thurs 29th

Y4 Egyptian Workshop
KS1 Parent Teacher Consultations

MARCH

Tues 5th

Attendance tea party – 2pm

Thurs 7th

World Book Day – more details to follow

Mon 11th

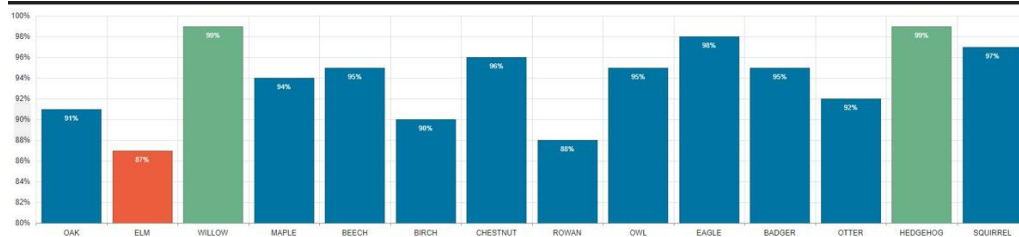
Whole school Science week



"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 Hedgehog and Willow classes with attendance above 99% and congratulations to Squirrel, Eagle and Chestnut with attendance above 96%

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

Awards



Star of the week awards went to:

Squirrel: Cooper L, **Badger:** Freddie C, **Eagle:** Ollie B, **Chestnut:** Isaac W, **Beech:** Harvey H, **Willow:** Reggie P, **Oak:** Lola R



This week's birthdays:

William C, Millie-Grace W, Lucas L and Joshua N – many happy returns to you all!

Term Dates 2024/2025

Please find below the agreed term dates for the next academic year. These will shortly be published on the school website.

Term dates 2024/25	
Autumn Term First day of term for pupils: Half-term: Last day of term: Development Days:	Wednesday 4th September 2024 Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024 Friday 20th December 2024 Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd September and Friday 29th November 2024
Spring Term First day of term: Half-term: Last day of term:	Monday 6th January 2025 Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2025 Friday 4th April 2025
Summer Term First day of term: <i>May Bank Holiday:</i> Half-term: Last day of term: Development days:	Tuesday 22nd April 2025 <i>Monday 5th May 2025</i> Monday 26th to Friday 30th May 2025 Friday 18th July 2025 Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July 2025



This term's worship focus is on our value:

AMBITION

Isaiah 40:31

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

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SHEPWAY AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS

For parents and carers of school-aged children on the autism spectrum.

Come along for a coffee and a chat, whether you have a child with a diagnosis, are waiting for a diagnosis or if you would like to learn more about autistic spectrum condition.

Monday 5th February 2024

What is PDA?

Tracy Weiner - PDA Society

10.00am-12.00pm

**Conference room, The Beacon, Park Farm Road,
Folkestone CT19 5DN**

Future dates: Monday 4th March 2024, Monday 15th April 2024

Any questions? Please contact hello.sasg@outlook.com
or visit our Facebook page.



If anyone has transport difficulty to get to the venue please contact Mrs Baker (Family Liaison Officer) on 07530113107.

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