

Friday 19th April 2024

St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to children and parents/carers after the Easter Holidays. We hope you all enjoyed your break and did lots of enjoyable things.

The Summer term is always a busy term and there is plenty going on in school. Please make sure that you have downloaded the school ClassDojo app. This is *one* of our main ways to communicate with parents and is very easy to set up. Please speak with staff in the office if you need any help with this.

Attendance

Please ensure that wherever possible your child attends school. Only urgent medical and dental appointments should be made during the school day. If you do need to take them out for exceptional reasons, speak to us without delay. It is very unlikely that holidays in term-time will be authorised.

Absences will only be authorised in **exceptional circumstances**.

Please remember that in the event of a sickness bug or diarrhoea, children should remain off school for 48 hours after the last bout.

Medical needs

We have a number of children in the school with **severe** allergies. Please can you help us safeguard all of our children by *ensuring you do not put any nuts or products containing nuts in your child's lunch box or in a snack*.

To remind you, children are not allowed to swap food and should not be sharing food with one another.



Yellow 'zig-zags'

We have Yellow Zig-Zag Road markings outside our school for a very good reason: **the safety of our pupils**.

Do not park or stop even for a short moment on these markings.

Any cars stopped or parked in the restricted area can hide small children who are about to cross the road. The children may not see approaching cars, and approaching motorists may not see the children.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

April

Tues 23rd

Own clothes day for **St George's** House

Wed 24th

9:00am Year 5 Water Sports Group 2

Thurs 25th

JAM on Marsh Choir rehearsals 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Y6 Parents SATS meeting at 5:00pm

7:00pm Licensing of Rev Jack Greenhalf at Lydd Church

Fri 26th

Year R Children Balanceability – week 2

Year 5 Cricket with Shepway Sports

Mon 29th

Year 5 Medic Fitness training

2:00pm PTA Meeting – all welcome

May

Wed 1st

9:00am Year 5 Water Sports Group 3

Fri 3rd

Year R Balanceability
Year 5 Cricket with Shepway Sports

Mon 6th

Bank Holiday – School Closed

Summer Term 2024

Half-term: Monday 27th – Friday 31st May 2024

End of Year:

Thursday 18 July 2024



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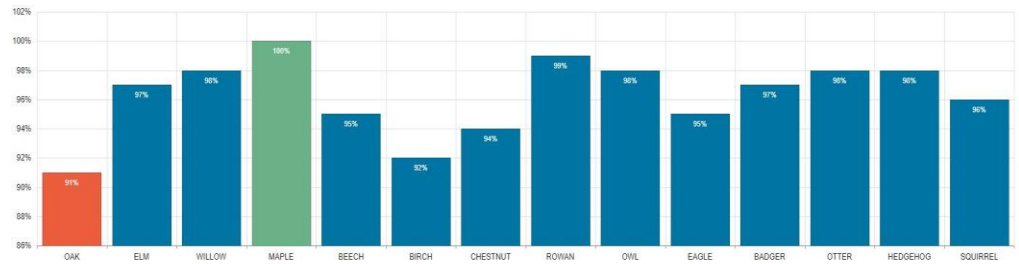


Attendance every day counts.

It is essential that your child comes to school *on time* every day. Learning starts when the class doors open at 8:30am with SODA (Start of Day Activities), some interventions start at this time and this WILL include your child at some point!

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Top attenders are:		
Year	Class	%
5	Maple	100
3	Rowan	99
5	Willow	98
2	Owl	98
1	Otter	98
R	Hedgehog	98



Congratulations to all the classes above with their super attendance

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

Star Award



Star of the week awards went to:

Hedgehog: Leif F **Otter:** Elsie B **Owl:** Darcy-Rose C
Rowan: Albert L **Birch:** Irin S **Willow:** Megan D
Oak: Harley C



This week's birthdays:

Ruby-Mae S, Mollie-J L, Olivia-Jay D, Riley T, Jaiton F, Reggie P, Harry G, Bailey M, Maia J, Cooper S and Freddie T – many happy returns to you all!



This term's worship focus is on our value:

PERSEVERANCE

James 1:12

¹² Happy is the one who endures testing, because when he has proven to be genuine, he will receive the crown of life that God promised to those who love him.

Book Event - Monday 22nd to Thursday 25th April

Scholastic Book Fair will take place after school each day, in the Main School Hall from 3:15pm.



**It's
Book Fair
Time!**

Please follow the link below to have a look at the books on offer. You can pay directly to the company (just ensure you put in the school post code – TN28 8BP - and select the school) or you can pay using a QR code at the book fair in school. You can also pay in cash.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/parents>

April 22 is Earth Day

Join Earth Day to honour and celebrate our remarkable planet on this extraordinary day. Earth Day is a reminder of the importance of environmental conservation and sustainability, encouraging us to come together and take action for a healthier planet and brighter future.



Through various events, toolkits, and initiatives, the Earth Day project aims to raise awareness, inspire change, and foster a deeper connection with nature. Unite in our efforts to protect the Earth today and for generations to come. Together, we can make a meaningful impact and create a more sustainable world.

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Year 6 Parents - SATS 2024 DATES REMINDER:

Year 6 SATs will take place during the week starting May 13th 2024.

Monday 13th May 2024	Grammar & Punctuation test - 45 minutes Spelling Test - 20 minutes
Tuesday 14th May 2024	English Reading Test - 60 minutes
Wednesday 15th May 2024	Mathematics Arithmetic (Paper 1) - 30 minutes Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 2) - 40 minutes
Thursday 16th May 2024	Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 3) - 40 minutes

Please make sure your children are in school on time to take part in the tests.

Please consider applying for Pupil Premium:

Please check if you are eligible for Pupil Premium funding. If you are in receipt of certain benefits your child may be entitled to free school meals. [More details can be found on the KCC website](#)



Applications for funding such as this not only provides a school meal, but releases further funding which helps us to support individuals and groups of children in the school. If your child is in KS1 and you are eligible it is important that you apply. Although every child in these classes receive a Universal Infant Free School Meal, this will not automatically release other funding unless you apply for the Pupil Premium.

PTA – Bingo Night.

BINGO NIGHT 10th MAY
ST Nicholas CE Primary Academy PTA & Abacus Nursery Fundraising Night
Starts at 6:45pm eyes down for 7pm
Adults Only
Come along and enjoy a night of bingo for only £8 (please pay on arrival). Extra games and a raffle can be purchased too. Please bring your own nibbles, drinks and glasses.
To reserve a table please call the school office on 01797 361906

PTA Meeting

Our next meeting of the PTA will take place on **Monday 29th April at 2.00pm**

We would love to see as many of our parent community there to assist us in planning and holding future events.

All the money raised goes to YOUR children.



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