



Friday 25th October 2024

St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

Weekly Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

As we approach the end of term, following our recent OFSTED inspection, I'm reminded of a poignant quote: *"Every decision you make as a leader shapes the future of your school."* This sentiment resonates deeply with me and the governing body as we reflect on St Nicholas CE Primary Academy's journey and future direction.

I'm pleased to say that our school is progressing very well. We're committed to providing the best educational standards, top-notch facilities, and unwavering support for our pupils, particularly in these challenging times for SEND funding. Our dedication to excellence was evident this week as we welcomed Ian from KIC theatre, who worked with Years 4 & 6 to boost their creativity & writing skills in the drama workshops – they had a great time!

Many of you will have attended our parent-teacher consultations this week. These meetings are crucial in highlighting both successes and areas for growth, all of which contribute to shaping our school's path forward. With this in mind, I'm excited to announce that next term, we'll be sharing our plans for our dedicated art and music facilities. Additionally, I'm thrilled to inform you that construction on our new sports pavilion is set to commence in early 2025.

In our ongoing pursuit of excellence in sports, we had the pleasure of hosting Kent School Games this week. They visited to explore ways to enhance our already **excellent** sports provision, particularly focusing on our involvement in the Everyday Active Schools programme. We're keen to involve our families in this journey, so look out for opportunities next term to contribute to the development of our school-wide sports provision.

I'm immensely proud to share that our commitment to sports has once again been recognised. As a Platinum Sport Games School, we've been awarded the **Equal Access School award 2024** from the Girls Football School partnership. This is a tremendous achievement, reflecting the dedication of our girls' football team and the tireless efforts of our staff. I'd like to extend my thanks to Mr Dewey and Miss Arnold for their **outstanding** work in promoting sports at St Nicholas.

As we wrap up this term, please remember to send in your sponsored bounce contributions. I'm looking forward to sharing our grand total with you after the half-term holiday.

Finally, a quick reminder that we return to school on **Monday 4th November** & the second half of our parent-teacher consultations also take place that week.

Thank you all for your continued support and engagement in our school community. Together, we continue to shape a bright future for St Nicholas CE Primary Academy.

Have a great half term.

Yours sincerely
Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

November

Mon 4

- Children return to school
- Year 4 LUNR workshop
- Key Stage 1 Parent Teacher consultation 3:30pm onwards

Tues 5

- 2:00pm PTA Meeting

Wed 6

- Year 4 LUNR workshop

Thurs 7

- Year R Fun day at Marsh Academy
- Key Stage 2 Parent Teacher consultation 3:30pm onwards

Fri 8

- 1pm - Otters Y1 to visit The Old School House

Sun 10

- Remembrance Day service 10:30am St Nicholas Church

Mon 11

- Anti-bullying week
- 9:45am New Intake meeting
- 1pm - Badgers Y1 to visit The Old School House
- 6:00pm New Intake Meeting



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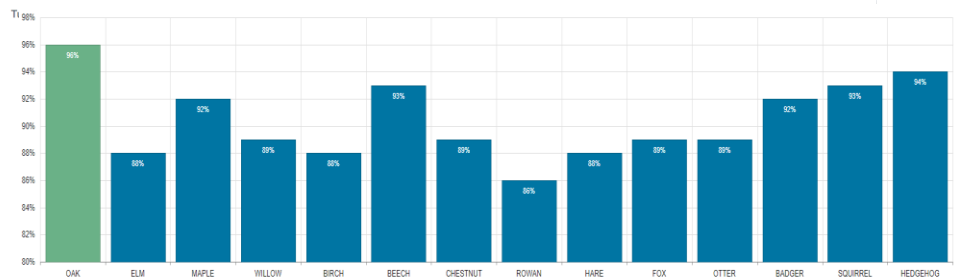


Attendance every day counts.

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	%
6	Oak	96



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: Eddie B **Badger:** Eli T **Fox:** Olivia-May F
Rowan: Ollie B **Beech:** Scarlett P **Willow:** Maia J
Oak: Autumn C



This week's Birthdays:

Georgia I, George E, Anae A, Mattie K, Jack D, Frankie D and Eva H – many happy returns to you all!



This term's worship focus is on our value:

COMMUNITY



"Where two or three gather in my name, there am I among them."

Matthew 8: 20

Head Lice - Who can get head lice?

Anyone can get head lice. They are a common problem and cause concern and frustration for parents and children. Catching head lice has nothing to do with poor hygiene.

People get head lice from head to head (hair to hair) contact with someone who already has head lice. This can easily happen when children play or sleep together and their heads touch. Head lice can only crawl from hair to hair. They can't fly or jump from head to head. To get rid of the problem you have to treat the whole family

As a community, we should try and check all our childrens hair this holiday to break the cycle of head lice in our school.



Year 6 – Secondary school applications

Applications for Secondary schools close on 31 October 2024. You can name up to four secondary schools, but you must name them on the same application.

Slides from the meeting for parents earlier this week will be available on the Year 6 Class Dojo Pages.



Teacher Training Day reminder

The school will be closed on Friday 29th November – children will not be at school on this day.



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Maths Challenge – How many of our challenges can you complete this week?

For KS1

Ron has these digit cards.



He uses two of the cards to make a 2-digit number.

How many even 2-digit numbers can he make?

For Lower KS2



I have 207 stickers

I have 150 stickers



Mo gives Alex some stickers.
Alex now has twice as many as Mo.
How many stickers did Mo give Alex?

For Upper KS2

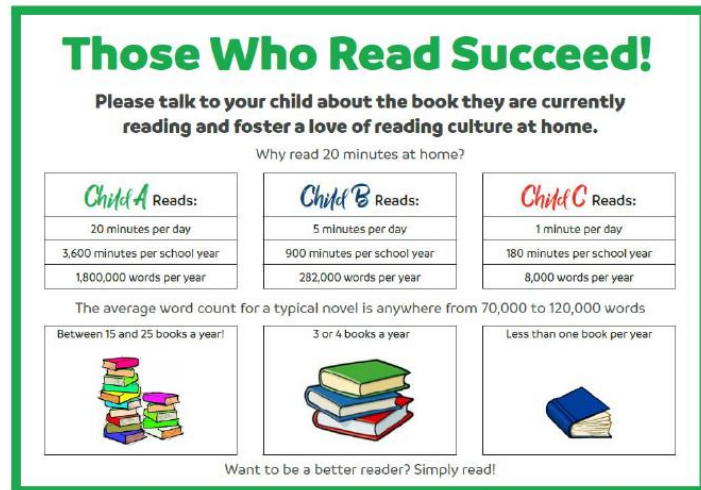
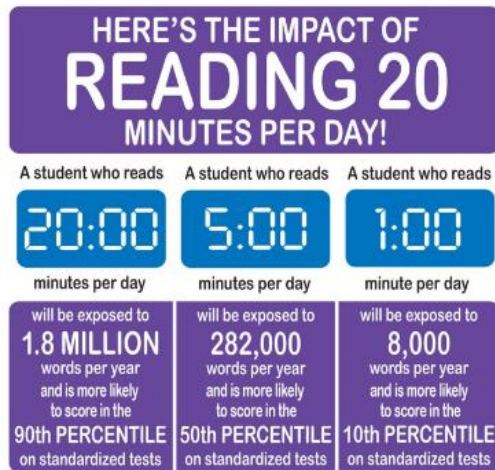
Ron and Eva each make a 3-digit number from these digit cards.



- Ron makes the largest even number possible.
- Eva makes the smallest odd number possible.

What is the difference between their numbers?

This half term keep a focus on your Reading; Reading Plus and TTRS – it could make a difference to who you want to be!



SPOTLIGHT ON BRITISH VALUES

Democracy

In a democracy, people have a say in the decisions that affect them. They usually vote, where everyone gets a chance to choose their favourite option.

It's not just about voting though! Democracy is also about listening to different ideas, respecting others' opinions, and working together to find solutions that benefit everyone. Even in our classrooms, we practise these important skills by listening to each other's ideas and working together to make our class a fun and fair place for everyone.

#BritishValues



YOUR PTA

We are keen to get started with our next PTA meeting after half term. Many of you have already shown an interest in being part of this group, but if haven't yet done so and you would like to take a more active role in school life, please pop along to our meeting on:

Tuesday 5th November at 2:00pm

Join us for a hot drink and chat with members of the PTA and Mr Dale.

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Is your child starting school in September 2025?

Parents and families are welcome to visit our wonderful school and grounds.

Join us for an open session - Contact us on: 01797 361906 to book a place.

Monday 11th November 2024 - 9:45am & 6:00pm

Wednesday 13th November 2024 - 9:45am & 1:30pm

Wednesday 20th November 2024 - 1:30pm & Thurs 9th January 2025 - 9:45am

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



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Children and Young People's Emotional Wellbeing Support

Public consultation

Have your say!

KCC is consulting on a new Therapeutic Support Service for children and young people with mild to medium emotional wellbeing and mental health needs.

This aims to meet the needs of children and young people by offering a range of creative and therapeutic activities. These will help them to understand and express their emotions in a safe and positive way, build support networks with their peers, and develop tools to help them thrive.

We would fund the proposed service instead of the current Children and Young People's Counselling Service.

Find out more and tell us your views at

kent.gov.uk/cypwellbeingsupport

Consultation closes 12 November 2024

If you need a paper copy of the consultation material or any help taking part in this consultation, please email phstprogramme@kent.gov.uk or phone **03000 413487**. For any alternative formats or languages, please email alternativeformats@kent.gov.uk or call **03000 421553** (text relay service number **18001 03000 421553**).

Both phone numbers go to answering machines, which are monitored during office hours.



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St Nicholas would like to say a massive thankyou to Morrisons for donating pumpkins to EYFS. They have been busy scooping, carving, decorating and exploring their senses. All the children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



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