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St Nicholas CE Primary Academy



# Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a whirlwind of activity we've had at St Nicholas CE Primary Academy this week! Our pupils have been immersed in a variety of enriching experiences, demonstrating their usual enthusiasm and commitment.

This week, we've placed a special focus on anti-bullying, engaging our pupils in thoughtful discussions and activities. To support this important work at home, I've included an information sheet on bullying at the end of this newsletter, which I hope parents will find useful.

We began the week by joining the nation in observing Armistice Day. It was heartening to see our pupils show such respect during this solemn occasion. I was particularly proud to see so many of our children in their community uniforms, representing various organisations. You can read some of the poems our Year 6 children wrote for the occasion.

Our school has been a hive of activity, welcoming prospective parents for our new intake visits. The interest in our school has been overwhelming, and it's been a pleasure to showcase what makes St Nicholas so special.

Year 1 pupils enjoyed an educational trip to the Old School House, while Year 2 had Godly Play session with our regular visitor, Les Carter. Meanwhile, Year 4 have been channelling their creativity, collaborating with the Light up New Romney committee on an exciting design project.

I'm delighted to share that the refurbishment of the classrooms near my office is nearing completion. Both Year 5 classes will be moving into these refreshed spaces by the end of term. This development paves the way for us to establish dedicated Art and Music rooms, further enhancing our pupils' learning experiences.

Our recent successes in SEND and Ofsted have not gone unnoticed. Next week, we're honoured to host visitors from several Kent schools who are keen to learn about our approach to safeguarding and behaviour management. As always, I'm immensely proud to share the achievements of your children with others in the education community.

Looking ahead, I'd like to remind everyone about our upcoming PTA / Abacus nursery adults only Bingo evening on Friday 22nd November. Doors open at 6:45pm, with eyes down at 7pm. All are welcome to join us for what promises to be a fun-filled evening.

As ever, I'm grateful for your continued support and engagement with our school community. The success of St Nicholas is a testament to the collective efforts of our pupils, staff, and parents. Together, we're creating an environment where every child can thrive and reach their full potential.

Yours sincerely

*Christopher Dale*

Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

### November

#### Mon 18

- Maths week for the Whole School

#### Wed 20

- 1:00pm Year 4 LUNR workshop
- 1:30pm New Entrance meeting

#### Thurs 21

- School vacancy for the SRP closes
- Y5 & 6 Basketball tournament

#### Fri 22

- Maple Class move into their new class
- PTA / Abacus BINGO evening

#### Wed 27

- 1:00pm Year 4 LUNR workshop
- Y5/6 Girls Futsal at Three Hills sports park

#### Thurs 28

- 1:30pm KS2 Advent Eucharist at school

#### Friday 29

- **SCHOOL INSET** – School closed to children

### DECEMBER

**Please see christmas activities list attached**



*"Learning, loving and encouraging through Christ."*



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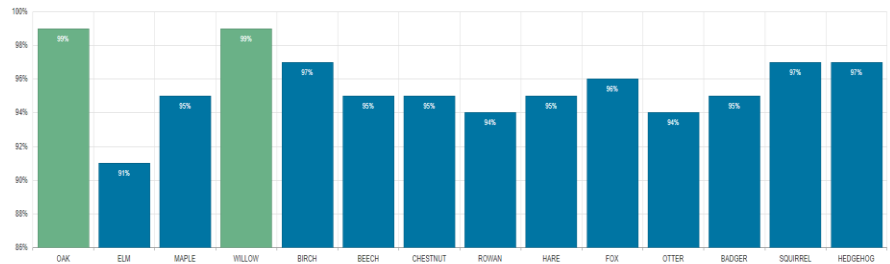


## Attendance every day counts.

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	99
5	Willow	99
R	Hedgehog	97
R	Squirrel	97
4	Birch	97



*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:** Tillie L **Badger:** Mya B **Fox:** Jesse H  
**Rowan:** Freddie T **Beech:** Darcy J **Willow:** Blake C  
**Oak:** Molly S



## This week's Birthdays:

Darnia F, Neive R, Grace J, Leif F, Finn S, Mia H,  
 Kelsey K and Henry P – many happy returns to you all!



This term's worship focus is  
 on our value:  
**FRIENDSHIP**

Encourage  
 one another  
 and build  
 each other up,  
 just as in fact  
 you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

## Maths week 18<sup>th</sup> November – Using our Maths Eyes

In the same way that contact or glass lenses help some individuals to see more clearly, using 'Maths Eyes lenses' can help us to see different types of mathematics that surround us. When an individual first develops their Maths Eyes they usually see the mathematics that is associated with measure or number e.g., prices in the shop, bus and car registrations, bar codes, speed signs, etc. before seeing other types of mathematics. However, by changing the lens that you look through it is possible to see the other types of real-world mathematics that surround us.

### Developing Your Maths Eyes

Look at the pictures below and see what you can see using different Maths Eyes lenses.



### Example: Fence

- Using the Shape and Space lens you might have seen squares, rectangles, lines, parallel lines.
- Using the Number lens you might have seen the total number of rectangles and the number of each different coloured rectangles.
- Using the Measure lens you might have considered how to measure the height of the fence and what units you might use.

- Using the Data and Chance lens you might have considered if there is more of one colour.
- Using the Algebra lens you might think about whether or not there is a pattern in the distribution of the colours in the picture.



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## Remembrance

In one minute's silence, you can imagine the sound of gunshots as families fled for their Anderson shelters across the country.

But can you imagine in one minute's silence the cries of unlucky citizens across the country, gazing footsteps of terrorised children.

In one minute's silence you can imagine the buzzing of aeroplanes overhead as war commences for yet another day.

But can you imagine the sorrowful cries of dispirited widowers discovering their partners' fate on the battlefield.

In one minute's silence you can imagine a tragic telegram, declaring a hopeless call of halt, silence so un-giving and dreadful.

But can you imagine in one minute's silence the cheerful thoughts and prayers of thank for war had ended.



## In one minute's silence poem

In one minute's silence you can imagine the guns shooting, far being in the far distance.  
But can you imagine in one minute's silence the screams of the soldiers of war is quickly escalating.

In one minute's silence you can imagine the poppies that once grew in the lush fields.  
But can you imagine in one minute's silence the dream of peace of a loved one as the train is loaded.

In one minute's silence you can imagine the yet plants trying to bring peace.  
But in one minute's silence can you imagine the peace and happiness the countries felt when the papers were signed.



Shye



## Year 1 visit to the School House



**The visit to the Old School to start our history work on old toys. We also experienced school in Victorian times!**





The poster features a bright orange background. At the top left is a small image of a bingo board. In the top right corner is the St Nicholas CE Primary Academy logo, which depicts a church building. Two large bingo balls are positioned on either side of the main title: a blue ball with the number 4 on the left and a red ball with the number 5 on the right. Below the title, there are two images of bingo cards, one on the left and one on the right, both labeled 'LOTTERY'. Several gold coins with dollar signs are scattered around the central text area.

# BINGO *Night*

St Nicholas CE Primary Academy PTA  
& Abacus Nursery  
Fundraising Night

STARTS AT 6:45pm - eyes  
down for 7pm! Adults only.

## FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

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 or email  
[office@st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk)

## What's on this Christmas across St Nicholas

