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St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

# Weekly Newsletter

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Dear St Nicholas Community,

What a bustling week we've had at St Nicholas! Our school has been a hive of activity, with numerous visitors gracing our halls. We've welcomed fellow Headteachers, Trust members, and even former HMI inspectors. It's been heartening to receive their praise for our school and, most importantly, for the tremendous efforts of our pupils.

This week, we've embraced the world of numbers with our school-wide maths week. Our pupils have been on a mission to spot mathematics in every nook and cranny of their surroundings. It's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm as they discover how maths is woven into the fabric of our everyday lives. Our Key Stage 2 pupils have been particularly engaged, battling it out in their year groups through Times Tables Rock Stars. The competitive spirit has been great to see!

I'm thrilled to share some fantastic news about our recent fundraising efforts. Last week, we joined in the Children in Need celebrations with a non-uniform day. Thanks to your incredible generosity, we raised a **whopping £400** for this worthy cause. Your kindness will make a real difference in the lives of children who need it most. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed.



On a different note, I'd like to address the unplanned fire alarm which occurred today. Some of you may already be aware of this incident. I want to reassure you that despite being unexpected, our staff and pupils responded admirably. Their behaviour was exactly as we would hope in such circumstances, and I'm immensely proud of how well everyone handled the situation. My sincere thanks go out to all our families who supported us during this unannounced drill.

Looking ahead, we're excited to announce our Reverse Advent collection. This initiative aims to support vulnerable and needy families in our community during the festive season. You'll find a list of suggested items at the end of this newsletter. Your support in this endeavour would be greatly appreciated, and I'd like to extend my thanks in advance for your generosity.

At St Nicholas, we're not just about academic achievement - we're about building a community that cares. Whether it's embracing mathematics, raising funds for charity, or supporting those in need, our pupils continue to make us proud. Your ongoing support as parents and carers is invaluable, and together, we're creating a school environment where every child can thrive.

Best wishes

Christopher Dale  
Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

### NOVEMBER

#### Wed 27

- 1:00pm Year 4 LUNR workshop
- Y5/6 Girls Futsall at 3Hills sports centre

#### Thurs 28

- 1:30pm KS2 Advent Eucharist at school

#### Friday 29

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

### DECEMBER

#### Mon 2

9:15am - Y4 advent service at St Nicholas Church

#### Wed 4

School Panto day  
KS1 at school  
KS2 Marlowe Theatre

#### Thurs 5

Lower KS2 pupil Games  
2pm – PTA meeting in staffroom – all welcome.

#### Fri 6

9:15am – Whole school, St Nicholas Day Service

Xmas School DISCO  
5pm – 6pm; Y1 to Y3  
6:30 – 7:45pm; Y4 to Y6



**“Learning, loving and encouraging through Christ.”**



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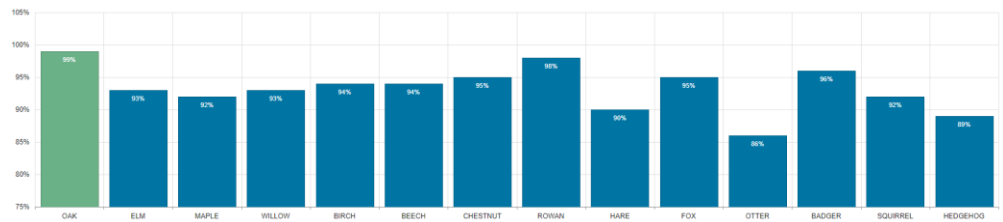


## Attendance every day counts.

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
3	Rowan	98
1	Badger	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:**

**Otter:** Leif F **Hare:** Joshua S **Chestnut:** Sophia G  
**Birch:** Felicity S **Maple:** Ollie E **Elm:** Joshua E



## This week's Birthdays:

Archie A, Harper S, David A, Olivia-May F, Alan S, Harry T, Hugo W, Alby A, Amelia C, Katie H, Reuben B, Talia B, Tillie C and Aurora D – many happy returns to you all!

## Collective Worship

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.

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## Maths week – Using our Maths Eyes

Please see some of our children's work during our maths week.





## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR



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. Following on from last year we would like to repeat the reverse advent calendar. This food collected will be sent to the local food bank for distribution to the local needy in our community.

We would like to invite you to be a part of our school's reverse advent calendar, if you wish to do so. The purpose of a reverse advent calendar is to encourage everyone to think about how much we have and to support us in giving a something away each day.

Items for our reverse advent calendar can be brought to school from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December until Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Each day a different class will be asked to send in one item with something from the list below with their child and place it in the reverse advent calendar box which will be in the main school hall, please see class list below for the day for each class.

The list is not exhaustive; however, these are the items that the food bank has requested. There are no rules to how much you can bring or which items you bring on which day. We hope that many families may wish 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.

- Chocolate Log
- Mince Pies
- Party Style Biscuits
- Stuffing
- Bread Sauce Mix / Gravy Mix
- Shampoo
- Tins of Fruit
- Tins of Chicken in Sauce
- Tinned Meat Pies
- Tea/Coffee
- Sugar
- Chocolates/Sweets
- Pringles/Crisps
- Marmalade/Jam
- Bubble Bath/Shower Gel
- Honey Chocolate Spread
- Hand Soap
- Christmas Crackers
- Packets of Christmas Cards
- Table Napkins
- Christmas Pudding
- Small Packets of Christmas Decorations

Date	Class
Mon 2	Elm & Oak
Tues 3	Rowan & Chestnut
Wed 4	Hare & Fox
Thurs 5	Hedgehog & Squirrel
Fri 6	The Hive
Mon 9	Beech & Birch
Tues 10	Otter & Badger
Wed 11	Maple & Willow

Thank you in advance for your support.



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# Christmas Dinner Day - 18/12/24

Dear Parent/Carer,

We will be hosting our Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings on Wednesday 18th December 2024.

The lunch will be:

- Roast with all the trimmings
- Roast Quorn fillet with all the trimmings
- Chocolate ice cream
- Vanilla Shortbread
- Fruit

Please complete the form via **CLASS DOJO** with your child's yes or no option - we will need a yes or no response to allow the Catering Team to order the ingredients. This response must be received by Tuesday 3rd December 2024 as **no requests will be accepted after this date.**

Should they wish to have the lunch you will also need to add funds to their school lunch money account on MCAS by 3:15pm Tuesday 3rd December 2024. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals or Universal Infant Free School no payment is required but the form will need to be completed.

To pay for the lunch log into your MCAS account and add credit to their School Lunch Money account.

## Community news



**LIGHT UP  
NEW ROMNEY  
2024**

**FREE! FREE!**

**LANTERN-MAKING WORKSHOPS**

**SATURDAY 23RD & 30TH NOVEMBER**

From 10.00am to 3.00pm

at The Old School - Church Lane - New Romney - TN28 8ER

Come and get creative at one of our **FREE** workshops!

Make a lantern to carry in the *Light Up New Romney parade* at 6.30pm on **Friday 13th December.**

**ALL AGES WELCOME!**

Just turn up - No need to book!

CHILDREN TO BE ACCOMPANIED AT ALL TIMES BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT - ONE LANTERN PER PERSON!

**DONATIONS VERY WELCOME!**

Check out our facebook page: [lightupnewromney](https://www.facebook.com/lightupnewromney) for more information about this event or if you would like join the LUNR Team!

**Light Up New Romney** is brought to you by a small team of dedicated volunteers to bring festive joy & community spirit to our town!

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