



Friday 8th November 2024
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to a new school term!

As always, this term promises to be a hive of activity, and we've already hit the ground running. I'm delighted that our final round of Parent Teacher Consultations has wrapped up, and I trust that these meetings have provided you with a comprehensive understanding of your child's progress and their next steps in learning.

It's worth emphasising the crucial role **you** play in your child's educational journey. Your support at home, whether it's listening to them read, practising phonics, or working on times tables and number bonds, is invaluable. These efforts significantly boost your child's confidence and readiness for new challenges in their learning adventure.

This week, you'll have received a copy of our school's Ofsted report. I was bursting with pride to share the outcomes detailed with you all. Our achievements are a testament to the hard work of our pupils, the dedication of our staff, and the unwavering support of our school community. You're backing during this period and beyond has been instrumental, and for that, I extend my heartfelt thanks.

Looking ahead, we've got some exciting events on the horizon. **On Monday, 11th November**, we'll be observing Armistice Day. We'd be honoured if pupils who belong to community groups such as Cubs, Brownies, Scouts, or Girl Guides etc would wear their uniforms to school. This will add a special touch to our Remembrance service and highlight the importance of community involvement.

Next week, we'll be participating in the national Anti-Bullying Week programme. For a fun way to celebrate our uniqueness and promote acceptance, we're inviting all pupils **to wear odd socks to school on Tuesday 12th November.**

Lastly, don't forget that **Friday, 15th November is our Children in Need non-uniform day.** Pupils can leave their uniforms at home in exchange for a small donation of £1 towards this wonderful cause.

As we navigate through this busy term, I'm continually impressed by the enthusiasm and resilience of our pupils. Their eagerness to learn, their kindness towards one another, and their willingness to engage in our school community never fails to inspire me. Let's continue to work together to make this term a memorable and successful one for all.

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely
Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

November

Sun 10

- Remembrance Day service 10:30am St Nicholas Church

Mon 11

- Remembrance service – wear your community uniform to school
- Anti-bullying week
- 9:45am New Intake meeting
- 1pm - Badgers Y1 to visit The Old School House
- 6:00pm New Intake Meeting

Tues 12

- Whole school Odd Socks Day
- Y2 Godly Play
- Year 5 parents Kingswood Parent Meeting

Wed 13

- Year R & 6 NCMP Screening
- 9:45am New Entrance meeting
- 1:00pm Year 4 LUNR workshop
- 1:30pm New Entrance meeting

Thurs 14

- 8:30am Breakfast Bonanza – all welcome

Fri 15

- Children in Need Non-uniform day £1 donations



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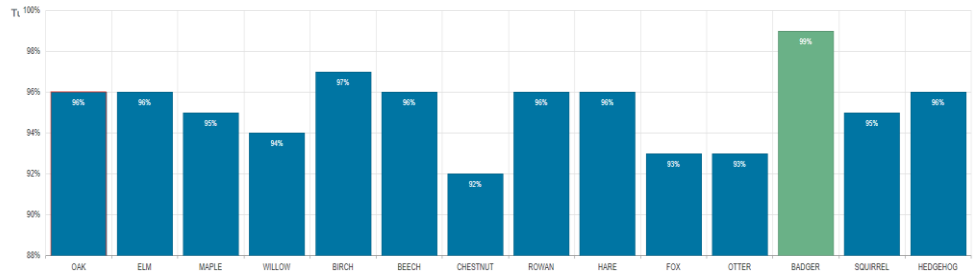


Attendance every day counts.

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	%
1	Badger	99%



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:

Squirrel: Belle B **Otter:** Ivy-Rose Y **Hare:** Ronnie S
Chestnut: Teddy S **Birch:** Grace J **Maple:** Lexi S
Elm: Rocco F



This week's Birthdays:

James B, Pixie G, Mason F, Isabel H, Micheal O, Irin S, Izzy W, Arthur M, Ralph M and William R – 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

Remembrance Day – Monday 11th November 2024



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Anti-bullying week 2024.

Anti-Bullying Week 2024 will take place from **Monday 11th - Friday 15th November**, with the theme: Choose Respect. **Odd Socks Day is taking place on Tuesday 12th November**, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.



Children in Need Day - Friday 15th 2024



Don't forget that **Friday, 15th November is Children in Need non-uniform day**. Pupils can leave their uniforms at home in exchange for a small donation of £1 towards this wonderful cause. The money that you give changes lives. With your support we give children someone to turn to when they are carrying a load that's just too heavy to manage alone. These specialists help children to overcome the challenges they are facing and be the best they can be.



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Your PTA – please support our events.



This week your PTA met to discuss the events that have taken place over the last term.

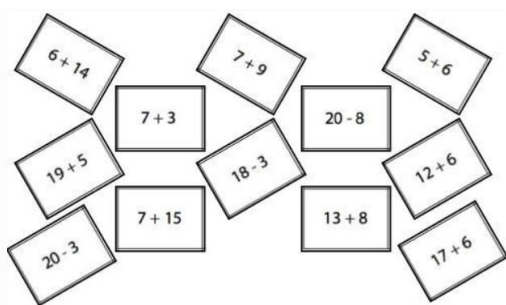
We are delighted to share that our Sponsored Bounce has so far raised well over **£2451.85**, **if you have any outstanding funds at home please send these in as soon as possible.**

The PTA are delighted to let our families know that we have another brilliant **BINGO night** partnership with Abacus Nursery set to take place on **Friday 22nd November from 6:45pm for eyes down at 7:00pm.**

There are plans for a super Christmas Draw and lots of other exciting events all planned for in the New Year. Please watch out for how you can support your child's school. Thank you

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

For KS1



It's best to do this with 3 other friends.
Share all the cards out equally among the four of you.

Work out what the answer is to each question on your cards.

Do you notice anything?

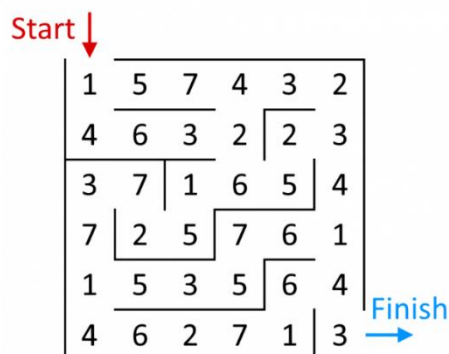
What do you notice?

Try sorting or arranging the cards in some way.

For KS2

In this maze there are numbers in each of the cells. You go through adding all the numbers that you pass. You may not go through any cell more than once.

Can you find a way through in which the numbers add to exactly 100?



What is the lowest number you can make going through the maze?

What is the highest number you can make going through the maze? (Remember you may not go through any cell more than once.)

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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

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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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