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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 this week – one of the busiest I can remember. Last week ended with our very special St Nicholas Day service in the church where Charlie D was inaugurated as the Child Bishop for the day.

On Monday morning, 3 children had a surprise visit to Sainsburys where they discovered they had won a competition and they all received a bag full of goodies. Congratulations to: Emily L, Zahra C and Esme B. The bag that they have designed is now for sale in Sainsburys; how exciting it will be for them to see lots of people using their designed bags. That was not our only visit to Sainsburys that day. Sainsburys very generously gave us £100 to spend in a trolley dash to stock up our food cupboard which we use to support the local community. Well done Joshua E and Mrs Bartlett for some brilliant shopping and an enormous thank you to Sainsburys for their generosity.

Our school choir have been in full voice this week, singing at several residential homes, the Community Hub and at the Scout Hut for CARM. I know that they have enjoyed themselves and I have received numerous messages of thanks and best wishes from the residents saying how much the children have made their Christmas so far and congratulating them on their behaviour and beautiful singing. There will be more singing next week too, when you will be able to come and listen to the children singing in the community on Thursday morning. They will start singing outside Sainsburys at **9:30** and then at various locations down the High Street. We look forward to seeing lots of you there and you joining us in a sing song.

Yesterday saw EYFS perform their nativity twice in the church. I have to say, for me it is when you have seen the nativity and hear the children sing "Away in a Manger" that I know Christmas is very nearly here. The children sang and acted magnificently and we are extremely proud of how far they have come since they started with us back in September. A big thanks to parents for all the great costumes too.

Year 4 have been working hard for weeks now creating their magical lanterns for the Light Up New Romney Parade today. The children will also be singing in the church after the parade. I hope to see lots of you there supporting them.

We will start making up Advent hampers on Monday, so any last-minute donations would be gratefully received.

Best wishes

Victoria Turner

**Deputy Headteacher**

## Dates for your diary



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

### December

#### Mon 16<sup>th</sup>

**9:30am** iRock performance for parents of children who attend iRock

Christmas Raffle Draw and Christmas Plate competition judging

#### Tues 17<sup>th</sup>

**9:30am** KS1 Nativity

**2:00pm** KS1 Nativity

If you need tickets, please contact the school office

#### Weds 18<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Jumper Day – just a jumper and normal school uniform please  
**Christmas Dinner – if you have not booked this, you will need to bring in a packed lunch**

#### Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>

**9:30am** Carolling in the Community – everyone is welcome

**2:00pm** Cakes and Carols

#### Fri 20<sup>th</sup>

**9:15am** Christingle in church – all welcome  
**pm** Christmas class parties



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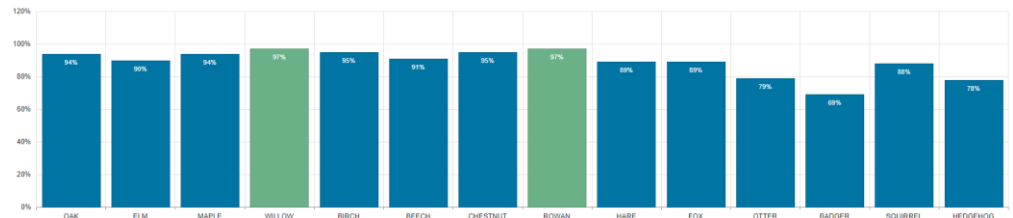
## Attendance every day counts.

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.**

We know that there are lots of bugs and viruses going around at the moment, so please ensure that your child is wearing a coat to school and we are encouraging lots of handwashing to keep the bugs at bay. If your child is absent from school, please remember to let the office know.

Top attenders are:		
Year	Class	%
3	Rowan	97
5	Willow	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:

**Squirrel:** Bethany H **Otter:** Hughie F **Hare:** Summer V  
**Rowan:** Luna U **Beech:** Neive R **Maple:** Kenzie V  
**Oak:** Billy R



### This week's Birthdays:

Kenzie R, Ajay C, Isabelle G, Sophie M, Ollie S, Archie A, Connie P and Emily 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.

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On Wednesday 27th November and Wednesday 11th December some of our pupils attended a girls Futsal Tournament at Three Hills Sports Park. The girls battled hard, showed great determination and we are delighted to announce they brought home **1ST PLACE** 🏆

Everyone here at St Nicholas is super proud of them and hopefully we will see some of them in the next Herald Cup. We would also like to say a massive thank you to Miss Arnold and Miss Cloke for assisting/coaching the girls, they wouldn't have been able to attend without you.

Please see the photos below.

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