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St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week we've had at St Nicholas CE Primary Academy! It's been filled with exciting events, remarkable achievements, and a glimpse into future opportunities for our pupils.

Last Friday we were treated to an engaging drama presentation by the New Romney Scouts association. The whole school gathered to learn about the fantastic opportunities available to Scout members. Our pupils were captivated by the presentation, and I'm sure many are now eager to join. For those interested, information on how to become a member has been placed outside the classrooms for pupils in Years R to 4. We've also included further details at the end of this newsletter for parents who may have missed it. I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the adults who worked tirelessly to support this wonderful assembly.



I'm thrilled to share some outstanding news from our sports teams. Our Girls' football team has progressed to the quarter-finals of the Girls Herald Cup - a wonderful performance in this competition! We wish them the very best of luck as they continue their journey in the knockout phase.

This week also saw our pupils shine in the District Cross Country events. An impressive 67 pupils from Years 3 to 6 participated, demonstrating our school value of perseverance and representing St Nicholas with pride. It was particularly heartening to see so many new runners this year.

The results were nothing short of spectacular! We had two Year 3 pupils finish in 2nd place and another in 3rd. In Year 4 we celebrated a 3rd place finish and a 1st place victory for the second year running! Our Year 6 pupils also excelled, with one finishing 4th and another securing 2nd place for the second consecutive year. In the team events, our Year 3/4 Teams A and B claimed 1st and 2nd places respectively, while Team C finished 4th. Our Year 5/6 teams also performed admirably, with Team A finishing 3rd, Team B 4th and Team C 5th. Well done to all concerned.

Looking ahead, I'd like to remind parents about our VE 80th anniversary day on Thursday 8th May. Dinner confirmations should have been submitted by now, and we are looking forward to an exciting day of celebration.

In the coming days and weeks, Year 5 pupils will be continuing water sports while later on this month Year 4 Beech class begin their swimming lessons, please see our dates sheet for more information.

Finally, I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our **PTA Summer Fayre planning event on Thursday 22nd May at 2pm**. Together, I hope we will work towards creating our most successful PTA Summer Fayre ever!

As always, thank you for your continued support and engagement with our school community.

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

MAY

Mon 5th

- Bank Holiday – school closed

Tues 6th

- Y5 & 6 pupils to visit Romney Marsh Hub and speak to residents of their WWII experiences

Thurs 8th

- VE Day 80th anniversary celebrations

Mon 12th

- Y6 SATs week all this week
- YR to the Old School gardens

Tues 13th

- Y4 Beech class at Kench Hill
- Y2 stone age cooking workshop

Wed 14th

- Y4 Beech class at Kench Hill
- Y5 G4 water sports

Thurs 15th

- Y4 Birch class Kench Hill

Fri 16th

- Y4 Birch class Kench Hill
- 6 Ways to Wellbeing Day – whole school

Mon 19th

- Y4 swimming Beech

Wed 21st

- National Numeracy Day
- Y5 G5 water sports

Thurs 22nd

- 9:15am Y2 & 3 Ascension Day service at Church



“Learning, loving and encouraging through Christ.”



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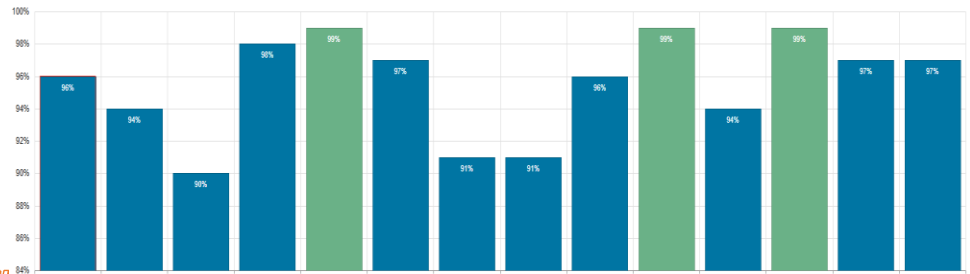


Attendance every day counts.

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	%
1	Badger	99%
2	Fox	99%
4	Birch	99%
5	Willow	98%



Congratulations to all

Thank you for realising the importance of sending your child to school every day.

Star Award



Star of the week awards went to:

Squirrel: Dominic C **Badger:** Matilda C, **Hare:** Ronnie S,
Rowan: Delilah-Rae G, **Beech:** Jamie B, **Maple:** Eva H
Oak: Summer A



This week's birthdays:

Archie C, Bonnie M, Chase R, Harry A, Cal C, Luna U,
Teddy J and Ivy-Rose Y – many happy returns to you all!



This term's worship focus is
on our value:

PERSEVERANCE

1 Chronicles 16:11

*"Seek the Lord and
his strength; seek his
presence
continually!"*

Search Engines

Hopefully you will have seen our #WakeUpWednesday post on ClassDojo on Wednesday all about search engines. Most of us will use a search engine every day when searching for information online.

The top ten search engines of 2024 were:

1. Google (approx. 91% market share)
2. Microsoft Bing (approx. 3.5% market share)
3. Yahoo (approx. 1% market share)
4. Baidu
5. Yandex
6. DuckDuckGo
7. Ask.com
8. Ecosia
9. Aol.com
10. Internet Archive



As you can see, Google is the number 1 search engine by over 87%! With the amazing results these search engines bring, they also pose a risk to our children unless they are properly supervised. They can easily encounter misleading, inappropriate, or even illegal content. At St Nicholas, the children use [Kiddle - visual search engine for kids](#) which uses the power of Google searches, but in a far safer way. Another child-focused search engine is [Swiggle.org.uk - Child Friendly Search Engine for Kids](#) which also harnesses the power of Google, but in a child friendly way.



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Check out the guide sent out on Wednesday (also attached here) for more information about how you can keep children safe online. You can download a PDF copy here >>> [2025-04-30 What parents and educators need to know about Search Engines.pdf](#)
For further information and advice on online safety issues, please check the school online safety page >>> <https://www.st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk/online-safety/>

Mobile phones and social media



This week Mr Dale sent out a letter to parents of pupils in Y5 and 6 who have a mobile phone, informing parents that like all schools, we have incidents relating to pupil misuse of mobile phones. These range from inappropriate name calling, to swearing at each other, along with potential bullying and on occasions the sharing of explicit images, all of which is wrong, and we wish to support parents in managing. Most young people use devices safely and without repercussion, but we know that this does not mean that others do not target them or use such platforms to cause harm.

In the main, **these incidents occur outside of the school day on mobile phones provided by you as parents and carers**. However, our pastoral and safeguarding teams are having to manage the repercussions of these behaviours in school, some of which have led to police reports and Children's Social Services referrals. We take these matters seriously and will always involve the police where the action is of a criminal or threatening nature. Where the police choose not to act, the school will do so in line with our policies.

When **you** provide your child/children with mobile devices, **you** have a duty of responsibility as parents/carers, to ensure that you set appropriate parental controls that restrict the content available to your child, and that you frequently check your children's devices, which includes smart TVs and games consoles, as well as mobile phones and tablets, to ensure that you know who they are in contact with and what they are doing online.



On **Thursday 8th May** we will be celebrating the **80th anniversary of VE Day** at St Nicholas School.

We would ask that children come to school dressed in **red, white & blue** on the day. We will start with an outdoor worship around our flagpoles where children will join in worship and sing the songs of the wartime period.

There will be a lunchtime street party - details have already been sent out to everyone on this. In the afternoon children will be taking part in making some war time crafts to remember the event.

Please watch out for other events taking place across the community on the Bank Holiday and at other times in the week.

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WHY NOT GIVE SCOUTING A TRY?



1st New Romney Scout Group

Scouts **Taster Sessions**
1st New Romney

Contact Janet

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Beavers age 5+ - 8 years –
Tuesday 5pm- 6.15pm

Cubs age 8 – 10 years –
Monday 6.30pm – 8pm

Scouts age 10½ - 14 years
Tuesday 7pm – 8.30pm

Explorers age 14 – 18 years
Tuesday 7pm – 8.30pm

Marshians -District Explorers –
fortnightly @ Dymchurch & Lydd
Thursday 7pm -9pm

Opportunities to go Hiking;
Camping; Watersports & complete
Duke of Edinburgh Award

Beavers & Cubs –
Come & try the Scouting
Adventure – Bring a supporting
Grown Up with you. . .
We look forward to meeting you



Scouts
1st New Romney



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