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St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

Weekly Newsletter

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Dear St Nicholas CE Primary Academy Community,

What a week we've had at St Nicholas! Our school has been buzzing with activity, and I'm thrilled to share some of the highlights with you.

Our **Year 6** pupils have been facing their SATs tests head-on, and I couldn't be prouder of their efforts. They've shown tremendous dedication and resilience, truly doing themselves and our school proud. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our Year 6 parents for your unwavering support during this challenging time.

Meanwhile, our **Year 2** pupils stepped back in time with an exciting Stone Age workshop. They embraced the opportunity to cook fish, venison, and vegetables over an open fire, just as our ancestors did thousands of years ago. The feedback from both parents and pupils has been overwhelmingly positive, and it's wonderful to see our children engaging so enthusiastically with history.

The adventure didn't stop there! Our **Year 4** children have embarked on an overnight residential trip to Kench Hill. The experience was nothing short of fantastic, as evidenced by the glowing feedback from our pupils and the Kench Hill team. I encourage you to take a look at the photos at the end of this newsletter – they truly capture the spirit of the trip. Our children were absolute stars, representing St Nicholas with pride and demonstrating the values we hold dear. They showed remarkable perseverance when faced with challenges and built their resilience in overcoming obstacles. These are invaluable life skills that will serve them well in the future, and I'm delighted that we can offer such enriching experiences as part of our unique curriculum at St Nicholas.

Now, I have an important notice for our **Year 5** parents regarding secondary school applications for September 2026. If you're considering a Kent Grammar school for your child, online registration for the Kent Test opens on 2 June 2025 and closes at midnight on 1 July 2025. To register, please visit www.kent.gov.uk/kenttest to create an online account, and add your child's details to start the process. You should receive a confirmation email once you've submitted your registration. Additionally, we're holding a meeting for Year 5 parents on **Thursday 5th June at 5:30pm** in the small hall to discuss the 11+ and secondary school process in more detail.

As always, I'm immensely proud of our pupils and grateful for the continued support of our parent community. Together, we're creating a vibrant, nurturing environment where our children can thrive and grow.

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

MAY

Mon 19th

- Y4 swimming Beech

Wed 21st

- National Numeracy Day
- Y5 group 5 water sports – windsurfing

Thurs 22nd

- 9:15am Y2 & 3 Ascension Day service at Church
- PTA meeting at 2pm

Fri 23rd

- End of term

JUNE

Mon 2nd

- Return to school
- Y5 Registration for 11+ test opens
- Y4 Swimming - Beech Class
- Y1 & 2 Tennis at Hythe
- Y4 Multiplication screen check starts for next 2 weeks - ends 13th June

Tues 3rd

- Y3 & 4 Girls Football at Three Hills
- New intake - Stay & Play (week 1)

Wed 4th

- Y6 group 1 water sports – sailing

Thurs 5th

- Y5 & 6 girls football at Three Hills
- New intake Stay & Play (week 1)
- Y5 Secondary school & 11+ information evening at 5:30pm



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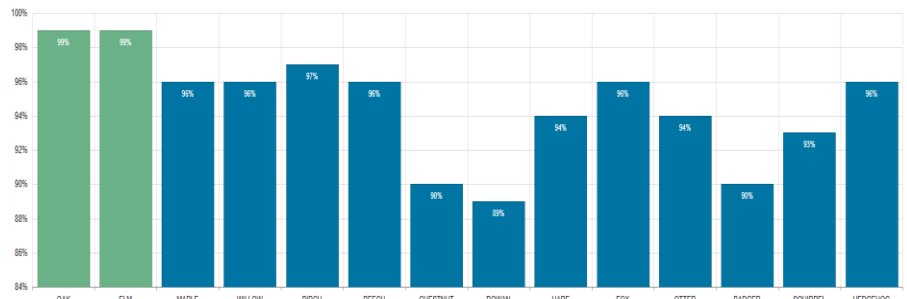


Attendance every day counts.

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%
6	Elm	99%
4	Birch	97%
2	Fox	96%
R	Hedgehog	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:

Squirrel: Ayda M **Badger:** George E **Hare:** Sarah A
Rowan: Jacob A **Beech:** Zahra C **Maple:** Mia G
The whole of year 6



This week's birthdays:

Autumn B, Amber-Rose C, Jacob H, Lily W and Reggie H
 – 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!"

Nicholas Bear was awarded to: ROWAN CLASS

INTERNET SAFETY - How to Report Online Harm

There are so many apps with different reporting functions, numerous organisations and helplines that it can be really frustrating for parents to get help. A site we recommend on a regular basis, Internet Matters, has a really useful page which details some of these organisations and what they can do - how to report specific issues, how to report on many of the social platforms and games and where to go for more help.

The site has links to:

It also includes guides on reporting specific issues, such as:

- Cyberbullying
- Online grooming
- Inappropriate content
- Scams and frauds
- Sexual image-sharing, sextortion or abuse
- Radicalisation, extremism and hate



Finally, there is a section on reporting on social media and games along with links to the most common sites such as Fortnite, Roblox, Minecraft, Rocket League and many more.

For more details, head over to Internet Matters here >>>
[How to report online harms and issues | Internet Matters](#)



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Advanced Notice



Please be advised that on **Wednesday 11th June 2025** we only be providing before school care (ie breakfast club). There will be no after school care on this date, however, after school clubs, provided by the school will take place as normal. *Parents are asked to make their own arrangements if their children attend after school care on this date. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.*

Parent governor election

There is currently a vacancy for a parent governor on the governing body, and an election will take place shortly. Any parent who is elected must have a child at the school at the time of the election, but may continue to serve as a governor for 4 years if s/he wishes, even if his or her child leaves school during that time.



Being a parent governor requires time, energy and commitment.

The role provides strategic support for the school. Parent Governors are very important in the life of the school: they need a strong commitment to improving outcomes for children, the inquisitiveness to question and analyse. You will need some time to offer during the day and in the evening and a willingness to learn. Training is available as are expenses for your travel to this training.

If you are interested, please complete the nomination form sent out last week, or contact the school office if you would like a form to complete.

Thank you

Lyn Edwards – Chair of Governors

PTA – Summer Fayre 2025



We are looking forward to seeing many of our parents and family members at our **PTA Summer Fayre planning event on Thursday 22nd May at 2.00pm**. We would like to make this our most successful PTA Summer Fayre ever!

When you support us, you're not just baking a cake, attending an event or giving up your time by volunteering – you're buying equipment for your child to use at break times, technology for their classroom, books for the school library and fun learning experiences. You're also making new friends, strengthening the school community and helping to make your child's school an even better place. It's great for the kids too – there's a direct link between parental involvement at school and how well children do. Being involved in the PTA not only improves your child's school, it makes you an excellent role model

If you think you will be able to help on the day. Want to be part of the organizing or support with ideas for the event we would love to hear from you. **Come and join your PTA.**

**KENCH
HILL –
2025**



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BREAKFAST BONANZA

Wednesday 21st May

08:30 – 10:00am

**Come & join us for a cuppa, free
breakfast, a chill & chat Infant
Hall – Last 1 this term!**

**Any spare St Nics uniform, jumpers
& cardigans available**

**Lisa FLO, & Heidi from New Romney Children's Centre
will be there to meet and chat to Parents.**

ALL PARENTS/CARERS WELCOME

Lisa (FLO) 07530 113107

**Drop your children into school and come along for a drink and
breakfast!**



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