



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025

St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

# Weekly Newsletter

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*From the Headteachers desk...*

## The Importance of PE in Our School

At our school, Physical Education (PE) is more than just a subject - it is a vital part of our children's overall development. This year, we are incredibly proud to have taken part in 16 competitive sporting events, often entering 2 or 3 teams in each event. This has meant over 300 pupils have had the opportunity to represent our school in these events, and we are delighted to share that every single one of these events have returned medal winners to our school. These successes are a testament not just to talent, but to dedication, teamwork, and resilience.

However, PE at our school goes beyond competition. We have also participated in eight non-competitive events, carefully designed to build children's confidence in sport. These inclusive activities have involved near 180 pupils - many of whom may not have typically taken part in sporting opportunities. This wide participation ensures that all children, regardless of skill level, feel valued and included in our school's sporting culture.

Why is this important? Firstly, these events encourage pupils to be physically active, often through new movements and sustained activity, supporting both physical and mental health. Secondly, through every event - whether competitive or not - our children learn the value of teamwork. They support one another, celebrate together, and learn how to face challenges as a team. And thirdly, these opportunities are fun! They allow children to reconnect with their peers, try new experiences, and enjoy activities often led by our fantastic young leaders.

In our football and rugby tournaments especially, children have had the chance to experience the thrill of competition. It is here they learn something even deeper - how to win with grace and lose with dignity. These may be traditional values, but they are essential. They build character and develop the resilience that we hope our pupils carry with them far beyond their time in primary school.

As we look ahead to an exciting term, our calendar is again full of sporting events, including our much-loved sports days. These whole school events are a celebration of everything we believe in - participation, enjoyment, and personal growth through physical activity. I hope to see many of you there, cheering on our pupils and celebrating the role PE plays in shaping happy, healthy, and confident children at St Nicholas.

Best wishes

Christopher Dale

Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

### JUNE

Mon 9<sup>th</sup>

- Y1 Phonics screen check all week.
- Y4 MTC checks
- iRock music classes
- Y4 -Beech class Swimming
- Pentecost service at school
- Y5/6 Girls football @Marsh Academy 12:30pm to 2:30pm

Tues 10<sup>th</sup>

- Y4 Ancient Egyptian Day
- New intake Stay & Play (week 2) 1:45pm
- 1:45pm NELFT meeting for new intake parents

Wed 11<sup>th</sup>

- St Barnabas Day Church service
- Y6 Watersports Gp 2

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>

- **Kent Challenger Games** at Julie Rose Stadium
- Y4 – 1:30pm French café, parents welcome.
- New intake Stay & Play (week 2) 1:45pm

Fri 13<sup>th</sup>

- Y6 Parents NELFT Transition meeting at 8:45am
- Y6 NELFT meeting for pupils starting at 10am

Mon 16<sup>th</sup>

- Y4 -Beech class Swimming
- iRock music classes
- Y1 & 2 Tennis at Selindge.



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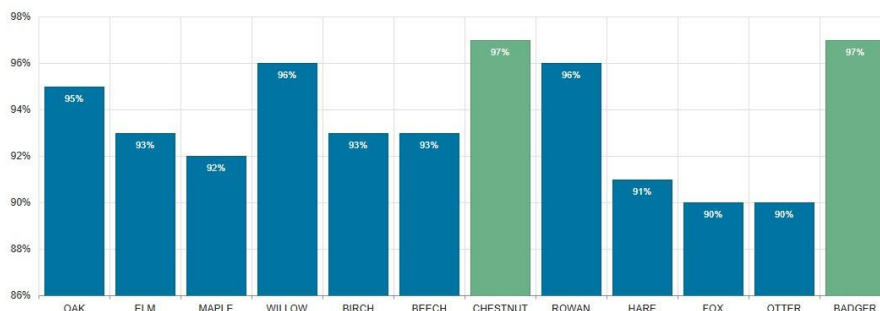


## Attendance every day counts.

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 - **this WILL include your child** at some point!

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

Top attenders are:		
Year	Class	%
1	Badger	97
3	Chesnut	97
3	Rowan	96
5	Willow	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:** Leo C **Badger:** Hugo T **Hare:** Dollie A  
**Rowan:** Jacob A **Beech:** Joshua T **Maple:** Richie W  
**Oak:** Billy R



## This week's birthdays:

Michelle T, Jamie B, Mia R, Ted S, Lara W, Mason R,  
 Jacob A, Byron C, Harvey H, Arya P, Tommy J, Archie M, Bella N,  
 Jacob W and Paige G – many happy returns to you all!

## Collective Worship

This term's worship focus is on our value:

### TRUST

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

PROVERBS 3:5-6



## Policy reminders.

We kindly remind parents that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds. We also ask that dog owners please keep their pets away from the school gates, as some pupils may be fearful of animals. Thank you.

## Advanced Notice - reminder



Please be advised that on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025** there will be **no after school care** on this date. Parents are asked to make their own arrangements on this date. Thank you.

## Dates in the not too distant future for your diary.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – PTA 'Bring a Bottle' non-uniform day

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – 1:30pm PTA Summer Fayre planning meeting

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June** – **Whole school** trip to Chatham Historic Dockyard – School gates to be open from 8:15am

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June** – **Y5** children to Lille France

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June** – **Yr R/1** St Peter & Paul service at Church, 9:15am

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – District Sports tournament

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Whole school transition day

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – PTA Summer Fayre from 11:00am

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July** – Lower KS2 – **Year 3/ 4** Sports day from 9:15am

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July** – Upper KS2 – **Year 5/ 6** Sports day from 9:15am

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July** – **EYFS & KS1** Sports day from 9:30am

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July** – School **Open Evening** 5:30pm to 7:30pm



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## STAYING SAFE ONLINE

### Hiding photos, WhatsApp chats and Snapchats

#### **What is Snapchat My Eyes Only?**

Here's a useful tip if you are checking your child's phone for inappropriate content. ***Snapchat My Eyes Only*** came out in 2016 and is essentially a private, password-protected section of the app where users can store Snaps and Stories

which they wish to keep hidden from others, even if those others (e.g. parents) have access to their phone. It allows users to move selected photos and videos from their main Memories section into a secure, locked folder which then requires a passcode to view.

To find out how My Eyes Only works see the Snapchat support page > [How does My Eyes Only work? – Snapchat Support](#)

#### **What is WhatsApp Locked Chats?**

Here's another version of this privacy setting, this time in WhatsApp. WhatsApp has a chat lock feature. It can be fairly obvious if a chat has been hidden because it's stored within a visible ***Locked Chats*** folder. But, as an extra measure you can hide the Locked Chats folder which is opened by tapping on search, then entering a security key.

To find out more about WhatsApp Locked Chats, head to the WhatsApp Help Centre > [Turn chat lock on or off | WhatsApp Help Center](#)

#### **iPhone / iPad users**

Children may be tempted to hide photos they don't wish people to see. If they have an Apple device then Apple Photos has a ***Hidden*** folder. Find out more about it here > [Hide photos on your iPhone, iPad, Mac, or Apple Vision Pro with the Hidden album - Apple Support](#)

***For further information and advice on online safety issues, please check the school online safety page >>> [Online Safety – St Nicholas CE Primary Academy](#)***

## ST NICHOLAS SEND SUPPORT



#### ***What can I do if I think my child has SEND?***

Mrs Starmer-Smith is our Head of Inclusion / SENDCo (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Co-ordinator). If you have any concerns regarding your child's special needs, and would like to speak to Mrs Starmer-Smith, please do not hesitate to contact her at [astarmer-smith@st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk](mailto:astarmer-smith@st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk) or via the school office.

Special educational needs, often referred to as 'SEN' or 'SEND' (Special educational needs and disabilities), is a term used to describe learning difficulties or disabilities that make it harder for a child to learn compared to children of the same age.

All children may experience challenges with their learning at some point and for most children, these difficulties overcome with support from teachers and home. However, children with SEND are likely to need extra or different help to be able to learn.

#### ***How do you know if a child has SEND?***

A child or young person has SEN if:

- They have significantly greater difficulty in learning than ***the majority*** of other children and young people the same age
- They have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools or mainstream post-16 provisions

#### ***A child or young person has a disability if:***

They have a physical and mental impairment which has a ***substantial*** and long-term adverse effect on their ability to carry out day-to-day activities.

#### ***What types of difficulties are SEND?***

Children may have difficulties in one or more of these areas:



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- **Cognition and Learning** - A child may find all learning difficult or have difficulties with specific activities such as reading or spelling. A child may have trouble understanding instructions and carrying out tasks. A child may have memory difficulties.
- **Communication and Interaction** – A child may have difficulty in talking to others or understanding what others are saying to them. A child may have difficulty with interactions with others, such as not being able to take turns. A child who has speech and language needs will be classed as having communication and interaction needs.
- **Physical and Sensory** – A child may have hearing or vision loss. A child may have difficulty with sensory processing, being under or over-sensitive. A child may have a medical condition which affects them physically.
- **Social, Emotional and Mental Health** - A child may display behaviours such as having very low self-esteem or being very anxious. A child may display challenging, disruptive or distressing behaviours. A child may have underlying conditions which affect their mental health.

### Important dates for Year 6 parents

**Marsh Academy transition dates:** Wednesday 2; Thursday 3 and Friday 4 July

**Year 6 production:** Fri 11 July (morning performance) Tues 15 July (evening performance)

**Prom:** Friday 11 July (evening)

**Leavers Service:** Friday 18 July – St Nicholas Church at 9.15am

**THE HISTORIC  
DOCKYARD  
CHATHAM**



**The Historic Dockyard Chatham – Whole school trip  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June: Important Information**

On **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June**, the whole school will be going on an exciting trip to the **Historic Dockyard**.

To ensure the smooth and safe departure of all pupils, we kindly ask that **parents avoid parking in the bus stop area outside the school** on this day. We are expecting **seven large coaches**, and it is essential that there is enough space for them to park so that the children can board safely.

The **school gates will open at 8:15am** to allow children to arrive in good time. **The first coaches will begin boarding from 8:30am**, so we would be very grateful if parents could make arrangements to ensure their child arrives at school promptly on this date.

Thank you for your support in helping the day run smoothly and safely for everyone.



### **!! NON-UNIFORM DAY BOTTLE TOMBOLA !!**

**FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025**

St Nicholas PTA are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June. We are asking families to donate a bottle (alcoholic or non-alcoholic).

We will then hold a bottle tombola at the Summer Fair.

**Please bring your bottle into school on the morning of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June.**

There will be trolleys for you to place your bottles at the entrances to the school in the morning. **Thank you** for your support in helping us to raise valuable funds for our children.



### **St Nicholas Sunday Church service.**

Rev'd Chris has asked us to let you know that a Family Service will be held at St Nicholas church on the fourth Sunday of every month.



This service is specially designed with children and families in mind, following a format that many of our children will already be familiar with. Rev'd Chris would love to see you there and wants to reassure you that it's absolutely fine if little ones need to move around or if babies cry - he expects it!

**Refreshments will be served after the service; everyone is warmly welcome to attend.**



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**Open Farm Sunday**

Visit a farm & discover the world of farming!  
**8th June 2025**

**Visit Brockhill Farm**  
 Brockhill Park Performing Arts College, Sandling Road, Saltwood, Hythe, Kent CT21 4HL

**11pm to 4pm**

Cows.....Sheep.....Pigs.....Chickens....Goats  
 Meet our new donkeys  
 Visit Pets Corner

Wool activities.....have ago at spinning.....weaving.....pom pom making...  
 Children's games

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See our Facebook event for more info:  
 Brockhill Park Performing Arts College Farm.

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 GATES**



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**SUMMER FAYRE**

SATURDAY 5TH JULY 11AM - 2PM  
 ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY ACADEMY

**FREE ENTRY**

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

SPONGE THE TEACHERS - GAMES - STALLS -  
 TOMBOLA - BBQ & REFRESHMENTS



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