



Friday 20th June 2025

St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

Weekly Newsletter

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From the Headteachers desk...

Investing in our pupils' futures....

Last Friday, I had the opportunity to attend a national PiXL leadership conference, bringing together leaders from over 7,000 schools across the country. PiXL (Partners in Excellence) is a well-established network focused on improving outcomes for all children, and it was inspiring to connect with so many professionals who share a passion for making education the best it can be.

A key focus of the conference was how schools can become more accessible and connected to parents. We know that strong partnerships between home and school have a significant impact on children's progress and wellbeing, and I'm excited to bring back ideas and strategies to strengthen this further in our own school community. Over the coming months, and as we move into the next academic year, I look forward to sharing more about how we plan to develop this work with you.

Alongside this, our school leadership team has been working closely with colleagues from **White Rose Maths** this week. We are very pleased to announce that we will be entering into a new partnership with White Rose research team from September. This is a high-quality, research-informed approach to teaching mathematics, and we believe it will have a positive and lasting impact on our pupils' learning.

To support this work, we are committing a significant investment of over **£8,000** into our maths curriculum next year. At a time when schools are facing increasing financial pressures, I want to assure you that we remain fully committed to investing in the very best opportunities and resources for our children.

This week, we were pleased to be led in a thoughtful and reflective Eucharist service by **Rev. Chris**, which was a meaningful experience for both staff and pupils. We are grateful for his continued support and spiritual guidance within our school community.

Following the service, **Year 4 and Year 5 pupils** will have the opportunity over the coming week to meet with Rev. Chris to discuss **confirmation**. These informal conversations will allow pupils to explore what confirmation means and whether they would like to be considered for taking this next step in their faith journey.

If your child expresses an interest in confirmation, further information will be shared with you in due course. We are proud to support pupils in their spiritual development and look forward to seeing how their faith continues to grow through these opportunities.

Warm wishes

Christopher Dale

Headteacher

Dates for your diary

JUNE

Mon 23rd

- **Y4** -Beech class Swimming

Tues 24th

- **Y3 & 4** Golf, Lydd
- New Intake - Stay & Play week 4

Wed 25th

- **Whole school** to Historic Dockyard

Thurs 26th

- **Y4** Art workshop at 9am & 1pm
- New Intake - Stay & Play week 4
- Helping Hands group - Bowling 1:30

Fri 27th

- **Y5** to France
- **St Peter House - Yellow** non-uniform day.
- 9:30 – 10:30 Roving reporters transition group

Mon 30th

- **Yr R & Y1** St Peter & St Paul service at the church at 9.15am
- 9:30 – 10:30 Roving reporters transition group
- 9:30am **Y3/4** Tennis at Sellindge
- 1:00pm **Y5/6** Tennis at Sellindge

July

Tues 1st

- **Year 6** water sports

Wed 2nd

- **Y6** pupils Marsh academy transition day 1
- District sports 4pm

Thurs 3rd

- **Y6** pupils Marsh academy transition day 2
- **Whole school** Transition Yr R to 6



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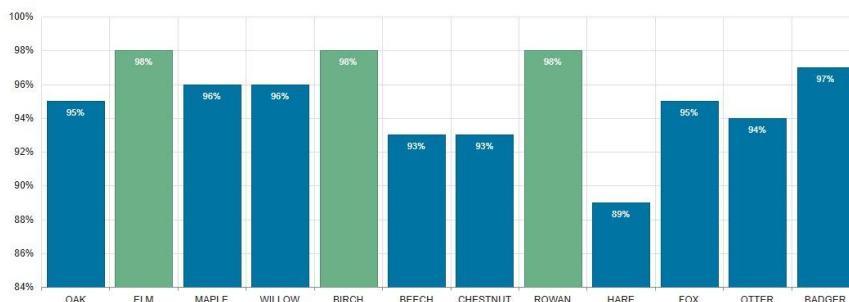


Attendance every day counts.

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	%
3	Rowan	98
4	Birch	98
6	Elm	98
1	Badger	97
5	Maple	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: Archie C **Badger:** Luca B **Hare:** Shelby F
Rowan: Ollie B **Beech:** Lilly B **Maple:** Archie T
Oak: Alexa M



This week's Birthdays:

Jaxon C, Arthur P, Miss Paice and Miss Long – 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

ONLINE AND E-SAFETY GUIDANCE

Android Smartphone Guide

Due to the cost and variety of devices, Android smartphones can be incredibly popular with children and young people.

As with other devices there are a variety of parental controls, including controls that allow parents to set the maturity level of apps and games. Full information including detailed instructions can be found on Internet Matters website here >>>

[Android parental controls guide](#) | [Internet Matters](#)

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Android Smartphone Guide
Controls & settings guide

For further information and advice on online safety issues, please check the school online safety page >>>

[Online Safety – St Nicholas CE Primary Academy](#)

Policy reminders.



The Yellow ZIG-ZAGS. We know that school drop-offs and pick-ups can be busy and stressful, and we want to make sure everyone gets to and from school safely - Please help us by sharing the road with other road users and **keep children safe by not parking on the zig-zags!** Use designated parking, or maybe even walk or cycle if you can! **Together, we can all make the areas outside of schools a safe place for children to cross.**



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On **Wednesday 25th 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 **NOT to park 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.

Dates in the not too distant future for your diary.

Friday 20th June – PTA 'Bring a Bottle' non-uniform day

Friday 20th June – 1:30pm PTA Summer Fayre planning meeting

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

Friday 27th June – Y5 children to Lille France

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

Wednesday 2nd July – District Sports tournament

Thursday 3rd July – **Whole school** transition day

Saturday 5th July – PTA Summer Fayre from 11:00am

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

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

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

Thursday 10th July – **School Open Evening** 5:30pm to 7:30pm an opportunity for parents to meet their child's new teacher and see the classrooms.



Important dates for Year 6 parents

- **Marsh Academy transition dates:** Wednesday 2nd: Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th July
- **Year 6 production:** Fri 11th July (morning performance) Tues 15th July (evening performance)
- **Prom:** Friday 11th July (evening)
- **Leavers Service:** Friday 18th July – St Nicholas Church at 9:15am

Invitation to Sports Days – July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to invite you to join us for our upcoming Sports Days, taking place in early July. These exciting events are a highlight of our school calendar and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the children's sporting achievements and team spirit.

Please see the schedule below for your child's Sports Day:

- **Years 3 and 4 – Monday 7th July**
- **Years 5 and 6 – Tuesday 8th July**
- **EYFS and Key Stage 1 (Reception, Years 1 & 2) – Thursday 10th July**

Each event will take place on the school field, starting at **9:15am** and finishing around **11:00am**. Parents and carers are warmly encouraged to attend and cheer on the children as they take part in a variety of fun and inclusive sporting activities.

Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on their Sports Day, along with a water bottle, sun hat, and sunscreen already applied at home, if the weather is warm.

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing in the fun and excitement of Sports Day together!

SPORTS DAY





What's taking place across the Marsh?

Please note, there will be a Civic Service at St Nicholas Church this week, so the family service will take place at 10.30am on **Sunday 29 June** instead. We hope to see you then - Thank you.



Lydd Farmers & Artisan Market

Sun, 6th Jul, 9:30am – 12:30pm
 Lydd Community Hall, Lydd
 Shopping Fair or Market



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