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St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

Weekly Newsletter

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From the Headteachers desk...

Over the past couple of weeks, I've had the great pleasure of reading through the children's end-of-year school reports. It has been truly delightful to see the progress so many of our pupils have made across the academic year. Their hard work, determination, and enthusiasm for learning shine through in every report, and I know parents and carers will feel equally proud when they receive them.

The reports will be sent home on **Friday 4th July**, with the exception of Year 6, whose reports will follow after the publication of SATs results the following week. As always, we hope that parents will take the time to sit with their children and celebrate all the achievements of the year, whether academic, social, or personal.

One of the highlights of this week has been our **whole school trip**, which was a resounding success. Days like this create such valuable shared memories and give our pupils the chance to experience learning beyond the classroom. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Hayley in the school office for her incredible work liaising with the education offices and the coach company, ensuring the day ran smoothly from start to finish. Thanks also to all the adults who volunteered their time to support us—these trips simply wouldn't be possible without you.

As I write this, I am currently in **France** with our Year 5 pupils, visiting our French partner school. This exciting exchange opportunity not only deepens the cultural experiences of our children but also reinforces the value we place on promoting modern foreign languages across Key Stage 2. Our partnership with the French school, Saint Joseph, has flourished over the years, and it continues to offer our pupils a real insight into language learning and international friendship.

As we approach the final weeks of term, I'd like to thank you all for your continued support and involvement in school life. It's been another fantastic year of learning, growth, and shared success. We look forward to finishing the term on a high and hope you will be able to join us for the many events still to take place to celebrate all that the children have achieved.

I wish you all a safe weekend.

Warm wishes,

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

JUNE

Mon 30th

- Yr R & Y1 St Peter & St Paul service at the church at 9:15am
- 9:30 – 10:30 Roving reporters transition group to secondary.
- 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

Fri 4th

- Y6 pupils Marsh academy transition day 3
- Year R to 5 Annual reports sent home

Sat 5th

- 11am onwards - School Summer Fayre – all welcome

Mon 7th

- Year 3 & 4 Sports Day

Tues 8th

- Year 5 & 6 Sports Day
- 6pm New Intake meeting

Thurs 10th

- EYFS, Y1 & Y2 Sports Day
- **5:30 pm onwards – OPEN EVENING for whole school.**



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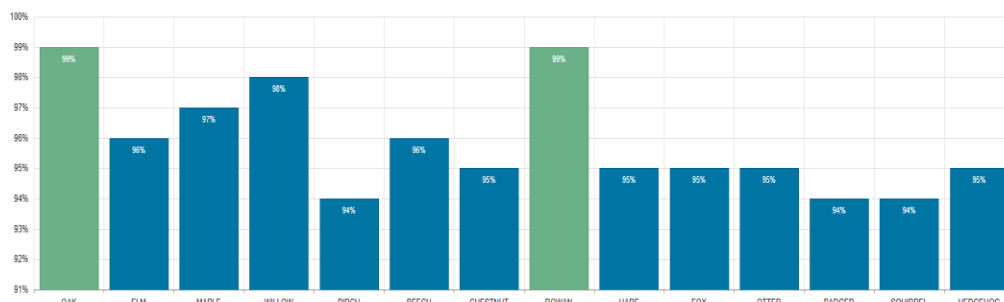


Attendance every day counts.

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	%
6	Oak	99%
3	Rowan	99%
5	Willow	98%
5	Maple	97%
6	Elm	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:

Hedgehog: Gracie R **Otter:** Winnie W **Fox:** Emily R
Chestnut: Frankie D **Birch:** Lenny P **Elm:** Boey D



This week's Birthdays:

Hughie F, Darcy J, Isaac S, Demi G, Callum R, Willow B, Guy A, Vanesa B, Isla L and Max T – 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

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.

SPORTS DAY



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 the fun and excitement of Sports Day together!



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Policy reminders.



We would like to kindly remind parents & carers that **only plain water** is allowed for students to drink during the school day.

Flavoured or sparkling water, juice, and other beverages are not permitted, as they can pose allergy risks and do not meet our healthy eating and hydration guidelines. Thank you for your understanding and support in keeping our school a safe and healthy environment for **all** pupils.

ST NICHOLAS SEND SUPPORT



How we support children/young people with SEN moving between classes in our school

In July every year, we have a "Moving Up" day where children spend time with their new class teacher in their new classroom.

If children have additional needs and we feel that they would benefit from additional transition, (for example, children who experience extreme anxiety, children who do not respond well to change, children who rely on routines, children with ASD) we make additional arrangements to support these children through the transition. This can include spending additional time in their new classroom, visiting their new classroom with their current member of support staff, beginning transition arrangements earlier in the Summer Term or photographs of their new classroom to take home and talk about with Parents and Carers during the Summer holidays. The support provided is tailored to the needs of individual children and will be discussed with parents and carers where appropriate.

How we support children/young people with SEND leaving our school

Children spend time, at least 1 day, at their new school before leaving permanently. Extra transition is arranged if it is felt the child would benefit from it. Our SENDCO will contact the SENDCO of the new school to discuss any specific needs and pass on strategies for supporting the child to ensure stability and consistency for the child. We can assure this has already taken place with all our children.

Online Safety Updates for Parents and Carers

Webinar - Understanding and Safeguarding Children's use of AI Chatbots

With AI becoming an ever-growing part of the digital world, and of our children's lives, Internet Matters are holding a free webinar for parents to discuss AI chatbots. They will examine their findings in their latest report about how children in the UK are engaging with AI chatbots, including the risks and opportunities.

If you would like to sign up, it's totally FREE and takes place on **Thursday 17th July at 11:00am**. You can sign up via this link >>> [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

Me, myself & AI:
Understanding and safeguarding children's use of AI chatbots

Date: Thursday 17 July 2025
Time: 11.00am – 12.00pm BST
Via Zoom Webinar

Internet matters.org

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

PTA – Don't forget to let us know if you are able to help support with the Summer Fayre even if only for half an hour. All help appreciated.



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Dates in the not too distant future for your diary.

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

Year 4 Stained glass art workshop.

The children visited St Nicholas Church for a stained-glass window workshop. They learned about the processes used to make stained glass – how to cut pieces of glass, how to colour them and how they are joined using lead.

Afterwards, they had a go themselves, creating beautiful faux stained glass to hang up at home in their windows to catch the light. Those who finished quicker also got the opportunity to go on a treasure hunt around the church, looking for objects, sketching them and writing down what they think the object is used for.





What's taking place across the Marsh?

Please note. The family church service will take place at St Nicholas Church 10.30am on **Sunday 29 June**. We hope to see you there - 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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