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St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

Weekly Newsletter

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From the Headteachers desk...

What a Week at St Nicholas!

What an amazing week it has been here at St Nicholas! We were thrilled to welcome so many of you to our wonderfully attended **Summer Fayre**, and I'm delighted to announce that we raised an incredible **£2,542.94**. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came along, supported the event, and contributed to its success. Special thanks must go to our dedicated **PTA members**, whose hard work and enthusiasm made the day so special for our children while raising valuable funds for the school.

This week also saw not one, but **three-Sports Day events!** With one needing to be rearranged due to rain and the final one taking place in a sweltering summer sun, it's safe to say the British weather kept us on our toes. Thank you to all the families who came to cheer on the children—it was a joy to see such energy and sportsmanship on display.

Yesterday, we welcomed parents to our **Open Evening**, which offered a relaxed and informal opportunity to explore the next steps in your child's learning journey. It was lovely to see so many of you engaging with the curriculum displays and enjoying the creative spaces around the school. I was especially pleased to hear how much you appreciated the **musical opportunities** and the vibrant atmosphere in the **Art Room** - your feedback means a great deal to us.

This week also marks a significant milestone for our **Year 6 pupils**, who received their final school reports alongside the release of the **National SATs results**. I'm incredibly proud to share that our results have **risen across all areas of the curriculum** this year. Congratulations to all the children and staff for their hard work and dedication—your achievements are truly commendable.

Looking ahead, we're entering the **final week of term**, and the excitement is building for our much-anticipated **Party in the Park**. Fingers crossed the sunshine sticks around for what promises to be a fantastic end-of-term celebration!

Thank you once again for your continued support. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

July

- **Mon 14th**
 - Whole school Bastille Day
- **9:30 iROCK Concert** for Parent and **KS2/Y2** pupils
- **3:15 Y3** Parents meeting regarding Kench Hill

Tues 15th

- **6pm Year 6** evening performance

Wed 16th

- **12noon** – Party in the park – all welcome for picnic and musical fun.

Fri 18th

- **9:15 Year 6** leavers service with KS2
- **3:00pm Year 6** clapped out from the school.

SEPTEMBER 2025

Wed 3rd

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

Wed 10th

Y4 Watersports - Paddleboarding

Thurs 11th

Y6 Kent 11+ test

Sat 13th

Y6 Shepway test

Mon 15th

KIC Theatre in

Wed 17th

Y4 Paddleboarding

Mon 22nd – Wed 24th

Y6 to Kingswood residential



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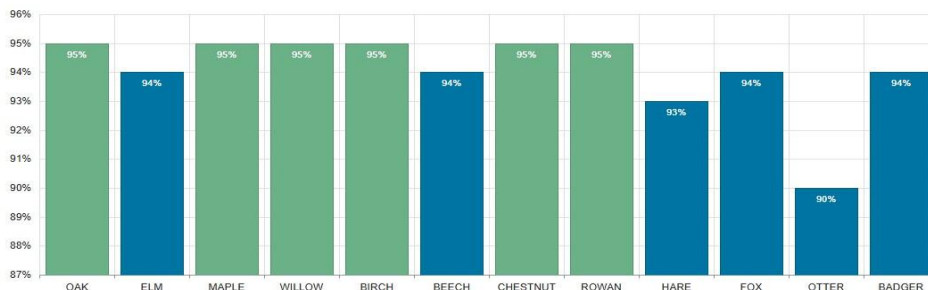
Attendance every day counts.

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	95
5	Maple	95
5	Willow	95
4	Birch	95
3	Chestnut	95



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: The whole class! **Otter:** Floss C **Fox:** Darcey B **Chestnut:** Mason R **Birch:** Sophie H **Maple:** Willow B **Oak & Elm:** The whole year group!

This week's Birthdays:



Tommy W, Lilly B, Albie D, Danny G, Albie S, Lennie S & Tia T – many happy returns to you all!



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



You're Invited to Our Annual School Picnic & Performance Afternoon!

We're thrilled to announce that our much-loved annual event is back and will take place on **Wednesday 16th July**, starting from **12 noon** on the school field next to the playground!

Picnic Time!

Parents are warmly invited to join their children for a relaxed and joyful picnic lunch. If you're unable to attend, don't worry—your child will still enjoy a lovely picnic with their class teacher. Please note: **school lunches will not be available on the day from the school kitchen, please ensure your child has a packed lunch from home.**

Feel free to bring along your picnic blankets, fold-up chairs, and your best summer smiles!

Let the Fun Begin at 1PM!

From 1pm onwards, the field will come alive with music and movement as the children take to the stage to sing, dance, or maybe even both! It's a wonderful chance to celebrate their creativity and enjoy a fun-filled afternoon together as a school community—**weather permitting**.



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We can't wait to see you there for an afternoon of sunshine, laughter, and unforgettable performances!

INTERNET SAFETY – IT'S THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERYONE!

With summer holidays almost upon us, for our final online safety update of the year, I thought it would be useful to think about how we can support our children with the games and apps they use.

The children have just over 6 weeks off and many will no doubt fill part of this time online. It is an ideal opportunity to sit down with them over the summer, without the pressures of the school week, and play with them on their games and apps to get to know more about the huge amount of fun they are having, but also discover the potential risks.

Conversations with our children about tech can be difficult, especially if we ourselves aren't tech-savvy or don't really have an interest in tech at all. Perhaps this summer holiday is the time to really get to know what games and apps your children are playing. Talking calmly and showing an interest in what children are doing is the most powerful way to reduce risks. It helps build trust with our children so they know we're not out to stop them having fun, but that they can come to us with any problem they experience online without the fear of being told off.

But, where should we start?

The NSPCC have put together a fabulous page full of information such as:

- Age-appropriate conversations.
- Resources such as tips and quizzes.
- Understanding the risks.
- Tackling difficult conversations.

You can find all this information on the NSPCC website, along with a wealth of other resources and links to support you as you support your children.

[Teaching Your Child about Internet & Online Safety | NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/teaching-your-child-about-internet-online-safety/)

