



Friday 31st October 2025

St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

Weekly Newsletter

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From the Headteachers desk...

Working Together to Support Our Children's Learning...

This week marked the final round of our parent-teacher consultations for the term, and I hope all parents found the meetings valuable in understanding how their children are progressing at school. **These discussions are an important part of our partnership with families, providing a chance to celebrate successes, identify areas for development, and plan how we can best support each child together.**

Alongside the parent consultations, I have been meeting with teachers this week to discuss pupil progress across the school. It is always heartening to see how well our staff know the children in their care — not just academically, but as individuals with unique strengths, personalities and learning needs. It is clear that our teachers are deeply committed to helping every pupil achieve their best and they are equally keen to work closely with parents to make this happen.

As a school, we recognise that there are certain areas where home and school can work even more effectively together to support children's progress. Over the coming weeks, we will be publishing a series of helpful guides and resources for parents focusing on key aspects of learning, such as reading, spelling and homework. These materials will aim to clarify what is expected of pupils, offer practical ideas for supporting learning at home, and suggest ways to make homework a positive and purposeful experience for all families.

We also want to make sure that the way we run our parent-teacher consultations continues to meet the needs of our community. Next week, we will be sending out a short questionnaire to gather your feedback on the current format of these meetings. Your views will be invaluable in helping us to shape future consultation events and ensure they provide the best possible experience for parents, staff, and children alike.

Please do take a few moments to complete the questionnaire when it arrives. Your feedback will help us refine the process and ensure that next time, our parent-teacher meetings run even more smoothly and effectively — continuing our shared commitment to supporting every child's learning journey. Have a great weekend.

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

NOVEMBER

Mon 3rd

Y6 Oak Swimming 1/6
Y2 with NRAS – arts group

Y1 Badger class visit to 'Old school House'

Tues 4th

Y1 Otter class visit to 'Old school House'

Wed 5th

School Bonfire lunch
Y4 Light up New Romney Art Project

Thurs 6th

NELFT – Understanding Autism meeting for parents – all welcome
9am-11am

Fri 7th

Y4/5/6 Shepway sports Cheerleading sessions

Sun 9th

Remembrance service at St Nicholas

Mon 10th

Anti-bullying awareness week.

Worship with NRCC

Y6 Oak Swimming 2/6

9:45 New Intake Open Tours – all parents of children starting in Sept '26 are welcome.

Y2 with NRAS – arts group

1:30pm New Intake

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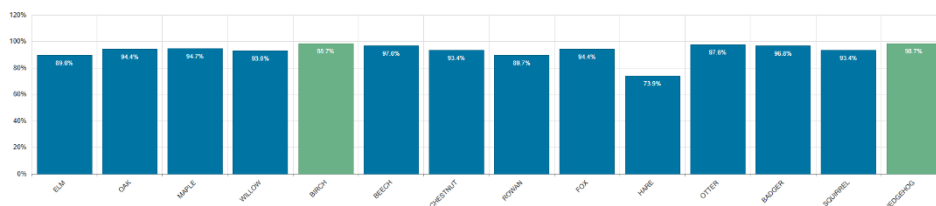


Attendance every day counts.

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	%
R	Hedgehog	98.7
4	Birch	98.7
1	Otter	97.6
4	Beech	97.0
1	Badger	96.8



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: Huey A **Otter:** Whole Class **Badger:** Finleigh W **Fox:** Henry K
Chestnut: Ronnie S **Birch:** Hudson S **Willow:** Archie C **Elm:** Nieve M



This week's Birthdays:

Jack D, Frankie D, Eva H, Fearne C, Huey A and Olivia B – many happy returns to you all!



Policy reminders. PE Kit reminder - A quick reminder about **PE expectations at St Nicholas.**

Pupils should wear a **plain white t-shirt**, **navy shorts**, and **trainers or plimsolls** suitable for sport. In colder weather, **plain navy jogging bottoms** and a **school or plain sweatshirt** may be worn.

Please ensure all items are **clearly named**, **long hair is tied back**, and **jewellery is removed** for safety. PE kits should stay in school during the week so children are always ready to take part. Thank you for helping us keep PE safe, active and enjoyable for everyone.

Online Safety Update: For Parents - Managing In-Game Spending



In-game spending can be problematic with some children and young people. The urgency to level up, to look unique, to be better than your friends, and to top all this off the persuasive techniques that games companies use.

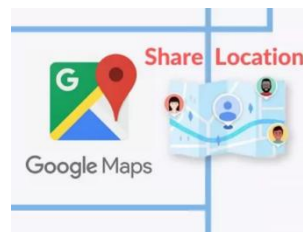
Internet Matters have an excellent guide for parents which includes:

- How do children spend money while gaming?
- How does in-game currency work?
- The benefits and risks
- Supporting resources, and more. You can view the guide [HERE](#).

For Parents - Location Sharing

We all know that location sharing can be a really good thing, but only when that sharing is managed appropriately and only with very specific known persons, not to everyone. Thankfully, gone are the days when you uploaded a post onto social media your location was automatically included, but there are still location sharing features in some apps. As a timely reminder for parents to check their child's device. The Canadian Cyber Tip Line has put together a very informative article which is useful for everyone, regardless of where you are in the world.

You can find the article [HERE](#).



Notable dates for parents this November

- **Thursday 6th November, NELFT Autism workshop** in school from 8:45 – 11:00
- **Tuesday 11th November**, Flourish Family Service at school 3:15 to 4:00pm, with Rev Chris
- **Thursday 13th November, NELFT Workshop** - Understanding ADHD 09:00 – 11:00
- **Friday 14th November, Children in Need Day** – wear something Yellow or Spotty
- **Friday 14th November, PTA BINGO Evening** 7pm onwards
- **Monday 17th November, Maths week** – events taking place all week
- **Wednesday 19th November**, Children's Confirmation with Bishop Rose at St Nicholas Church
- **Wednesday 26th November, 6 Ways to Wellbeing Day** – Whole school
- **Friday 28th November, Staff Development Day**, School Closed to Children

Open Sessions for Prospective Parents

We warmly invite prospective parents to visit our school and experience the welcoming, nurturing environment we offer. Our **Open Sessions** are a great opportunity to meet staff, explore our facilities, and learn more about our curriculum and values. *If you know someone looking for a place for their child in September 2026 pass on these details.*

Upcoming Open Event Dates – 2025

- **Monday 10th November** | 9:45am and again at 1:30pm
- **Wednesday 12th November** | 9:45am

If you, or someone you know, would like to attend one of these events, please contact the school office to book your place.

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*We look forward to welcoming you & sharing
what makes our school a wonderful place*

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Is your child starting school in September 2026?
Parents and families are welcome to visit our wonderful school and grounds.
Join us for an open session - Contact us on: 01797 361906 to book a place.
Thursday 16th October 2025 - 9:45am & 6:00pm
Monday 10th November 2025 - 9:45am & 1:30pm
Wednesday 12th November 2025 - 9:45am

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We would like to say a massive thank you to Morrisons in Cheriton for donating Pumpkins to our EYFS team. Our reception classes enjoyed exploring the pumpkin seeds, looking at the lifecycles of pumpkins and creating some beautiful art work.



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