



Friday 7th November 2025

St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

Weekly Newsletter

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From the Headteachers desk...

It's been another exciting week of learning and enrichment here at school, with so many wonderful opportunities for our children to engage, explore, and create.

We were delighted to welcome visitors from the **New Romney Art Society**, who spent time working with our Year 2 pupils. The children had a fantastic experience exploring new artistic techniques and expressing their creativity through a range of media. It's always inspiring to see their confidence grow when guided by practising artists, and we are very grateful for the Society's continued support of our Arts curriculum.

Meanwhile, our friends from **Light Up New Romney** have also been in school, working with pupils in Year 4 as they begin preparations for their next **Street Parade project**. The children are buzzing with excitement about what's to come — but I've been told it's top secret until the big event, so parents will have to wait and see what surprises are in store!

Our learning has also extended beyond the classroom this week, with **Year 1 visiting the Old School House** to deepen their understanding of local history, and **Year 3 enjoying a trip to F51**, where they explored the climbing walls and working in teams in a state-of-the-art environment. **Year 5 visited St Nicholas church** on Tuesday to identify key features within the building. All these visits provided valuable hands-on learning experiences for the children and lots of enthusiasm to bring back to the classroom.

We also marked Bonfire Night with a **special Firework Lunch** in the hall. There was a lovely atmosphere, with children enjoying themed food, decorations, and plenty of fun and laughter to celebrate the occasion.

In addition, we hosted our **second NELFT Key Event for Parents**, which focused on *Supporting My Autistic Child*. These sessions are an excellent opportunity for families to hear directly from medical and educational professionals about how best to support their children's needs.

Our **next NELFT workshop** will be on **Thursday, 13 November, from 9:00–11:00am**, on the topic of *Understanding ADHD*. I am often asked by parents for advice about conditions such as Autism and ADHD, and I cannot recommend these events highly enough. If you have any concerns or would like to learn more, please do take the time to attend. The information and guidance shared at these sessions can make a real difference for families. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and engagement in school life.

Wishing all our families a lovely weekend.

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

NOVEMBER

Sun 9th

10:15am Remembrance service at St Nicholas Church

Mon 10th

Start of Anti-Bullying week – Odd Socks Day
Y6 Oak Swimming Week 2/6

9:45am & 1:30pm New YR intake tour
2pm NRAS in with **Y2**

Tues 11th

Children to wear services uniform
11am – Whole school 2-minute silence
2pm Attendance tea party

Weds 12th

9:45am New YR intake tour

AM – Y4 dodgeball
PM – Y2 dodgeball
1pm – LUNR in with Y4

Thurs 13th

9-11am NELFT ADHD meeting with parents in The Nurture Room
12:15pm – Y3 Group 3 to F51

Fri 14th

Children in need - own clothes day
6:45pm PTA Bingo Night

Mon 17th

Start of Maths Week
Y6 Oak Swimming Week 3/6

Tues 18th

Individual school photos

Thurs 20th

9:30am - Y5/6 girls indoor football at Three Hills Sports Park
12:15pm – Y3 Group 4 to F51

Fri 21st

Fire safety talks



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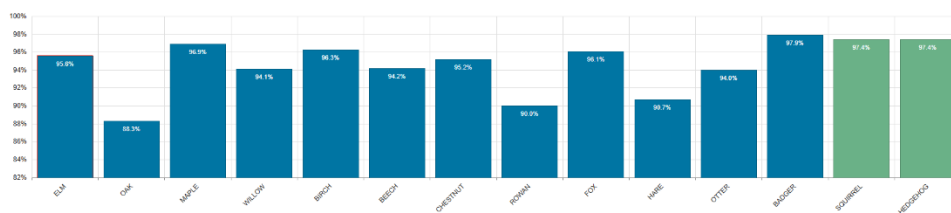
Attendance every day counts.

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	97.9
R	Squirrel	97.4
R	Hedghog	97.4
5	Maple	96.9
2	Fox	96.1



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: Connor K **Otter:** Oliver T **Hare:** Luca B **Beech:** Felicity W & Archie W
Maple: Lenny P **Oak:** Vince B



This week's Birthdays:

Demi B, Felicity S, James B, Pixie G, Isabel H, Sienna B, Micheal O and Irin S – many happy returns to you all!

Policy reminders. Parental behaviour in school.



It is vital that all communication between parents and staff is conducted in a respectful and appropriate manner. As Headteacher, I have a responsibility to ensure that our school remains a safe and positive environment for pupils, staff, and the wider community. While we always welcome and value feedback or concerns from parents, any behaviour that is abusive, intimidating, or disrespectful towards staff will not be

tolerated. Should such situations arise, I will take the necessary action to protect the wellbeing and dignity of all members of our school community. Thank you - CD

Poppy Sales

We will continue selling poppies, snap bands, wristbands and keyrings in order to raise money for The Royal British Legion all next week.

On **Tuesday 11th November** we will come together to mark the 2 minutes silence. As we have done in previous years, we invite children who are members of the Sea or Air Cadets, Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, Girl Guides, Rainbows, St John Ambulance Brigade or other public service organisations – to come to school in their uniforms to help us mark this special day in our national calendar. (NB: this does not include local football team kits)



Online Safety Update: - Roblox Update



As the most popular game on the planet with children, Roblox gets a lot of coverage and understandably so. It's an amazing platform to explore but it isn't without its faults, some of which are very significant.

In April 2025 Revealing Reality carried out an investigation into Roblox due to serious concerns of what children were experiencing within the game (link [HERE](#)). In September they carried out a follow-up investigation to see what, if anything had changed.

In short, quite a lot has changed, such as:

- Adjustments to content maturity ratings.
- ID verification for certain games and experiences.
- Stricter moderation
- Enhanced parental controls.



These are good but, according to Revealing Reality, they don't go far enough. There are still workarounds and very significant concerns. It's worth having a read of the full report which you can find [HERE](#).

For Parents - Roblox Age Estimation

As the most popular game in the world Roblox has come under a lot of criticism recently, particularly in regards to predatory activity on the platform. Whilst Roblox has always had fairly good parental controls in place, ages of users have always been a concern, particularly adults pretending to be younger children.

Recently Roblox have announced that they are expanding facial age estimation and ID age verification to all users who access the communication features within Roblox, as well as new systems designed to limit communication between adults and children unless they know each other in the real world.

The word 'limit' has me a little concerned as there is no information on what that actually means, but regardless it's definitely a step in the right direction which I think may parents will welcome. Apparently there have been over 100 safety initiatives since January 2025 on Roblox, I wasn't aware of that, but there is lots of information for parents [HERE](#).

Next week (10 - 14 November) is **Anti-Bullying Week 2025**. This year's theme, **Power for Good**, is about empowering young people to safely speak up and raise awareness when they see bullying, both in-person and online. To mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week 2025. We would like to encourage all children **on Monday 10th November to wear 'odd socks'** to celebrate what makes us all unique. Children will wear their school uniform as normal on this day.

What is bullying and what can I do?

Bullying is behaviour by an individual or group, repeated over time, that intentionally hurts another individual or group either physically or emotionally.



It can happen anywhere: in the classroom, corridors and playground, or outside of school – both online and offline. Some pupils can face prejudice-based or discriminatory bullying, based on perceived differences.

Every year bullying impacts the lives of countless young people and helps it to grow. We stand with trying to empower children and young people to use their Power for Good to speak out, support others, and build a world where kindness wins.

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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