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St Nicholas CE Primary Academy Weekly Newsletter

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"St Nicholas Academy... a place where pupils always come first." - OFSTED

From the Headteachers desk...

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share some wonderful experiences our pupils have enjoyed recently over the last few days at St Nicholas CE Primary Academy.

Last Friday was an exciting day for our pupils. Our Key Stage 2 children had a fantastic trip to the Marlowe Theatre, while our Key Stage 1 children were treated to a theatre company visiting our school. These enriching experiences provide our pupils with memorable opportunities beyond the classroom.

We were also fortunate to welcome Kent Fire and Rescue Service to our school, who taught our children crucial safety skills and emergency procedures. It's so important that our pupils understand how to keep themselves safe. The key message was for pupils to ask parents to check smoke alarms! – Please do your bit on this front.

Our Year 3 pupils had a magical day celebrating their Polar Express Day, which I'm sure was filled with joy and festive spirit. Additionally, our school choir has been spreading Christmas cheer by performing beautifully in local nursing and residential homes, showcasing the incredible talent and community spirit of our pupils.

I'm particularly proud of our Year 4 pupils who have been working hard on their Light up New Romney display. We warmly invite our school community to join us at the Light up New Romney extravaganza this evening to support their fantastic work.

As we approach Christmas, we are seeking support for our annual Reverse Advent collection to support local families in need. We are kindly requesting donations of non-perishable food items with long-lasting dates, such as tinned and packet goods. While we appreciate these essential items, we also welcome festive treats like biscuits, sweets, festive napkins, and crackers to help make Christmas special for local families.

To allow us time to prepare Christmas hampers and distribute donations, we ask that all contributions be brought in by **Monday 15th December**.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school community so special. Have a lovely weekend.

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

DECEMBER

Mon 15th

9:30am – **iROCK** concert at school
9:30am – **Y6 Elm** last Swimming session
9:30am – **Hedgehog** to CineMarsh
12:30am – **Maple** to CineMarsh

Tues 16th

9:30am – **KS1** Nativity
2pm – **KS1** Nativity

Wed 17th

Whole school - Christmas Jumper Day
Whole School Christmas Dinner Day – please remember you must have booked!
Class parties in the afternoon.

Thurs 18th

10am – Rotary Club visit school with Mother Christmas

Fri 19th

KS2 – Christingle service at St Nicholas Church 9:15am – Parents welcome
End of Term

January 2026

Mon 5th

Children return to school

Tues 6th

Y6 Epiphany service at church 9:15am

Mon 12th

Year 4 Beech swimming starts
Whole school DT Week



Attendance - Every Day Counts!

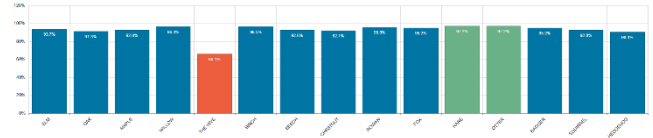
**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



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!**

Top attenders are:

| Year | Class | % |
|------|--------|------|
| 2 | Hare | 97.2 |
| 1 | Otter | 97.2 |
| 4 | Birch | 96.5 |
| 5 | Willow | 96.3 |



Congratulations to all the classes above with their super attendance

Thank you for realising the importance of sending your child to school every day.



HUGE Congratulations to our two-star classes for their super attendance this term – **Hedgehog (EYFS) in KS1** and **Maple (Y5) in KS2** will be attending the cinema on Monday as a result of having the best attendance across the term – **Well done to both classes.** They will see a film and have a drink and popcorn in their visit !! Well done guys.

Star Award –



Star of the week awards went to:

The whole of Year R for their exceptional tableau performance! Badger: Alfie C
Fox: Millie-Grace W **Chestnut:** Jack D **Birch:** Olive A **Maple:** Hayden W
Elm: Aleaha B



This week's birthdays:

Kenzie R, Ajay C, Isabelle G, Phoenix S, Sophie M, Ollie S, Archie A and Emily R – many happy returns to you all!

Nicholas Bear was awarded to: The Choir

Policy reminders. Yellow Zig-Zags



Parking, stopping, or dropping off on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school is **strictly prohibited.**

These markings are there to protect children by ensuring clear visibility for pedestrians and drivers. Stopping on these lines creates a serious hazard and significantly increases the risk of an accident. We have already witnessed near misses caused by vehicles ignoring these rules.

If you cannot find a space nearby, you must park elsewhere - even if that means a short walk. Convenience is never worth a child's life.

To be absolutely clear: if a child is injured or killed because of unsafe parking, do not come to me for answers. These rules exist to prevent tragedy, **and every parent has a responsibility to follow them.** Please choose safety over convenience. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our children safe.

C Dale - Headteacher



ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE - For Parents - Sharenting



For a multitude of different reasons, the advice we give to children and young people is to be careful with what they're sharing online, including images. This can be anything from protecting your privacy to very serious harms such as blackmail including sextortion. For example, an article in the Guardian refers to a report from the NSPCC where nearly 1 in 10 parents say their child has been blackmailed online and the National Crime Agency are receiving around 110 reports of sextortion each month. That education we give to children and young people extends to parents, caregivers, schools and anyone else that may share data, such as images, of children. We must be mindful of the potential uses of that data.

The Irish Data Commission has recently released a short (40 seconds) light-hearted but serious video about the risks of sharenting along with some useful advice.

You can see the video and advice [HERE](#) and you can read the Guardian article [HERE](#).



This term, our Year 2 pupils have really enjoyed working with visiting artists from the New Romney Art Society. Their finished pieces were full of creativity and imagination!

It was lovely to see how confident the children became as they experimented with different materials and shared their ideas. Everyone had a fantastic time learning from the visiting artists.

We're excited that the New Romney Art Society will be returning throughout the year to run more workshops with other year groups, and we're grateful for their continued support of our Arts curriculum.





Christmas

Carol Concert

at

Littlestone Lifeboat Station

on

Sunday 21st December

4 pm

with

The Salvation Army Band.

***Mulled wine, Baileys Hot Chocolate and
Other Drinks and Home-Made Cakes for
Sale.***



**Father Christmas will be in
his grotto at the Lifeboat
Station,
So bring the Children.**

Follow us on Facebook - [Littlestone Lifeboat Station](#) – for updates.

