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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...

As our parent-teacher consultations approach, we want to support you in having meaningful, productive conversations about your child's learning. These meetings are a great opportunity to understand how your child is progressing, celebrate their successes, and work together on any next steps.

Here are some helpful ideas about **what to ask, what to share, and how you can support learning at home.**

★ What Parents Might Ask the Teacher

1. "How is my child doing academically?"

Ask about strengths, areas for development, and how your child compares to year-group expectations.

2. "How does my child participate in class?"

You might ask about their confidence, behaviour, friendships, group work, and learning habits.

3. "What specific skills should they focus on next?"

This could relate to reading, writing, maths, communication, organisation, or subject-specific skills.

4. "How can I best support this at home?"

Teachers can suggest small strategies that make a big difference, such as reading routines, practising times tables, encouraging independence, or reinforcing vocabulary.

5. "Is there anything you've noticed that I might not see at home?"

Teachers often observe aspects of resilience, social interactions, or learning behaviours that parents may find helpful to know.

🏠 Simple Ways to Support Learning at Home

- **Establish a calm homework routine** with a set place and time.
- **Read regularly**—with your child, to your child, or have them read to you.
- **Talk about their day** and encourage them to explain something they learned.
- **Practise key skills** like number facts, spelling patterns, or vocabulary.
- **Celebrate effort, not just results**, to build resilience and confidence.
- **Stay in touch**—small questions or clarifications between meetings can really help.

☀️ Final Thoughts

Parent-teacher consultations work best when they're a **two-way conversation**. You know your child better than anyone, and teachers value your insight just as much as you value theirs. Together, we can ensure every child feels supported, understood, and equipped to thrive.

If there's anything you'd like to discuss before the meeting, feel free to reach out to your child's class teacher in advance so they can prepare.

Christopher Dale

Headteacher

Dates for your diary

February 2026

Mon 9th

Y4 Beech – Swimming
Week 5

KIC Theatre in

Year 4 am

Year 1 pm

3:30 – KS1 Parent
Teacher consultation

Tues 10th

Whole school - Internet
Safety Day

EYFS parents - Join us
at 2:45pm for a special
assembly.

Wed 11th

Kav in all day

Y6 Handball – am

YR Multiskills – pm

9:15 – Year 5 Ash

Wednesday service at
Church

10:30am Eco

Ambassador Training

Thurs 12th

3:30 – KS2 Parent
Teacher consultation

Fri 13th

Pancake day lunch

End of term

Mon 23rd

Children return to school

Key Stage 2 Parent

Teacher Consultation

3:30pm – 6:00pm

Wed 25th

NELFT Parent

Workshop –

understanding behaviour



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Wood Type	Percentage
OAK	95%
ELM	93%
MAPLE	92%
WILLOW	96%
BIRCH	93%
BEECH	93%
CHESTNUT	97%
ROWAN	96%
HARE	91%
FOX	90%
OTTER	90%
BADGER	97%

Policy reminders for parents



Please can we remind parents that pupils and siblings are to dismount from their scooters or bikes at the school gates, they must not be ridden on the school site. There are 2 bike sheds for safe keeping within the grounds, please ask the staff on the gate if you are unsure of their location.




Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams
Medway Emotional Support Teams

As outlined at the start of the newsletter, please find the details of up and coming NELFT meetings here at St Nicholas as well as those online.


These workshops are designed to support families and provide helpful guidance around children's mental health and emotional wellbeing. The online meetings have a QR code, which parents can use to register quickly and easily for any of the online sessions.

Please feel free to look through the information, and if you know anyone who may benefit from attending, do pass it on.



Parent Workshop

Aimed at parents of children in primary school



Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams
Medway Emotional Support Teams

Understanding Your Child's Behaviour

Wednesday 25th February 2026
08:45—10:15


Are you currently experiencing difficulties with your child at home? Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to enjoy your time more with your child?

You are invited to a workshop about understanding and communicating with your child. It will help you consider factors which influence behaviour. We also discuss techniques that you can use at home for behaviours that you feel are difficult to manage.


This workshop will be held at
St Nicholas Church of England Primary Academy.

If you have any questions please speak to Mrs Gunn.

We look forward to meeting you




www.nelft.nhs.uk



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Understanding Sleep and Autistic Children

Wednesday 18th March 2026
08:45—10:15


Are you currently experiencing difficulties with your child's sleeping patterns? Maybe your child has received a diagnosis. Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your child?

You are invited to a workshop about understanding sleeping patterns and autism. We also discuss helpful strategies that you can use at home to help support your child.


This workshop will be held at
St Nicholas Church of England Primary Academy

If you have any questions, please talk to Mrs Gunn

We look forward to meeting you.




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Online Parent Workshops


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Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears

02/02/2026 10:30 - 12:30pm


[Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears | Meeting Join | Microsoft Teams](#)



Autism and Sleep

09/03/2026 12:30 - 13:30pm

[Autism and Sleep | Meeting Join | Microsoft Teams](#)



Understanding Neurodiversity

24/03/2026 10:30 - 12:30pm

[Understanding Neurodiversity | Meeting Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

Vacancies at St Nicholas.



SEND Administrator - Advert Close Date: 27/02/2026

Are you an organised, people-focused administrator who wants to make a genuine difference to children's lives? Do you thrive in a busy environment where no two days are the same? If so, we'd love to hear from you.

We are seeking a SEND & Inclusion Administrator to provide high-quality administrative and clerical support across our SEND and Inclusion teams. This is a vital role at the heart of the Academy, supporting pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), their families, and the professionals who work with them.

For more information and to apply please click on the link below:

<https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=152845>





PROVIDERS:



We are delighted to announce that we have added a third official uniform provider - 🍌 Top Banana Services, to give you more options and convenience. 🏠 ✨

You can now purchase your school uniform from:

📄 County Print & Embroidery

🍌 Top Banana Services

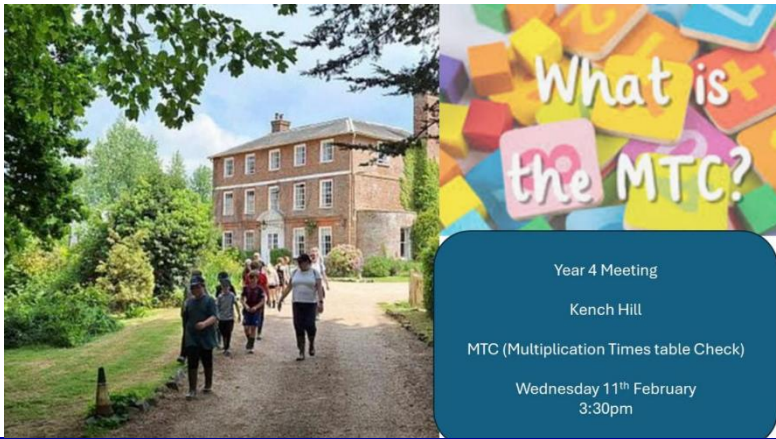
📄 PMG Schoolwear



Our gardening club started work weeding flower beds ready to plant up over the next few months. They learnt that gardening is not just a fair weather activity, heading out in the drizzle and getting a little muddy. No complaints from any of them and they really got stuck in!



YEAR 4 PARENTS KENCH HILL & MTC meeting – Wednesday 11th Feb at 3.30pm



We will be holding a Year 4 meeting for parents and carers where we will share information about our visit to Kench Hill. We will also talk about the Year 4 MTC (Multiplication Times Table Check).

Main Hall

Wednesday 11th February 2026
@ 3:30pm

Year 4 had a wonderful time in Ancient Egypt this week. The children became farmers; designing and making shadufs. They worked collaboratively and have created amazing landscapes. Some really great work.



Wellbeing Award
for Schools

2022-2025



In Computing, Year 2 have been working on their touch-typing skills. They have found out that the F and J keys have a bump on them to help us find the home keys.



A polite reminder – cough sweets, throat sweets and non-prescribed medicine are not permitted in school. Please do not send your child with them in their bag as cough sweets are a choking hazard and any medicine needs to go to the school office. Thank you for your co-operation.

Kids' Events

at The Nest

Sat 7th Feb (10-12pm) **FREE**
Stories Around the Table

Sun 15th Feb (12-2pm) **£10**
Children's Viking Bracelet Making per child

Mon 16th Feb (10-12pm) **£10**
Children's Wet Felting per child

Wed 18th Feb (10:30-12:30) **£5**
Children's Crochet Class per child

Daily Craft Activities for Families
to Enjoy During Half Term!

Booking Essential!

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