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St Nicholas CE Primary Academy Weekly Newsletter

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From the Headteachers desk...

Dear Families,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter after the Easter break. Easter seems a long way off now, but we all hope you enjoyed your break together. This term is always a jampacked one – please do keep an eye on the school Dojo pages for the latest news, dates and events.

We are now in full swing, preparing for a busy term of statutory testing, lots of trips and visits as well as transition activities to look forward to. A reminder that all our Year 1 children & selected Year 2s will be undergoing phonics screening checks, Year 4 will be taking the multiplication tables check and Year 6, the end of Key Stage 2 SATS over the coming weeks. This season of testing begins with the Year 6 SATS w/b 11th May. All the other tests happen in June.

Teachers have already sent links to support these tests but if you require further assistance please contact your child's class teacher.

During these testing windows it is important that your child attends school every day. If they are absent due to illness, then we can reschedule for a limited period following the tests to enable the children to sit them, so they won't miss out.

Speaking of attendance, it was great to take our top two Infant & Junior classes for attendance to McDonalds this week as their reward.



It is so lovely to see the sun out but as the term progresses, please can we remind you to send children to school with a hat and plenty of water to drink. Please do also apply sun-cream before school as children will spend time outdoors during the day. Have a great weekend.

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Technique Soccer School are now taking new bookings!



- **Tuesdays** - Year R to Year 2
- **Wednesdays** - Year 3 to Year 6

Please use the link to book:

<https://technique-soccer-school.class4kids.co.uk/>

Dates for your diary

April 2026

Mon 27th

KIC Theatre in – YR & Y4

Y4 Birch swimming Wk 5

Y5 NRAD visiting

Cross Country at Marsh Academy from 4pm to 6pm

Wed 29th

Kav in with Y1 & Y3

9:30 – Year 6 Sailing

10am – Flourish group meeting with worship leaders

Thurs 30th

Knuckleball Twins in

9:30 – YR Funday at the Marsh Academy

12:30 Y5 Pop Lacross at the Marsh Academy

May 2026

Mon 4th

SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY

Wed 6th

Kav in with Y1 & Y3

9:30 – Year 6 Sailing

Thurs 7th

Year R Vision Screen checks

Mon 11th

Year 6 Key Stage 2

SATs all week

Kav in with Y1 & Y3

Fri 15th

9:15 Y2 and Y3

Assention service at St Nicholas Church

Year 6 Beach visit

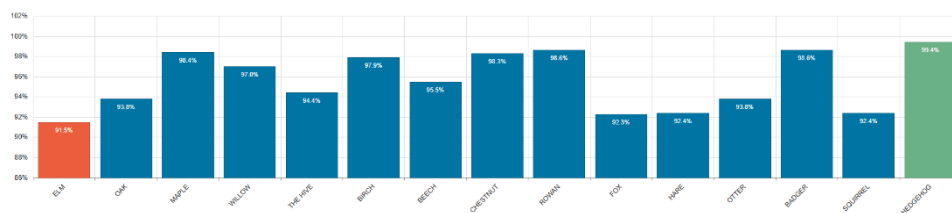


Attendance - Every Day Counts!

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!**

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Top attenders are:		
Year	Class	%
R	Hedgehog	99.4
1	Badger	98.6
3	Rowan	98.6
5	Maple	98.4
3	Chestnut	98.3



Congratulations to all the classes above with their super attendance

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

Star Award –



Star of the week awards went to:

Hedgehog: Conor J **Badger:** Oakley B **Fox:** Owen T **Rowan:** Joey S
Beech: Henri E **Willow:** CJ S **Oak:** Irin S

This week's Birthdays –



Mr Dale, Phoenix S, Maia J, Cooper S, Freddie T, Freya C, Ivy M, Levie Y and Michael D – many happy returns to you all!

Sir David Attenborough 100th Birthday Celebration – Home Clothes Day



On **Friday 8th May**, we will be joining schools and organisations across the country in celebrating the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough.

To mark this special occasion, **we will be holding a home clothes day**, with children invited to come into school dressed as an explorer or an animal character. This could include Sir David Attenborough himself, Steve Irwin, other famous naturalists and explorers, well-known fictional characters such as Indiana Jones,

or even animals and wildlife-inspired characters. Children may also choose to take a broader interpretation of “explorer” or “animal character”, focusing on outfits linked to travel, discovery, or the natural world.

There is no expectation for costumes to be bought or expensive. Simple home-made or adapted clothing is absolutely fine, and we encourage creativity and practicality.

Newly Sponsored Football kit

How fantastic do our girls look in their brand-new Herald Cup team kits? We are absolutely delighted with the fresh new look! A huge thank you to **Top Banana Services for their generous sponsorship** and for providing these wonderful kits. We are incredibly grateful for their support.

Our girls football coach worked closely with the team at Top Banana Services to carefully select the colours and custom designs, and the result is something we can all be proud of.

We can't wait to see the girls wearing their new kits with pride as they head into the Quarter Finals. Good luck, team!



Online Safety - For Parents: Switched on to Privacy



Privacy of information online is an area which is growing and growing, but it can also feel overwhelming. The UK Information Commissioner has created a great new portal for parents and caregivers giving support and advice around online privacy with sections on explaining privacy to children, choosing privacy settings, advice on how to start a conversation, case studies and more.

Link: [Kids vs grown-ups: what we really share online](#). (this is the introduction blog post including a few short videos).

Link: [Information Commissioner's Office - Switched On to Privacy](#). (this is the portal).

For Parents - Roblox Kids and Roblox Select

Roblox have been making some big changes recently, and that now includes 'age-gating' so that children and young people get the experience according to their age. This means that there are now 3 types of Roblox accounts:

- Roblox Kids - for children 5-8 years.
- Roblox Select - for children 9-15 years.
- Roblox - for anyone 16+.

For any users that have not completed an age check, they will be put into the youngest users category and parents can update or correct a child's age through a linked account. The link below will take you to a simplified breakdown of the different accounts.

Link: [What are Roblox Kids and Roblox Select?](#)

SAFEGUARDING – Home visits & Attendance – Why we do them.

Home visits play a vital role in supporting pupil attendance and wellbeing.

They enable schools to maintain contact with families, understand barriers to attendance, and provide timely, personalised support - especially when communication through other channels has been unsuccessful.

Why Schools Carry Out Home Visits

UK school policies outline clear guidance for conducting safe, supportive home visits. These visits are used to:

- **Address Attendance Concerns:** Follow up on multiple days of unexplained absence (e.g., 3+ days).
 - **Respond to Safeguarding Concerns:** Act promptly on any signs of potential harm or neglect.
 - **Improve Communication:** Build face-to-face relationships with families who are hard to reach.
 - **Support Long-Term Absences:** Keep in contact with students absent due to illness or other extended circumstances.
 - **Offer Family Support:** Assist families facing challenges with routine or school readiness.
 - **Build Relationships:** Strengthen trust between school, home, and student.
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Parent workshops



We have our Stay and Read workshop for **Year 1** parents to come in and read with their children every Wednesday and in **Year R** on the same day we have a Stay and Count session.

These are wonderful ways for parents to see how we structure reading and maths in the formative years in school and hope you will gain something from them as well as working with your child in their class.



It is always great to see so many Year 1 and R parents at these events, supporting your child!



** SCHOOL DINNER THEME DAYS **

🌮 Mexican Day is coming! 🌮



We're hosting a special themed lunch on **Thursday 21st May 2026**, featuring mild chilli, rice, nachos, and a delicious chocolate cake for dessert!

Important Info:

🕒 **Deadline:** All orders must be placed by **9am Monday 27th April**.

📅 **How to book:** Log in to your MCAS account > Dinners > Week 18/05/2026. Make sure to select and confirm for each child!

📝 **Note:** This lunch must be booked in advance. If no order is placed, please ensure your child brings a packed lunch from home.

Don't miss out—get those orders in! ✨

Get ready to kick off the World Cup with a special themed lunch on Friday 5th June! 🏆



We are serving up a champion menu:

🍔 Juicy Beef Burger (or delicious Veggie Burger)

🍟 Crispy Chips & Spaghetti Hoops

🥒 Fresh Cucumber Sticks

🍫 A winning Chocolate Brownie for dessert!

⚠️ Crucial Match Stats (Important Info):

🕒 **Deadline:** All orders must be placed by **9am on Friday 15th May**.

📅 **How to book:** Log in to MCAS > Dinners > Week 01/06/2026. Remember to select & save for each child!

📝 **Note:** ***This lunch must be booked in advance.*** If no order is placed, please send your child with a packed lunch.

Don't miss out on the fun—score your child's lunch today! 🕒 ✨

Travelling Bookfair.

The Travelling Book Fair is returning to our school from Friday 24th April through Wednesday 29th April. The fair will be open in the main school hall from 3:30pm to 4:15pm daily.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to explore new titles and discover their next favourite read.



For a sneak peek of what will be available head to The Travelling Books website - <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/the-books>

We look forward to seeing you there.





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Together we can make a big difference!

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- **1 JOIN**
Sign up to support us for free at easyfundraising.org.uk
- **2 SHOP**
Shop with over **7,000** brands online – just as you normally would
- **3 RAISE**
The retailer sends us a free donation. You pay **nothing extra!**

 *Together, we can raise vital funds for our school.*

SIGN UP TODAY!
It only takes a minute and makes a lifetime of difference to our children. 

SCAN ME! 
Point your camera at the QR code to join

Join here: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/stnicholasceprimaryacademy/7h5q55/c2s/J1YccjD6/CE942/facebook/>

 Thank you for supporting St Nicholas CE Primary Academy! 

This evening your children will have come home with one of these sign-up sheets.

Please take the time as a family to sign up to this free fund raising initiative.

It costs you as parents nothing. The money we receive comes direct from whoever you have purchased from.

Please help the school to raise valuable funds just by joining and purchasing goods online as normal.

Thank you for supporting your child and your school.

