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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...

Reading, Phonics and Supporting Early Readers

We continue to place a strong emphasis on reading across the school, particularly in the early stages of children's learning. A secure foundation in phonics, alongside a love of reading, is essential for building confidence, developing language, and supporting long-term success.

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 1 parents to our **Phonics Meetings on Monday 18th May**. These sessions will help parents understand how phonics is taught in school and how reading can be best supported at home.

Workshops will take place in both the morning and evening, giving families flexibility to attend. Staff will share practical strategies and offer guidance to support children as they develop. Further details, including timings, will be shared via Class Dojo.

Alongside phonics, we continue to promote vocabulary development through our **SUAVE words**. Each week, children are introduced to a carefully selected word, explored in class and reinforced at home. These words help broaden vocabulary and strengthen spoken and written language. We encourage families to discuss and use these words in everyday conversation.

Celebrating Our School Community – Cross Country Success

We are incredibly proud of our pupils following an excellent performance at this week's Cross-Country event. Children represented the school with enthusiasm, resilience, and sportsmanship, with pupils achieving 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishes across events.

These strong individual performances, combined with consistent effort across the team, helped the school secure impressive overall positions. Well done to all involved, and thank you to the staff who supported and encouraged the children.

Working Together

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Whether encouraging reading at home, attending workshops, or supporting wider opportunities, your partnership plays a vital role in each child's success.

Christopher Dale

Headteacher

Dates for your diary

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 & Y3 Assention service at St Nicholas Church
Year 6 Beach visit

Mon 18th
Y4 Swimming (Birch)

Tues 19th
2:45 Y1 & Y2 Assembly to parents

Wed 20th
Kav in with Y1 & Y3
9:30 – Year 6 Sailing

Thurs 21st
Governors mtg
10am Y3 & Y4 Football at THSP

Fri 22nd
6 Ways to Wellbeing PTA Bring a Bottle non uniform day for the Summer Fair
End of Term

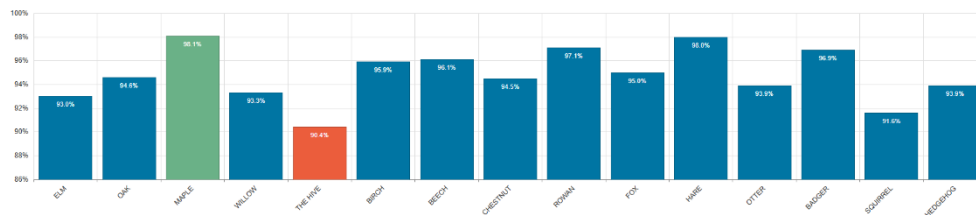


Attendance - Every Day Counts!

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	%
5	Maple	98.1
2	Hare	98.0
3	Rowan	97.1
1	Badger	96.9



Congratulations to all the classes above with their super attendance

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

Honesty in Absence Reporting.

A quick reminder of how important it is to be honest when letting the school know about your child's absence. When children are asked to pass on reasons that aren't true, it puts them in a difficult position and teaches the wrong lesson.

Honesty now helps them build the integrity they'll need with teachers, friends, and future employers. And as we all know, the truth usually comes out anyway.

It's an exciting time of year as our older students begin visiting secondary schools! If your child is attending an open day, please let the office know in advance. Please also confirm whether they will require a school dinner upon their return so we can update our registers accordingly.

Thank you for helping us model the values we want our children to grow up with.

Star Award -



Star of the week awards went to:

Squirrel: Nellie G **Otter:** Zion C **Hare:** Ivy M **Chestnut:** James B
Birch: Ruby-Mai W **Maple:** Sophie H **Elm:** Vinnie T



This week's Birthdays –

Archie C, Bonnie M, Harry A, Cal C, Luna U and Ivy-Rose Y – 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.



**** SCHOOL DINNER THEME DAYS ****



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! ⌚ ✨



The deadline for the Mexican theme lunch on Thursday 21st May, passed on 27th April 2026 – please make sure your child has a packed lunch on this day if you have not ordered a dinner.



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>

Y6 Parent Workshop Helping Your Child Move to Secondary School 10/06/2026 10:30—12:30pm

Is your child moving to secondary school? Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your child with this step in their lives? You are invited to a workshop which thinks about how to prepare and support your child with this move. We will consider challenges and concerns and discuss techniques that you can use at home to help them feel ready for the move ahead. If you would like to join, please scan the QR code

The session will be run by the Kent & Medway Mental Health Trust



**Opening hour change
New Romney Library**



Kent Libraries

New Romney Library is changing its hours

From **Monday 11 May**, New Romney Library will change to new opening hours.

Opening times from 11 May

Monday - 9am to 2pm
Tuesday - 1pm to 5pm
Wednesday - 9am to 2pm
Thursday - 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm
Friday - 1pm to 5pm
Saturday - 9am to 1pm
Sunday - closed



What's on offer:

Explore everything New Romney Library has to offer - books, events, digital access and more by visiting kent.gov.uk/libraries

For more information visit
kent.gov.uk/libraries



New Romney Library – Community notice

On **Tuesday 26th May**, the opening of the new **Folkestone Library & Community Centre** on 14 Sandgate Road in the heart of Folkestone will take place.

From Monday the 11th of May New Romney library will be starting new hours – *see poster attached*

KCC libraries believe this development will strengthen opportunities for collaboration and community engagement, and we would be delighted to discuss how we might continue to work together in this new setting.



SET 2: ay ee igh ow oo or or air ir ou oy SET 3: ao oi e-e i-e e-e ow are ur er ow ni

Phonics Screening Information Meeting

For Year 1 Parents

When: 18th May

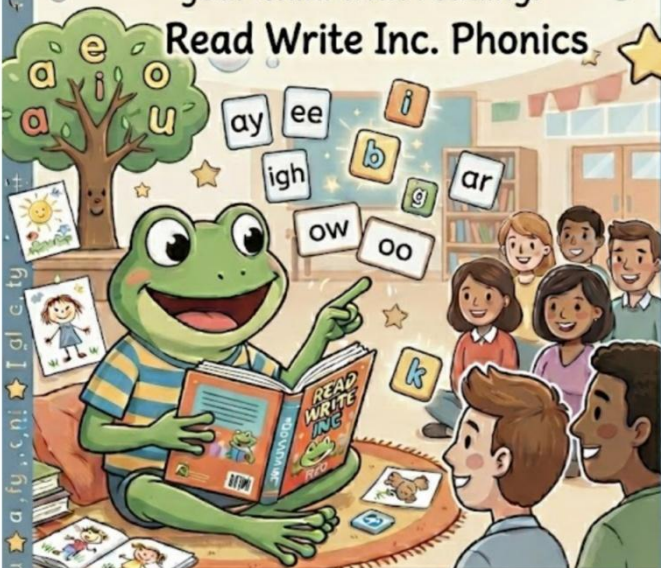
- Join us at 9am
- Join us at 5pm

Where: KS1 Hall

(Please enter through the main school reception)

Come to find out how to support your child with reading!

Read Write Inc. Phonics



*Empowering Your Child's Phonics Journey!
All Year 1 Parents Welcome!

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Every time you shop online, you could raise **FREE** donations for St Nicholas CE Primary Academy – at no extra cost to you!



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Thank you for supporting St Nicholas CE Primary Academy! ♥





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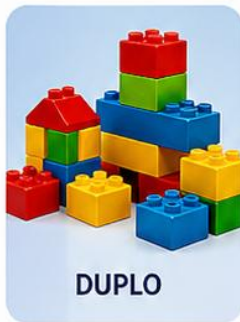
NEW ROMNEY

DONATIONS NEEDED!

Help us create exciting learning and play opportunities for our children

♥ CAN YOU HELP? ♥

We are looking for good-quality items that you no longer need:



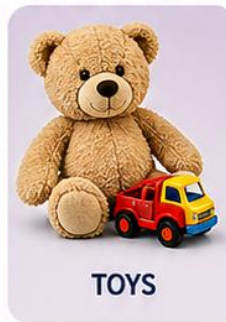
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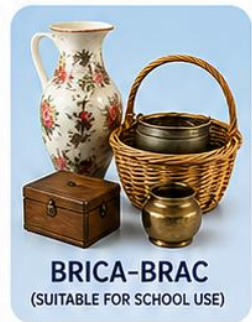
BOARD GAMES



CHILDREN'S BOOKS



TOYS



BRICA-BRAC
(SUITABLE FOR SCHOOL USE)

PLEASE MAKE SURE ITEMS ARE:



COMPLETE
All pieces included



CLEAN
Clean and ready to use



IN GOOD CONDITION
Gently used and in good working order



NOT DAMAGED
No broken or damaged items please



WHY IT MATTERS



Supports creative play



Encourages social development



Enhances engaging learning experiences

Thank you for supporting our school community! ♥



Please bring donations to the School Office.

Every donation makes a big difference to the children at our school.

Thank you! ♥



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Information for Year 5 parents:

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to share that we are currently in the process of planning next year's Year 6 residential trip. The visit will take place at the Kingswood PGL Residential Centre in Ashford.

We are proposing for the residential to run from Monday 14th September to Friday 18th September 2026. This will be a four-night, five-day experience, packed with a wide range of exciting and engaging activities for the children.

To provide you with further information and answer any questions you may have, we would like to invite all Year 5 parents and children to an information meeting on:

Wednesday 6th May at 5:30pm

We strongly encourage you to attend this meeting, as it will be a valuable opportunity to find out more about the trip, what to expect, and how to prepare.

We look forward to seeing you there.

