



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

# 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,

Thank you to the families who have already responded to our recent request for donations of good-quality items to support learning and play across the school. Your generosity is truly appreciated and makes a real difference to children's experiences both in and beyond the classroom.

If you can help and have not yet had the opportunity, we are still very kindly looking for donations such as toys, board games, books and other suitable resources for school use. A copy of the poster outlining requested items can be found at the end of this newsletter. Donations can be brought to the School Office at any time. Thank you.

We are also currently seeking parent views as the school explores the opening of its **own school-run Breakfast Club from September 2026**. A short questionnaire – link here - [Parent Questionnaire: Breakfast Club Provision – Fill in form](#) we would be very grateful if you could take **five minutes** to complete it. Your feedback will help us ensure that any provision we develop meets the needs of our families. Thank you in advance for supporting us with this important piece of consultation.

Looking ahead to next week, our Year 6 pupils will be sitting their SATs. We are incredibly proud of the focus, effort and resilience they have shown in preparing for these assessments. For those attending the early-morning SATs breakfast, we look forward to welcoming pupils at the office entrance from **8:00am on Monday**. We wish all our Year 6 children the very best and will be supporting them every step of the way.

A gentle reminder for our Year 5 parents: registration for the **11+ tests opens on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 and closes on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026**. Please ensure these important dates are noted and refer to the newsletter for further details.

Finally, the PTA will be holding a **Non-Uniform Day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**. Children may come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a bottle donation (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) to support the PTA bottle tombola at the Summer Fair. Full details can be found in the PTA section—thank you for helping us raise valuable funds for our children.

Yours sincerely,

**Christopher Dale**

Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

**May 2026**

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup>**

- Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATs all week

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup>**

- Kav in with Yr 3 & 1

**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>**

- Girls Herald Cup Quarter Final match at Home

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:15 Y2 and 3 **Ascension Day** service at St Nicholas Church
- Year 6 Beach visit

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup>**

- Y4 Swimming (Birch)
- 9:00am & 5pm Year 1 Phonics briefing for parents.

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup>**

- 2:45pm Y1 & Y2 Assembly to parents
- 3:20pm **Family worship** with Rev Chris – in music room

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup>**

- Kav in with Y3 & Y1
- 9:30 – Year 6 Sailing

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>**

- Governors mtg
- 10am Y3 & Y4 Football at THSP

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

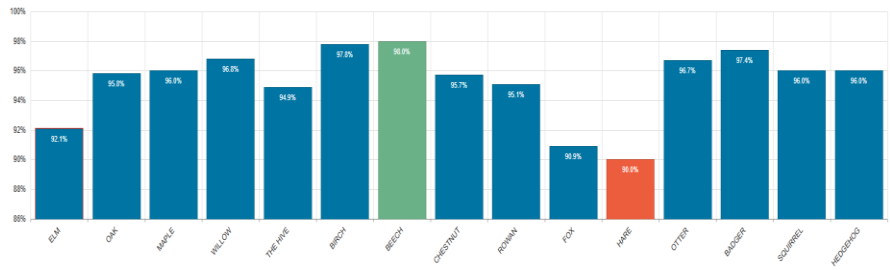


## Attendance - Every Day Counts!

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	%
4	Beech	98%
4	Birch	97.8%
1	Badger	97.4%
5	Willow	96.8%
1	Otter	96.7%



*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:** Roman B **Badger:** Roma R **Fox:** Mike B **Rowan:** Maggie P  
**Beech:** Harry A **Willow:** Zahra C **Oak:** George D

## This week's Birthdays –



Jerusha J, Sienna M, Arnie L, Isaac S, Henri E and Hannah F – many happy returns to you all!

## Online Safety for Parents - How to Talk to Children if they see Traumatic Events



Many children will have seen or heard some of the horrific events that have been happening recently. Whether that's on the news, someone discussing it, or perhaps online, children can be traumatised by what they are seeing and hearing.

This article from The Conversation discusses the issue and gives some good advice.

Link: [The Conversation - How to talk to children when terrorist attacks and violence dominate the news.](#)



## !! NON-UNIFORM DAY BOTTLE TOMBOLA !! FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2026

St Nicholas PTA are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. We are asking families to donate a bottle (alcoholic or non-alcoholic). We will then hold a bottle tombola at the Summer Fair. Please bring your bottle into school on the morning of Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. There will be trollies for you to place your bottles at the entrances to the school in the morning. Thank you for your support in helping us to raise valuable funds for our children.



## PESE information for Year 5 Parents - Important dates for parents to know

If your child will be starting secondary school in September 2027, and you are considering entering your child for the Kent Test, also known as the 11+, here are the important dates you need to know:

What happens	Date
Kent Test registration opens	Monday 1 June 2026
Kent Test registration closes	Wednesday 1 July 2026
Kent Test - for pupils who attend a Kent Primary School	Thursday 10 September 2026
Kent Test - for pupils who do not attend a Kent primary school	Weekend of 12 and 13 September 2026
Results day	Thursday 15 October 2026

### Policy reminders.



We would like to kindly remind parents & carers that only plain water is allowed for children to drink during the school day. Flavoured or sparkling water, juice, and other beverages are not permitted, as they can pose allergy risks and do not meet our healthy eating and hydration guidelines. Thank you for your understanding and support in keeping our school a safe and healthy environment for all pupils.

### **\*\* 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**

## **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



## 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!*

## New Family Worship

As a part of our partnership with the church and as a request from children, we will be running a termly family worship. This will be a short worship (15-20 minutes) straight after school led by the children and Reverend Chris followed by a chance to catch up over refreshments. Our first family worship will be on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> of May at 3:20pm** in the music room.

Everyone is welcome to come along and experience worship and prayer with their children.

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# Phonics Screening Information Meeting

For Year 1 Parents

**When: 18<sup>th</sup> 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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Thank you for supporting St Nicholas CE Primary Academy!





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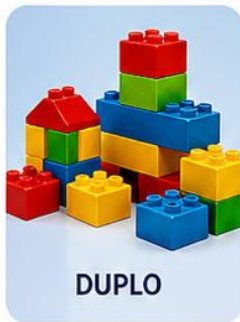
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## DONATIONS NEEDED!

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:



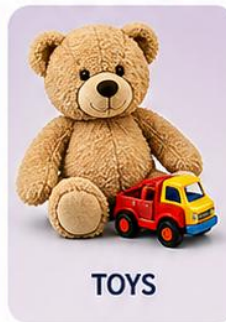
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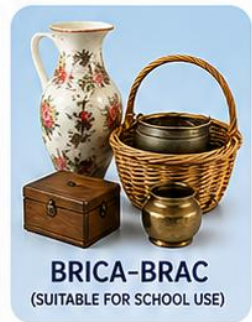
BOARD GAMES



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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