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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,

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils for the effort, determination, and maturity they showed throughout last week's SATs. They approached each day with focus and resilience, and we congratulate every child for giving their very best.

While SATs offer only a snapshot of progress, the real achievement lies in the growth and confidence they have shown over their time in school — and in that, they have excelled.

A heartfelt well done to all our pupils, staff, and families for their hard work and support.

Phonics Information Meeting – Supporting Our Year 1 Readers

We are delighted to invite all Year 1 parents to our upcoming Phonics Screening Information Meeting. This session is designed to help you understand how phonics is taught in school and how you can support your child's reading journey at home.

To make attendance easier, we are offering two meeting times on **Monday 18th May:**

- 9:00am
- 5:00pm

Both sessions will take place in the KS1 Hall, with entry through the main school reception.

During the meeting, our team will walk you through the Read Write Inc. Phonics approach. You'll gain practical tips, see examples of the sounds in action, and learn how to build confidence and fluency in early reading.

This is a friendly, informative session aimed at empowering you to support your child as they prepare for the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check. We encourage all parents to come along.

We look forward to seeing you there and working together to strengthen every child's phonics journey.

And finally... Stay connected with us by joining our school community on Instagram and Facebook for updates, celebrations, and daily highlights.

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

May 2026

Mon 18th

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

Tues 19th

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

Wed 20th

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

Thurs 21st

- Governors mtg
- 10am Y3 & 4 Football at THSP

Fri 22nd

- 6 Ways to Wellbeing
- End of Term

June

Mon 1st

- Children return to school
- Year 4 Multiplication Check starts

Wed 3rd

- Y5 Windsurfing

Thurs 4th

- KIC Theatre in for Y2 and Y6
- Corpus Christi Service for KS2

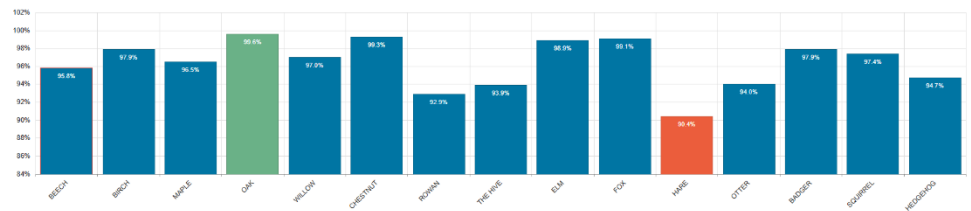


Attendance - Every Day Counts!

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	%
6	Oak	99.6
3	Chestnut	99.3
2	Fox	99.1
6	Elm	98.9



Congratulations to all the classes above with their super attendance

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

Star Award –

Star of the week awards went to:



Hedgehog: Lillie P **Otter:** Jacob J **Hare:** Dougie B **Chestnut:** Jessie J
Birch: Ted S **Maple:** George W **Elm & Oak:** The whole of Year 6!

This week's Birthdays –



Henry K, Max S, Autumn B, Amber C, Jacob H and Lily W – many happy returns to you all!

Online Safety for Parents - For Parents - Steam Parental Controls

Steam is a huge digital distribution platform for PC gaming and hugely popular with children and young people. Basically, Steam acts as a storefront, installer, launcher and social network for 30,000 games. Because of the vast range of games, some of which will not be suitable for children, it's important that parents understand the controls that are available to them on the Steam platform. Internet Matters have a 1-minute video on YouTube which will help with this.

Link - [Parents video guide to Steam parental controls.](#)



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





The deadline for the World Cup Special themed lunch on FRIDAY 5TH JUNE, passed on Friday 15th May 2026 - please make sure your child has a packed lunch on this day if you have not ordered a dinner

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 19th of May at 3:20pm** in the music room.

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

Y6 Parent Workshop - Helping Your Child Move to Secondary School 10/06/2026 at 10:30am



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



PESE information for Year 5 Parents - Important dates for Y5 parents to know

If your child will be starting secondary school in Sept 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.

For more information click the link [here](#) which will take you to the KCC site

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

Easy Fundraising - Amazing news!

St Nicholas CE Primary Academy has received £103.44 this Donation Day!

A huge thank you to everyone supporting us. If you haven't joined yet, all your online shopping this year could raise free donations for us - **at no extra cost to you.**

Please sign up to support us on easyfundraising today, it'll take you two minutes and we could win a £5,000 donation when you join:

<https://shorturl.at/YCagR>



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How it works - it's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

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

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/?stricholasceprimaryacademy/7h5q55/c2u/31YccjD6/CE942/facebook/>

Thank you for supporting St Nicholas CE Primary Academy!





🧁 ROWAN CLASS BAKE SALE! 🧁

Next week, Rowan class is on a mission to raise vital funds for the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MND). ❤️ We need your help to make it a success! We are asking our wonderful families to donate cakes for our big sale at the end of the school day on Friday 22nd May. Whether you bake them or buy them, every single donation will make a huge difference. Thank you so much for your support! Let's bake a difference together! 🍰 ✨



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

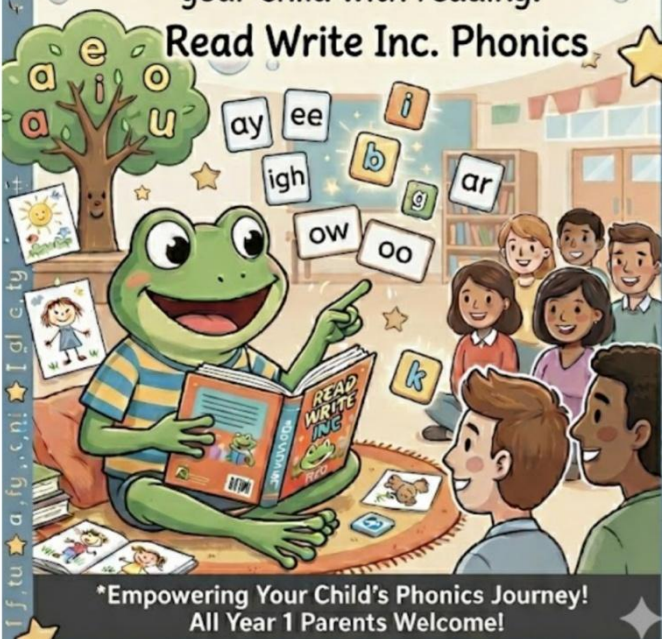
- Join us at 9am
- Join us at 5pm

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!



**ST NICHOLAS
CE PRIMARY ACADEMY**

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:



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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