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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,

Enjoying Learning in the Great Outdoors

As the warmer weather arrives, it has been wonderful to see children taking their learning outside. The photo of pupils working together on the grass really captures how much they enjoy exploring and thinking in the fresh air. This time of year, always brings a lovely energy to our school days.



Thank You for Your Feedback – Breakfast Club Development

Thank you to all parents and carers (113 of you - 30%) who completed our recent survey about the development of a school-run Breakfast Club. Your feedback has been incredibly valuable, and we truly appreciate the time you took to share your thoughts.

I am now reviewing the responses carefully and will be discussing the next steps with our Governing Body after the half-term break. This will help us shape our path forward as we continue planning this exciting project for our school community. I look forward to sharing more information with you as plans progress.

Upcoming Statutory Checks

After half term, two important national assessments will take place:

• Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

This will take place during the national window from **1st - 26th June 2026**. Year 4 pupils will complete their statutory multiplication check. This online assessment helps ensure children have secure recall of their times tables up to 12 x 12.

• Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

This will take place during the week beginning **8th June 2026**. This one-to-one assessment helps us understand how well children are developing their early reading skills.

Thank you for your continued support this term, I would like to wish all our family's a lovely half term break and I look forward to your return on **Monday 1st June**.

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Dale

Headteacher

Dates for your diary

June 2026

Mon 1st

- Children return to school
- Year 4 Multiplication Check starts for next 3 weeks
- Y5 Parents, Kent Test (11+) registration opens

Tues 2nd

Stay & Play – New Intake session 1:30 to 2:45pm Week 1

Wed 3rd

- Y5 Windsurfing

Thurs 4th

- KIC Theatre in for Y2 and Y6
- Corpus Christi Service for KS2
- Stay & Play – New Intake session 1:30 to 2:45pm Week 1

Fri 5th

- World Cup themed lunch day

Mon 8th

- Y3 working with Mr Singh all day

Tues 9th

- Stay & Play – New Intake session 1:30 to 2:45pm Week 2

Wed 10th

- Y6 Parent online workshop - Helping Your Child Move to Secondary School
- Y5 Windsurfing

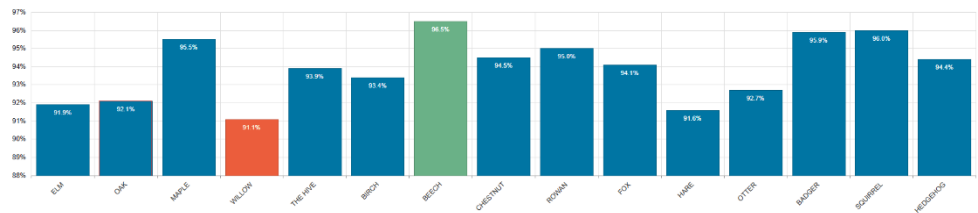


Attendance - Every Day Counts!

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	96.5
R	Squirrel	96.0
1	Badger	95.9
5	Maple	95.5
3	Rowan	95.0



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: Rosie A **Badger:** Phoenix S **Fox:** Mia H **Rowan:** Elsie B
Beech: Jude M **Willow:** Neive R **Elm:** Jack N



This week's Birthdays –

Reggie H, Holly H, Teddy S, Jack C and Lola S – many happy returns to you all!



Online Safety for Parents - Is Your Child Prepared for their First Phone?

It's a question that so many parents struggle with, balancing the positives, the negatives, the need, cost and so much more. The problem with such a question is that there is no one-size-fits-all answer. Darren Laur has written a useful article for parents, within the article he uses the acronym **PREPARED** which takes away the complexity and allows parents to make decisions based on their own circumstances.

- P - Purpose.
- R - Responsibility.
- E - Empathy and respect.
- P - Perception of risk.
- A - Adaptability and resilience.
- R - Regulation.
- E - Executive functioning.
- D - Digital discernment.

The article is a really good read. [Link: Is your child PREPARED for their first phone?](#)



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

Year 5 Parents - Is Your Child Sitting the 11+? Important Dates for the Kent Test

If your child will be starting secondary school in September 2027 and you are considering entering them for the Kent Test (11+), please be aware of the key dates coming up. The Kent Test is an important part of the grammar school admissions process, and staying informed will help you plan ahead with confidence.



All official dates, guidance, and registration details can be found on the Kent County Council website. Click [here](#) for more information.

Y6 Parent online 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



Key Summer term dates for Parents.

June

Mon 1st

Children return to school

Y4 Multiplication Times table Check starts for next 3 weeks

Y5 Parents, Kent Test (11+) registration opens

Weds 3rd

AM: Group 1 Year 5 windsurfing

Thurs 4th

KIC Theatre in for **Y2 & 6**

Corpus Christi Service in School at 1:30pm

PTA committee meeting at 2pm – ALL welcome

Tag Rugby event at THSP

Mon 8th

Y1 Phonic Screen starts

Y3 working with Mr Singh in all day

Y4 swimming week 8

Tues 9th

2pm Attendance Tea Party

Weds 10th

AM: Group 2 Year 5 windsurfing

PM: YR balance bikes with Kav

Fri 12th

Year 5 Trip to France

Weds 17th

Group 3 windsurfing

Mon 22nd

KS1 Sports day all morning

Tues 23rd

Y4 French Café 1:30pm in school hall – all families are welcome

Weds 24th

Group 4 Year 5 windsurfing

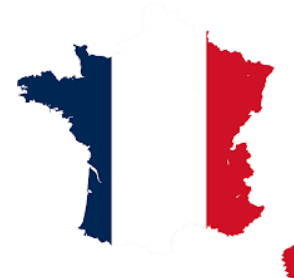
Thurs 25th

Y3/4 Sports day event in the morning

Y5/6 Sports day event in the afternoon

Mon 29th

EYFS & Y1 St Peter and St Paul service at St Nicholas Church



July

Wed 1st

Y6 Marsh Academy Transition Day 1

Group 5 Year 5 windsurfing

3:30pm District Sports

Thurs 2nd

Y6 Marsh Academy Transition Day 2

Whole school Transition Day – meet the new teacher

6pm Year R new intake meeting

Fri 3rd

Y6 Marsh Academy Transition Day 3

Tues 7th

2pm attendance tea party

Mon 13th

iRock concert to parents at 9:30am in main hall

Wed 15th

Party in the Park starting with lunch at 12 noon

Fri 17th

9:15 - **Y6** Leavers service at Church

3:00 – clap our year 6 out of school

End of school year



STAY & PLAY SESSIONS



ST NICHOLAS
CE PRIMARY ACADEMY

For our new
Reception
children
starting in September

EVERY TUESDAY OR THURSDAY
Join us for fun, friends and learning!

DATES:

TUESDAYS

- ✓ 2nd June
- ✓ 9th June
- ✓ 16th June
- ✓ 23rd June
- ✓ 30th June

THURSDAYS

- ✓ 4th June
- ✓ 11th June
- ✓ 18th June
- ✓ 25th June
- ✓ 2nd July

TIME:



1:30pm to 2:45pm



Children will be given a snack



Parents can stay for the first session



Children will get to know adults and other pupils from Year R

We can't wait to meet you!

