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St Nicholas CE Primary Academy Weekly Newsletter

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From the Headteachers desk...

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to share some exciting news with our school community. Following the approval of our Governing Body, from **September 2026** we will be launching and running our very own **school Breakfast Club**.

Our Breakfast Club will operate every school day from **7:30am to 8:30am**, providing children with a calm, welcoming start to the day. Pupils will be able to enjoy a wide selection of healthy breakfast options, helping them arrive in class ready to learn, concentrate and succeed.

Even better, we are delighted to offer this service for just **£2 per day**, making it an affordable and valuable option for families!

We know that parents want their children to be cared for by trusted adults, so I am equally delighted to share that we have successfully completed the recruitment process and have appointed a fantastic team of staff who are already well known to our pupils and school community. Our team brings a wealth of experience and expertise, including qualifications in **Food Hygiene, Paediatric First Aid**, and extensive **SEND support**, ensuring that our Breakfast Club is safe, welcoming and inclusive for every child.

To give families an opportunity to see our exciting new provision first-hand, we would like to invite parents and carers to visit the school on **Thursday 2 July between 3:30pm and 6:00pm**. During the visit, you will be able to see how the Breakfast Club will be set up, meet members of the team and learn more about what children can expect each morning. Further information about booking places and registering your child will be shared shortly.

We are incredibly excited about this new chapter and look forward to providing our children with a positive, healthy and enjoyable start to every school day.

We can't wait to welcome our first Breakfast Club members in September 2026! 🍎 🍷 🌻

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Dale

Headteacher

Dates for your diary

June 2026

The term dates have been published on Dojo for parents to download.

Mon 8

- Y3 working with Mr Singh all day
- Y4 swimming

Tues 9

- Stay & Play – New Intake session 1.30 to 2.45pm Wk 2

Wed 10

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

Thurs 11

- Y2 SATs
- Y1 & 2 Cricket @Saltwood 10am – 2.30pm
- New Intake "Stay & Play" – wk 2 (1.30 – 2.45pm)

Fri 12

- Year 5 Trip to France
- Y2 SATs
- Y3 & 4 Cricket at Hythe 9.30am to 3pm

Mon 15

- Y4 Multiplication Times table check
- Y2 SATs
- 10.15am - RMCC leading worship
- Y6 New Romney Arts Society at 1pm

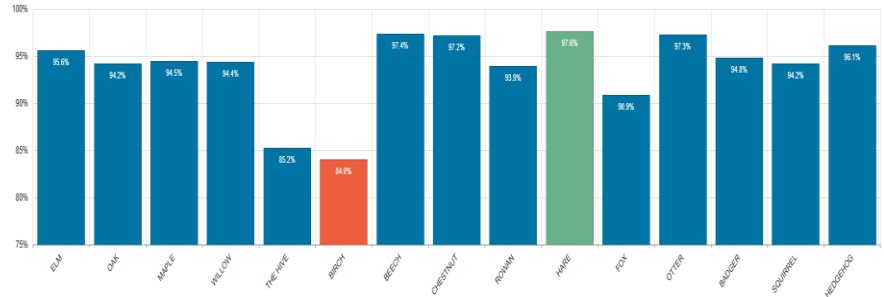


Attendance - Every Day Counts!

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	%
2	Hare	97.6%
4	Beech	97.4%
1	Otter	97.3%
3	Chestnut	97.2%
R	Hedgehog	96.1%



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 – Reggie, Otter – Isla, Hare – Arnie, Chestnut – Sarah, Birch – Albert, Willow – Rupert, Oak – Frank.

This week's Birthdays – Charlie B, Binky W, Michelle T, Jamie B, Mia R, Jesse V, Ted S, Lara W, Mason R, Jacob A, Bryon C, Harvey H, Arya P, Tommy J, Archie M, Jacob W.

Nicholas Bear was awarded to: Beech



At our school, keeping every child safe, happy, and ready to learn is at the heart of everything we do. That's why we have a dedicated **Safeguarding Team** who work together to make sure our pupils feel supported both in school and beyond.

We would like to remind you of our safeguarding and child protection team at school.

- Mrs Victoria Turner - **Designated Safeguarding Lead and Deputy Headteacher**
- Mr Christopher Dale – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Online Safety Lead & Headteacher
- Mrs Hannah Lee – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and Assistant Headteacher
- Mrs Antoinette Starmer-Smith - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and SENCO
- Mrs Amy Pursey - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and EYFS /KS1 Lead
- Mrs Amanda Butler - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and SRP Lead Teacher
- Also, Mrs Claire Gunn, Mrs Kirsty Smith & Mrs Clair Richardson as part of our pastoral team.

How You Can Reach Us:

If you ever have a concern about a child's safety or wellbeing, please speak to a member of our Safeguarding Team. You can find us in the school office or contact us via Tel: 01797361906

The team are here if you have any concerns or worries about yourself or someone you know. Alternatively, you can always speak to your child's class teacher who can pass your concerns on to a member of the team.





Online Safety for Parents

Children learn how to keep themselves safe online through our Online Safety curriculum and also through our PSHE curriculum. Keeping safe online is an essential life skill, especially now that children are living in an ever-changing online world. To help support your child to staying safe online, there are a variety of websites you can use, including:

1. www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/onlinesafety/
2. www.saferinternet.org.uk
3. www.internetmatters.org.uk



'Who's Who' at St Nicholas – We have a number of staff in our Wellbeing team at St Nicholas and we thought it would be a good idea to introduce all of them to you each week in our newsletter so you know 'who's who' and the role they have within the team at our school.



This week, we are delighted to shine a spotlight on Ms Gunn, a valued member of our St Nicholas team who plays an important role in supporting the wellbeing of our pupils.

Ms Gunn works across the school as a Learning Mentor, leading and supporting children in our nurture sessions. Nurture is an approach used in schools to help children develop their social, emotional and behavioural skills, particularly for those who may find aspects of the school day more challenging. Through small group and individual support, Ms Gunn helps children build confidence, resilience, and positive relationships.

In addition, Ms Gunn is our Senior ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant). This means she is specially trained to work with children on understanding and managing their emotions, developing coping strategies, and navigating everyday challenges. Her work is invaluable in helping children feel safe, supported, and ready to learn. She will also appoint children to work with other ELSAs as well. Many of you will also recognise Ms Gunn from the KS1 gate at the start and end of the school day. She is often there to greet families with a warm smile – and her much-loved 'hug pebbles', which have become a firm favourite with our younger children!



What are hug pebbles and why are they important?

Hug pebbles are a simple but powerful way to promote comfort and connection. They remind children that they are cared for and supported, even during moments of worry or transition. The wider benefits of nurturing touch and connection include:

- Emotional Well-being: Helping children feel safe, reducing anxiety and stress
- Social Development: Encouraging empathy, trust, and positive friendships
- Self-Esteem: Supporting a sense of belonging and self-worth
- Cognitive Growth: Providing sensory experiences that support brain development
- Positive Relationships: Strengthening bonds between children and adults in school

Through her calm, caring approach, Ms Gunn helps create the nurturing environment that sits at the heart of St Nicholas. We are incredibly grateful for the difference she makes to our children and our school community each day.

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



PTA News & Upcoming Events



We had a fantastic PTA meeting yesterday and are excited to share some of the wonderful ideas and events planned for the new academic year. Our PTA plays a huge part in supporting the school community, and we would love for as many families as possible to get involved.

Freezer Friday Returns – Starting Friday 19 June

We're delighted to bring back **Freezer Friday**, where children (and grown-ups!) can buy lollies and sweets for **50p or £1** at the end of the school day. To help things run smoothly, please bring the correct change where possible. Every purchase helps raise funds for the school—thank you for your support.

PTA Committee Meeting – Tuesday 15 September 2026

Join us at **6:30pm at St Nicholas CE Primary Academy** for our first committee meeting of the year. We warmly welcome new members—whether you'd like to help regularly or just occasionally, your support makes a real difference.

Grand Quiz Night – Friday 25 September 2026

A fun-filled evening for families, friends and the wider community. Get your teams ready for a great night of questions, laughter and friendly competition.

BINGO Evening – Friday 6 November 2026

Always a popular event! Bring your lucky charms and enjoy an evening of prizes, fun and community spirit.

As we approach the end of another school year, we would really value your views about your child's experience at St Nicholas.



We are incredibly proud of our school and the progress our children continue to make, both academically and personally. At the same time, we are always looking for ways to improve further, and your feedback plays an important role in helping us do this.

We have created a short questionnaire to gather your thoughts on a range of areas, including:

- your child's wellbeing and learning,
- communication with school, and
- the opportunities we provide.

The survey should only take a few minutes to complete, and all responses will be treated confidentially. We will use your feedback to celebrate what is working well and to help shape our priorities for the next academic year.

Link to survey - Parent Questionnaire 2026 –

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4zq_nJMaH06-N1cTmfFsXdHem7HtbYROgldizRdHB2BUQkkzMIITODI1Tk44MjRHTe1LTzRLSkVGTi4u

I would be very grateful if you could complete the survey by Friday 12 June 2026

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is a privilege to work in partnership with you to support your child's learning and development.

Kind regards
Christopher Dale
Headteacher





Exciting News!

From **SEPTEMBER 2026**
we will be running our very own

BREAKFAST CLUB!

A great start to every great day!



APPROVED BY
OUR
GOVERNORS ✓



**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY**

7:30am – 8:30am

A calm, welcoming start to the day to help children feel ready to learn.



**HEALTHY
CHOICES**

Children can choose from a wide range of healthy produce, delivering a great start to their day.



**ONLY
£2
PER DAY!**

**GREAT VALUE
FOR FAMILIES**

High quality, healthy breakfast options – all for just £2 per day.



COME AND SEE OUR BREAKFAST CLUB!

We would love to invite all parents and carers to an

OPEN SESSION



THURSDAY 2 JULY

3:30PM – 6:00PM



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MEET OUR AMAZING TEAM!

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OUR TEAM IS FULLY TRAINED AND QUALIFIED:



**FOOD
HYGIENE
CERTIFICATES**



**PAEDIATRIC
FIRST AID
CERTIFIED**



**SEND
BACKGROUND
EXPERTISE**



**INCLUSIVE
SUPPORT FOR
ALL PUPILS**

Your child's safety, wellbeing and happiness are our top priorities.



**MORE INFORMATION
COMING SOON!**

We will be sharing details on how to sign your child up for Breakfast Club very shortly.



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