



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 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 & Carers,

As we move towards the end of another school year, I have spent most of this week reading our end-of-year reports. It has been a pleasure to see so many children making excellent progress, demonstrating positive attitudes to learning and achieving so much across the curriculum.

Alongside celebrating successes, many reports also include guidance on next steps and areas for further development. These suggestions are intended to support continued growth, and I would encourage parents to take note of them and work with their children on these areas over the coming months. *Small, consistent support at home can make a significant difference and helps ensure children continue to flourish as learners.*

As our thoughts begin to turn towards the new academic year, we are currently finalising class lists and staffing arrangements. Parents will be informed of their child's class and teacher for September on Friday next week. We know this is always an exciting time for children and families as they begin to look ahead to new opportunities, challenges and friendships.

As part of our preparations for the end of term, I would be grateful if parents could send their child into school with a plastic shopping bag over the coming weeks. This will allow teachers to organise and send home exercise books and work from throughout the year for families to enjoy and celebrate together.

This time of year, often brings mixed emotions. There is excitement about what lies ahead, but also a touch of melancholy as we reflect on how much our children have grown and changed.

Looking through reports and books reminds us that childhood passes remarkably quickly. It brings to mind the words of John W. Whitehead: **"Children are the living message we send to a time we will not see."** As parents and educators, we have the privilege and responsibility of helping to shape that message each day.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support as we guide our children towards the future.

Yours sincerely,

**Christopher Dale**  
Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

### June 2026

#### Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>

- **KS1** Sports day all morning
- **Y6 NRAS** at 1pm

#### Tues 23<sup>rd</sup>

- **Y4** French Café 2pm in school - families welcome
- **New Intake** "Stay & Play" – Week 4 (1:30 – 2:45pm)

#### Wed 24<sup>th</sup>

- **Y2** Football at the Marsh Academy
- **Y6 and 2** interhouse football
- **Y5** Windsurfing
- 5pm **Herald Cup Final** – girls' team. At The Marsh Academy

#### Thurs 25<sup>th</sup>

- **KS2** Sports Day  
9am Y3/4  
1pm Y5/6
- **New Intake** "Stay & Play" – Week 4 (1:30 – 2:45pm)
- **NELFT** workshop for new intake parents in Music Room

#### Fri 26<sup>th</sup>

- 6 Ways to wellbeing Day
- **Y5/6** girls' cricket – Hythe
- **Y6** **NELFT** Workshop  
11am Elm  
1pm Oak

#### Mon 29<sup>th</sup>

- **Y1 & EYFS** St Peter & St Paul service at church – parents welcome
- **Y3** Golf at Lydd  
12:30 to 2:30pm

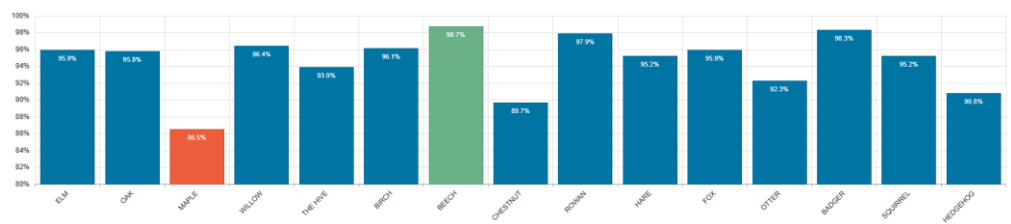


## Attendance - Every Day Counts!

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	98.7
1	Badger	98.3
3	Rowan	97.9
5	Willow	96.4
4	Birch	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:** Daisy L **Otter:** Luke S **Hare:** Amelia T **Chestnut:** Winter-Lily P  
**Birch:** Olivia B **Maple:** Ajay C **Oak:** Charlie C



**This week's Birthdays –**

Vinnie T, Jaxon C, Jaxon E, Arthur P, Finley B, Miss Paice and Miss Long – many happy returns to you all!

**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, 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 both Miss Williams and Miss Frampton, our dedicated **Emotional Literacy Support Assistants (ELSAs)**.

Miss Williams and Miss Frampton work closely with children across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, providing tailored support to help pupils develop the emotional skills they need to thrive both in school and beyond.

ELSAs receive specialist training to support children in understanding and managing their emotions, developing positive relationships, building confidence and self-esteem, and learning strategies for coping with challenges they may face. Through individual and small-group sessions, they provide a safe and nurturing space where children can talk, reflect and develop practical tools to support their emotional wellbeing.

As part of their work, Miss Williams and Miss Frampton deliver a range of evidence-based programmes designed to support children's social, emotional and communication skills.

One such programme is **Lego Therapy**, which uses collaborative building activities to encourage teamwork, communication, problem-solving and social interaction. Children work together in structured roles to complete building tasks, helping them develop important skills such as listening, turn-taking, sharing ideas and working cooperatively with others.

Staff also deliver **Build an Island**, a creative and engaging intervention that helps children explore emotions, friendships, resilience and self-awareness. Through imaginative activities and discussions, children learn to identify feelings, develop coping strategies and build confidence in managing social situations and everyday challenges.



The support provided by all our **ELSAs** plays a vital role in helping children feel happy, secure and ready to learn. We are incredibly fortunate to have Miss Williams and Miss Frampton as part of our team alongside Mrs Gunn and Mrs Smith, and we thank them for the positive difference they make to the lives of so many of our pupils every day.

### Year 6 Performance

The year 6 performance of "Pirates of the Curry Bean" will take place as follows:

- **Wednesday 8th July 2026** at 2:00pm
- **Thursday 9th July 2026** at 9:30am
- **Thursday 9th July 2026** at 6:00pm.



### Here are a few important updates:

**Extra Tickets:** We have done our absolute best to accommodate all additional ticket requests. 🇬🇧

**Thursday Filling Up:** The 6:00pm showing on Thursday 9th July is filling up incredibly fast! 🔥

**Act Fast:** If you haven't handed in your ticket form yet, please get it to the school office as soon as possible to avoid missing out.

### Important Uniform Update



We would like to inform our school community that one of our long-standing uniform suppliers, **County Print & Embroidery**, has made the difficult decision to cease trading. Their final day of business will be Tuesday 30th June 2026. Please be assured that all outstanding orders will be completed and fulfilled. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the team at County Print & Embroidery for their many years of dedicated service to our families and wish them every success in the future.

For all future uniform purchases, our remaining approved suppliers are:

- **Top Banana Services** - Learoyd Road, **Mountfield Industrial Estate**, New Romney, TN28 8XU
- **PMG Schoolwear** – available online - [PMG Schoolwear - Welcome](#)

Thank you for your continued support.

# We're Hiring!

Join our friendly and dedicated team in the heart of **New Romney**.

Are you looking for a rewarding role in a supportive school environment?

At St Nicholas, we are proud to offer a **caring, inclusive** environment where every member of staff plays a vital role in supporting our children to **thrive**.

**ST NICHOLAS**

At the heart of our community

We are currently recruiting for the following positions:

- Cleaner** : <https://shorturl.at/ITHMA>
- Midday Meals Supervisor** : <https://shorturl.at/ckDWH>
- Kitchen Assistant (Catering Team)** : <https://shorturl.at/VSZvU>

For more information do check the website – [St Nicholas Church of England Primary Academy](#), New Romney, Kent | Teaching Jobs & Education Jobs | MyNewTerm





**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.

**How You Can Reach Us:**

If you ever have a concern about a child's safety or wellbeing, please ask to speak to a member of our Safeguarding Team. You can find us in school or contact us via **Tel: 01797 361906**

**Policy reminder - We would like to ask parents for your support by reminding children they should not be bringing toys or games into school.**



Unfortunately, these items are often lost, 'go missing' or end up damaged or broken. We then have to deal with the upset of the children or sort out other situations which distract us from learning.



**Online Safety for Parents**

**For Parents - New Videos from Internet matters**

Over the last few days Internet Matters have released two new videos onto their YouTube channel which I'm sure will be useful to a lot of parents. They are both very short, the first is 'what to do if a stranger contacts your child online', and the second is what to do if your child is bullied online.

Link: Video - [what to do if a stranger contacts your child online.](#)

Link: Video - [what to do if your child is bullied online.](#)

**SPORTS DAY DATES – REMINDER**



**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 9:00am – EYFS / KS1 Sports – all morning (finishing approx. 11:15am)**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

**Y3/4-Sports day event in the morning starting at 9:00am**

**Y5/6-Sports day event in the afternoon starting at 1:00pm**

***Please be aware these events are weather dependent & may be cancelled at short notice.***

With hot weather forecast for Monday and the rest of next week, please ensure children come to school with a **named water bottle**, a **sun hat**, and **sun cream applied before school**. This is especially important for our youngest pupils.

Children should come to school wearing a **T-shirt in their House colour**. Please avoid football shirts. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**Water Safety Awareness**



This week, we were delighted to welcome representatives from the local Coastguard service to school. They delivered an important and engaging assembly about staying safe around water, which was especially timely as we approach the summer holidays and celebrate National Water Safety Week.

The children learned about the dangers that can be present near the coast, rivers, lakes and other open water, as well as what to do in an emergency. We encourage you to ask your child what they learned and to continue these important conversations at home especially as so much has been in the news recently.

**By working together, we can help ensure that everyone enjoys the water safely this summer.**



## Easy Fundraising – Raising funds for your child’s school

It costs you nothing... but could make a huge difference to our school!

Join **easyfundraising** today and help raise free donations for **St Nicholas CE Primary Academy** every time you shop online with over **8,000 retailers**, including Tesco, Argos, M&S, eBay, Booking.com and many more. – click the link - <https://shorturl.at/UFqzw>

The graphic features the easyfundraising logo and the text: "If you get the free app, we'll get £3! And that's just the start...". It includes a "SUMMER PARENT POWER" banner and a "£3 BONUS DONATION when you sign up!" badge. A central smartphone displays the app interface with "Find a cause you care about" and "St Nicholas CE Primary Academy" selected. To the right, another phone shows a Tesco Groceries donation screen. Below, a four-step process is outlined: 1. DOWNLOAD THE FREE APP, 2. CHOOSE OUR SCHOOL, 3. SHOP AS NORMAL, 4. WE RECEIVE FREE DONATIONS. A list of retailers includes Tesco, M&S, eBay, Argos, Booking.com, and ASDA. A QR code is labeled "SCAN ME TO GET THE APP!". At the bottom, statistics show "400+ CHILDREN in our school community" and "175 SUPPORTERS SO FAR Thank you!". A goal banner says "Let's reach 250+ supporters this summer!". A testimonial states "Every supporter makes a difference. Free donations help us fund resources, experiences and opportunities for all our children. Thank you for your support!". The footer contains the download link and a note that terms and conditions apply.

## PTA News & Upcoming Events



Our PTA plays a huge part in supporting the school community, and we would love for as many families as possible to get involved. **Please take a look at the events below and get them into your diary** and come along and support us in raising valuable fund for your children.

### Freezer Friday Returns

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<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> November 2026

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



As outlined in previous newsletters, the school will take over the running of the breakfast club from September 2026. If you would like to know more, come to our open session. See details below.

# NEW! BREAKFAST CLUB

*A great start to every school day!*



**OPEN SESSION**

**THURSDAY  
2 JULY**

**3:30PM – 6:00PM**

Come and see how our exciting new Breakfast Club will be set up before it launches in **September 2026!**



**EVERY DAY  
7:30am – 8:30am**

A calm start to the school day.



**HEALTHY CHOICES**

A wide range of healthy breakfast options.



**ONLY £2 PER DAY**

Great value for families.



**INCLUSIVE FOR ALL**

SEND experienced and inclusive provision for every pupil.

**MEET OUR TEAM!**



Paediatric First Aid trained



Food Hygiene certified



Familiar staff known to pupils



SEND background and experience



**COME AND DISCOVER!**

- ✓ Our Breakfast Club set-up
- ✓ Our healthy breakfast menu
- ✓ How to book a place
- ✓ The team who will care for your child

Everyone Welcome!

**LAUNCHING  
SEPTEMBER 2026!**



**JOIN US ON THURSDAY 2 JULY, 3:30PM – 6:00PM**  
We can't wait to welcome you!



You're Invited: Help Abacus Celebrate 21 Years! 📍 Abacus Nursery is hitting a major milestone! Join them on Saturday 4th July from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm to celebrate their 21st Birthday Party. Expect plenty of smiles, celebration and community spirit as they mark this special occasion.



# 21ST BIRTHDAY PARTY



As we mark our 21st birthday this year if you attended Abacus or St Nicholas Early Years we would love to see you on Saturday, 4th July, from 1pm to 3pm in the nursery garden.



Craythorne Lane, New Romney  
TN28 8BL



Please let us know if you are able to join us, by emailing [abacusnursery1111@gmail.com](mailto:abacusnursery1111@gmail.com)

