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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...

What another exciting week it has been at school!

As many parents will already know, our **Girls Football Team** have been crowned **Herald Cup District Champions 2026**. After an outstanding season, progressing successfully through both the group stages and knockout rounds, the girls were deserved winners of this year's Herald Cup. We are incredibly proud of their achievement, which reflects their determination, teamwork and commitment throughout the competition.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this such a successful event for all of the children involved, including our staff, volunteers, families and supporters. Your encouragement and support throughout the season have been greatly appreciated.

Unfortunately, the recent spell of hot weather has also had an impact on one of our planned events. Following a careful review of the weather forecast, we have had to make changes to our **Party in the Park** celebration. Sadly, we are no longer able to hold the whole-school picnic as originally planned. However, we are pleased that parents and carers will still be able to attend their child's allocated Party in the Park session. Full details of the revised arrangements can be found elsewhere in this week's newsletter.

Finally, as we approach the end of another fantastic school year, this will be our **last newsletter** until September. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our children, staff, governors, parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. Together, we have celebrated so many achievements, created wonderful memories and continued to make our school a happy and successful place to learn.

To help you prepare for September, you will find information at the end of this newsletter about our **school uniform expectations** and the **2026–2027 term dates**. We hope you find these useful as you begin planning for the new academic year.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We wish all of our families a safe, happy and relaxing summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

July 2026

Mon 13th

- 9:30am – **iROCK** performance to parents – would parents please arrive from 9:15am

Tues 14th

- **Y6** to Kingswood

Wed 15th

- Party in the park – please see change of arrangements

Fri 17th

- 9:00am **Y6** - leavers service
- 3:00pm – Y6 clapped out of school
- End of term

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Wednesday 2nd September 2026** – we wish all our families a happy healthy summer break.



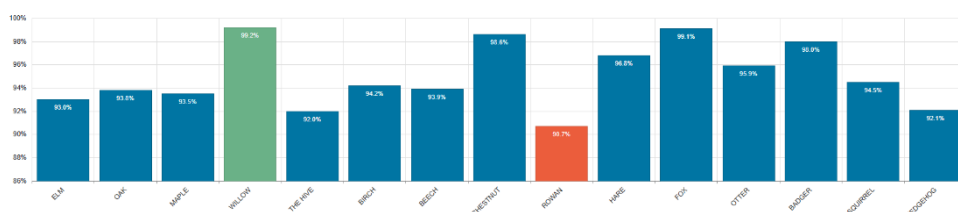
Attendance - Every Day Counts!

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	%
5	Willow	99.2
2	Fox	99.1
3	Chestnut	98.6
1	Badger	98.0
2	Hare	96.8



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: Maisie E **Badger:** Micheal O **Fox:** Finley P **Chestnut:** Fearne C
Beech: Jury K **Willow:** Georgia I / **Whole of Year 6** for their wonderful performances

This week's Birthdays –



Lilly B, Albie D, Danny G, Lennie S and Lennon S – many happy returns to you all!

Warm Weather Arrangements for Next Week

With temperatures forecast to continue to be hot again next week, we wanted to let you know about the arrangements we will continue to have in school to help keep everyone safe and comfortable.

To help children stay cool, we ask that they:

- **Continue to wear PE kit** to school. Year 6 pupils may also leave their school ties at home while the hot weather continues.
- **Apply sun cream** before school. If they are likely to need another application during the day, please send a named bottle of sun cream that they can apply independently.
- **Bring a named water bottle** each day. We will encourage regular drinking and provide additional water breaks throughout the day.
- **Wear a sun hat**, which we strongly recommend for all children when outdoors.



We will continue to adapt the school day where necessary, making use of shaded areas and adjusting activities during the hottest parts of the day.

ONLINE SAFETY - For Parents - Why is Turning Off Screens So Hard for Children?

Techno-tantrums - what every parent dreads when asking their child to end a game or activity. Many online activities that children enjoy, such as games, YouTube and (in particular) social media are designed to be engaging, persuasive and grab attention and this is what often makes it particularly frustrating.

It's often a difficult one, what is right for one family may not be good advice for another, but an article in The Conversation piqued my curiosity because it gives parents some options to consider, so I think it's worth sharing with your parents as there may be something here that they haven't considered.

Link: [why is turning off screens so hard for children?](#)



Picnic in the Park

We are really looking forward to our **Party in the Park** celebration next Wednesday. As parents are aware we have decided to make some changes to the day's arrangements to ensure that everyone can enjoy the event safely. Rather than cancelling the event, we have amended the timetable so that children can still enjoy the celebration while avoiding the hottest part of the day.



Revised timetable

EYFS & Key Stage 1

- **9:00am – 10:00am**
- Parents and carers of EYFS and KS1 children are welcome to attend during this session.

Key Stage 2

- **10:00am – 11:00am**
- Parents and carers of KS2 children are welcome to attend during this session.

To help us manage numbers safely, we kindly ask that parents leave at the end of their child's session to allow families attending the next session to arrive.

If you have children in **both EYFS/KS1 and KS2**, you are welcome to remain on site between sessions. However, as you will be outdoors for a longer period, you do so at your own discretion and we ask that you come prepared for the weather by bringing suitable sun protection, plenty of water and anything else you may need to stay comfortable.

Lunch arrangements

There will **not** be a whole-school picnic lunch as originally planned.

All children must come to school with a packed lunch unless you booked in for a FSM packed lunch, as we are unable to change catering arrangements at such short notice.

We appreciate that these changes may be disappointing, but the safety and wellbeing of our children must always come first. We know how much everyone has been looking forward to this event, so we have worked hard to find a solution that allows the children to celebrate safely.

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 introduce **Mrs Butler**, our **Lead Teacher for the Specialist Resource Provision (SRP)**.

Our SRP is a dedicated support provision within our mainstream school, designed to help children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) access learning while gradually integrating into mainstream classes. The provision supports pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) who require additional support to thrive in a mainstream setting. This includes children with autism, speech, language and communication needs, and other SEND. The SRP provides a structured, nurturing environment where pupils can flourish both academically and socially.

Mrs Butler currently leads our SRP, which has **14 children** attached to the provision. She also manages a dedicated team of **nine staff**, ensuring that every child receives the personalised support they need. Alongside leading her team, Mrs Butler works closely with colleagues across the school to ensure pupils accessing mainstream classes have the appropriate staffing and support in place to succeed.

Mrs Butler's commitment, expertise and passion for inclusive education make a real difference to the lives of our children and their families. Her leadership helps ensure that every pupil is given the opportunity to achieve their full potential within our school community.

Thank you, Mrs Butler, for everything you do!





LOOK SMART, FEEL PROUD.

Uniform is worn at St Nicholas to develop a sense of pride in being a member of our community.

OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM

From the academic year 2026/27

BOYS – WINTER



- Navy school sweatshirt with school logo
- White polo shirt with logo
- Grey trousers
- Grey or navy socks

BOYS – SUMMER



- Grey shorts
- Grey socks
- Short sleeved white polo shirt with logo

GIRLS – WINTER



- Navy school sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo
- White polo shirt with logo
- Grey skirt or trousers
- White, grey, or navy socks or tights

GIRLS – SUMMER



- Blue/white gingham dress
- White socks
- Short sleeved white polo shirt with logo



SHOES – BLACK

Pupils may not wear trainers (except for PE), flip flops, sandals or beach shoes.



PE KIT



- Navy shorts and white T-shirt, black plimsolls/trainers
- A navy-blue tracksuit for colder weather

SWIMMING KIT



- Swimming trunks
- A plain one-piece swim suit and a towel stored in a waterproof bag

SCHOOL-BRANDED ITEMS

We are very proud of our school uniform. Items with the school logo, book bags, PE bags and caps can be purchased from either of our approved suppliers.



WEAR IT
WITH PRIDE



BE PART OF OUR
SCHOOL COMMUNITY



RESPECT OUR SCHOOL,
RESPECT OURSELVES

Look Smart, Feel Proud.

Important Uniform Update

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

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LET'S GROW TOGETHER!

400+ CHILDREN in our school community

175 SUPPORTERS SO FAR Thank you!

Let's reach 250+ supporters this summer!

Every supporter makes a difference. Free donations help us fund resources, experiences and opportunities for all our children.

Thank you for your support!

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PTA Upcoming Events

Our PTA plays a huge part in supporting the school community.

Please take a look at the events and get them into your diary

St Nicholas PTA

GET INVOLVED - SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 6.30PM
A WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR PTA MEETING

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER
QUIZ NIGHT IN THE SCHOOL HALL

FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER
BINGO NIGHT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ABACUS NURSERY





TERM DATES 2026–2027



Please find below our term dates
for the 2026–2027 academic year.

AUTUMN TERM 2026



Term starts:

Wednesday 2nd September 2026



Half-term holiday:

**Monday 26th October –
Friday 30th October 2026**



Term ends:

Friday 18th December 2026

SPRING TERM 2027



Term starts:

Monday 4th January 2027



Half-term holiday:

**Monday 15th February –
Friday 19th February 2027**



Term ends:

Thursday 25th March 2027

SUMMER TERM 2027



Term starts:

Monday 12th April 2027



**May Day Bank Holiday
(School Closed):**

Monday 3rd May 2027



Half-term holiday:

**Monday 31st May –
Friday 4th June 2027**



Term ends:

Friday 16th July 2027



*We look forward to welcoming everyone
for another successful academic year.*

