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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 Headteacher's desk...

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful first full week back at St Nicholas! It has been lovely to see the school busy once again, with children settling into their routines, enjoying their learning and reconnecting with friends and staff. There has already been so much happening across the school, and we are delighted with the positive start everyone has made.

This week also saw the first of our **Parent Information Evenings**, with presentations for families in Years 1, 4, 5 and 6. A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us. These sessions are a valuable opportunity to find out more about what children will be learning this year, as well as the expectations and routines in each year group. We really appreciate your support and partnership.

In the classrooms, learning is already well underway. **Year R have been exploring *The Colour Monster***, using the story as a wonderful starting point for thinking and talking about colours, feelings and emotions. **Year 1 have been learning all about adjectives**, discovering how describing words can make their sentences more interesting and using them brilliantly to describe characters from *Little Red Riding Hood*. Meanwhile, across the school, children have been **revisiting place value**, strengthening those essential number skills that provide such an important foundation for maths throughout the year. Pupils in Year 6 also had their **11+ test** this week as well!

We also have plenty of opportunities coming up for families to get involved in school life. We would love to see parents and carers at our **PTA Welcome Meeting on 15th September at 6:30pm**, and we are hoping for a fantastic turnout at our **Macmillan Coffee Morning** later this month. Events like these are an important part of what makes St Nicholas such a warm and supportive community.

A reminder, too, that **every school day matters**. Learning begins from **8:30am**, so regular attendance and good punctuality really do help give every child the strongest possible start to their day and their learning.

Finally, we hope to see lots of our **Year R parents at Monday's Phonics Workshop** next week. Please look at the poster at the end of the newsletter for all the details. As a bonus, everyone who attends will receive a **free resource worth £12** to help support phonics learning at home.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

September 2026.

Mon 14th

- Y6 PGL Residential
- EYFS Parents Phonics meeting at 9am & again at 2:30pm KS1 Hall

Tues 15th

- PTA meeting 6:30pm at school – All are welcome

Wed 16th

- Y3 parents in for school dinners 12:30pm

Fri 18th

- Y6 residential ends

Mon 21st

- Y2 Parent Information evening 5:45pm

Tues 22nd

- Y3 Parent Information evening 5:45pm

Fri 25th

- MacMillan Coffee Morning 8:30am till 10am
- Y4 Trip to Battle Abbey
- PTA Quiz Night 6:30pm – all welcome

October 2026

Thurs 1st

- Y6 to show EYFS around church

Thurs 8th

- Harvest festival at St Nicholas Church 9:15am – Parents welcome to attend

Tues 13th

- 2027 New Intake tours 9:15 to 10:30am and 6pm to 7pm

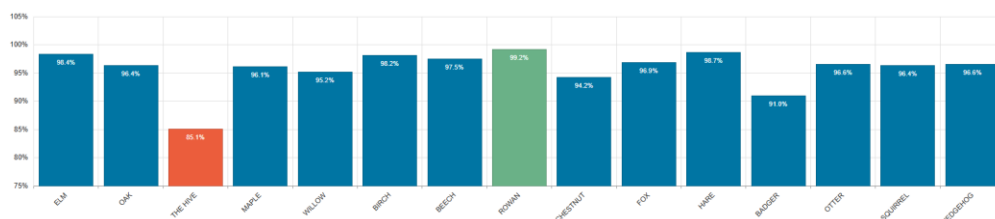


Attendance - Every Day Counts!

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	%
3	Rowan	99.2
2	Hare	98.7
6	Elm	98.4
4	Birch	98.2
4	Beech	97.5



Congratulations to all the classes above with their super attendance

EDUCATION SUNDAY – Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, Rev Chris has asked us to postpone this weekend's Education Sunday service due to unforeseen events. We will let parents know when this has been rescheduled. Many thanks in advance for your understanding.

Parent Information Evenings & Workshops – September

We are always looking for ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

In our whole-school parent questionnaire, one of the most common requests was for more information about what your child is learning in school and how you can best support them at home.

These sessions are a fantastic opportunity to:

- Meet your child's teachers and members of our leadership team.
- Gain a deeper understanding of your child's curriculum.
- Find out about the key expectations for the year ahead.
- See examples of the work your child will be completing.
- Learn practical ways to support learning and build confidence at home.
- Ask questions and work in partnership with us to help your child thrive.



Details for each event have already been shared on your child's individual ClassDojo year group page, but for ease of reference, here are all the dates

- Monday 14th September – **EYFS Phonics Meeting** – 9am or 2:30pm (KS1 Hall)
- Monday 21st September – **Year 2 Parent Information Evening** – 5:45pm
- Tuesday 22nd September – **Year 3 Parent Information Evening** – 5:45pm

We are incredibly proud of the curriculum and learning opportunities we provide at St Nicholas, and we hope these events will give you a valuable insight into your child's school journey.

We look forward to welcoming as many parents and carers as possible. **Working together gives every child the very best chance to believe, achieve and succeed.**

Look out for our SEND Newsletter!

Our **first SEND Newsletter of the year** will be out this week, so please keep an eye out for it! It introduces our SEND and Inclusion Team and shares some of the work taking place across school to ensure that **every child feels included, supported and ready to learn.**

There is also information about the support and resources available to children in school, useful links for parents and carers, and details of our upcoming **SEND Coffee Morning.**

Whether your child has identified additional needs, you have questions or concerns, or you would simply like to understand more about how we support inclusion at St Nicholas, **our SEND Newsletter is for everyone – so do have a read!**



PTA Upcoming Events – please put them in your diary now.

Our PTA Year Starts Here!

We're kicking off a new year of PTA events at St Nicholas, and we'd love as many of our families as possible to get involved!

First up is our **PTA Welcome Meeting on Tuesday 15th September at 6:30pm**. Whether you've helped with the PTA before, are completely new to the school, or are simply curious about what we do, please come along. There's no pressure to sign up for anything – it's a chance to meet other parents, share ideas and find out how you might like to be involved.

The more people and ideas we have, the more we can do for our children and our school.

Then it's time for some friendly competition! Our **Quiz Night takes place on Friday 25th September, with doors opening at 6:30pm and the quiz starting at 7pm**. Gather a team of up to eight, bring your own drinks, nibbles and glasses, and prepare to put your knowledge to the test! **Entry is £5 per person**, and don't forget some extra cash for the raffle.

Quiz Night is always a great opportunity to get together, have some fun and meet other members of our school community – you definitely don't need to be a quiz expert to join in!

So, come to our first meeting, bring your ideas, book your Quiz Night table and help us get the PTA year off to a brilliant start. We'd love to see a packed room at both events!



You are invited to Our Macmillan Coffee Morning!



We'd love for you to join us on **Friday 25th September from 8:30am – 10:00am** for a relaxed morning of coffee, cake and conversation as we raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet parents from across the school community, enjoy some delicious homemade treats, and be served by our fantastic older pupils.

✨ **Plus, you're warmly invited to stay for our Friday Awards Assembly at 10:15am if you'd like to celebrate our children's achievements with us.**

Every cup of coffee and every slice of cake will help make a difference to people living with cancer. We look forward to welcoming you for a morning of community, kindness and fundraising!   

Year 6 – Secondary School Open Events

For our Year 6 families, choosing a secondary school is an exciting and important milestone. There are several open events taking place locally, and we would encourage parents and children to take advantage of these opportunities. Visiting different schools, meeting staff and pupils and seeing the facilities first-hand can really help when deciding which school feels right for your child.

★ The Marsh Academy – Open Day Saturday 26th September | 10am–12pm

The Marsh Academy is holding its Year 5 & 6 Transition Open Day later this month. Families will have the opportunity to tour the school, meet staff and students, attend a talk in the theatre and find out more about the curriculum and wider opportunities on offer. The academy is also offering daytime tours for parents who would like to see the school during a normal working day.

We know The Marsh Academy will be an important option for many of our families, so we would particularly encourage Year 6 parents and children who are considering it to make the most of the opportunity to visit.

Rye College – Open Events

Open Evening: Wednesday 23rd September | 3:30–6:30pm

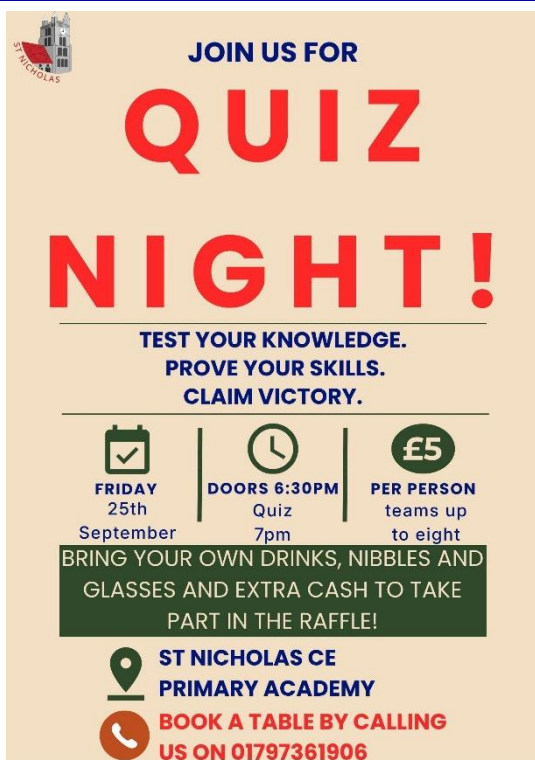
Open Mornings: 12th 13th 15th & 16th October

Rye College's Open Evening gives families the chance to explore the school and discover more about its curriculum, community and opportunities. There are also several Year 6 Open Mornings during October, providing further opportunities to see the school.

Brockhill Park Performing Arts College

Brockhill Park's advertised Open Evening took place on Tuesday 8th September. Families who are interested in Brockhill but were unable to attend may wish to contact the school directly to ask about future opportunities to visit.

We would encourage all our Year 6 families to look carefully at the different options available and, where possible, visit more than one school. Open events are a great chance for children to picture themselves in their future secondary school and for parents to ask questions about everything from learning and pastoral care to clubs, facilities and transition arrangements.



JOIN US FOR

QUIZ NIGHT!

**TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE.
PROVE YOUR SKILLS.
CLAIM VICTORY.**

 FRIDAY 25 th September	 DOORS 6:30PM Quiz 7pm	 £5 PER PERSON teams up to eight
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BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS, NIBBLES AND GLASSES AND EXTRA CASH TO TAKE PART IN THE RAFFLE!

 **ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY ACADEMY**

 **BOOK A TABLE BY CALLING US ON 01797361906**



Read Write Inc. Phonics Supporting your child's phonics learning at home

New EYFS Parents You're invited!

Come and find out how Phonics is taught at St Nicholas using the Read Write Inc. Scheme – the multisensory phonics programme that helps children learn to read and write with confidence!

Monday 14th September

Join us for one of our information sessions:

- 9:00am
- 2:30pm

Choose the time that suits you best!

Find out more about:

- Fred Talk** How we use special friend Fred to help children blend sounds together!
- Pure Sounds & Phonemes** What they are and why they make such a difference to early reading and writing!
- How your child learns to read and write** through fun, engaging lessons every day!

PLUS! Receive a FREE My Reading & Writing Phonics Pack WORTH £15

WHEN YOU ATTEND! A fantastic pack of resources to support your child's phonics learning at home!

We would love you to come along and find out more! Together, we can help every child become a confident reader and writer.

We can't wait to see you on Monday 14th September!

