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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 Deputy Headteacher's desk...

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week back at school, the summer holidays seem like a distant memory now!

I am writing this because Mr Dale is currently with the Year 6's enjoying the residential trip. From what I have heard, they are all having a fabulous time, trying lots of different activities including abseiling, climbing and raft building. I can't wait for them to come back and let us know all about it. I'm sure our Y6 parents are looking forward to all that dirty washing coming home but be prepared for some very tired children!



As many of you will have seen, thanks to the school council and their ideas, plus the hard work of the PTA to raise the funds, we now have some new playground markings and games on the KS2 playground. They have really brightened up that space, and it has been a joy to see the children enjoying using them.



Wednesday, Year 3 children were joined by their parents for lunch. I know the children were so excited to see their parents at lunchtime and feedback from parents was lovely to hear. The new system that we have for lunches and the children choosing their own lunches is working very well and there is now

Dates for your diary

September 2026.

Mon 21st

- Y2 Parent Information evening 5:45pm

Tues 22nd

- Y3 Parent Information evening 5:45pm

Fri 25th

- **MacMillan Coffee Morning** 8:30am – 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



much less food waste, so please keep talking to your children about their choices.



I have been lucky enough to visit all the classrooms now and it is a real pleasure to see how settled all the children are and how motivated they are by their learning. They have certainly come back to school ready to learn. Please remember that part of the learning is what they do at home, so listen to them read at least 4 times a week and sign their books, support them with their spellings and their maths homework and they will reap the benefits at school.

It has been good to see lots of our KS1 parents coming into school to find out about phonics and how to support their children develop as readers. Regular phonics updates are on your class dojo pages, so keep an eye out.

We welcomed new parents and carers at our PTA Welcome Meeting earlier this week. If you couldn't make this one, you are more than welcome to join us at the next one. We will keep you updated on the next date. We are hoping for a fantastic turnout at our **Macmillan Coffee Morning next Friday**. 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.

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

Yours sincerely,

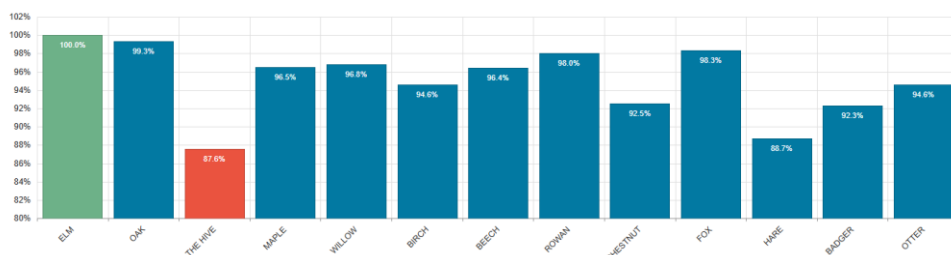
Victoria Turner
Deputy Headteacher

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	%
6	Elm	100
6	Oak	99.3
2	Fox	98.3
3	Rowan	98.0
5	Willow	96.8



Congratulations to all the classes above with their super attendance



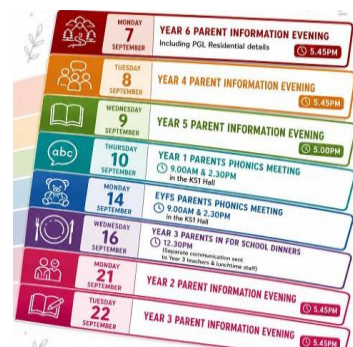
📣 Parent Information Evenings & Workshops – September

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 21 September – **Year 2** Parent Information Evening – 5:45pm
- Tuesday 22 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.**

A banner for St Nicholas PTA with the text "GET INVOLVED - SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!". It features three event cards: 1. Tuesday 15 September, 6.30pm: A WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR PTA MEETING. 2. Friday 25 September: QUIZ NIGHT IN THE SCHOOL HALL. 3. Friday 6 November: BINGO NIGHT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ABACUS NURSERY. Each card includes a photo of the event.

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

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! Please call the school office to book your table.

 **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 a number of 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
25th
September



DOORS 6:30PM
Quiz
7pm



PER PERSON
teams up
to eight

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS, NIBBLES AND
GLASSES AND EXTRA CASH TO TAKE
PART IN THE RAFFLE!



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