Friday 23 October 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 Headteacher's desk…

Dear Parents and Carers,
As we reach the end of our first term, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and partnership. It has been a busy and rewarding few weeks at St Nicholas, and I am incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, kindness and determination our children have shown.

It has been wonderful to see the children settling into their classes, building friendships and embracing new learning opportunities. A special thank you must also go to our dedicated staff team, who work tirelessly to ensure our children feel happy, safe and supported.

As we head into the half-term break, there are a few important reminders for when we return.

📸 **School Photographs – Monday 2nd November**
Our whole-school photographs will take place on the **first day back**. Please ensure children arrive looking smart in their school uniform, ready for their photographs.

🤸 **PTA Sponsored ActivAll Event – Friday 13th November**
We are looking forward to this exciting fundraising event! Please remember to complete your child's **sponsorship form**, which can be found on the reverse of the letter sent home. Every contribution, however small, makes a real difference and helps us provide wonderful experiences for our children.

📚 **Parent–Teacher Consultations**
Our consultation evenings take place throughout November, providing a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements and discuss their progress. **Bookings are now open via the MCAS app**, so please book your appointment if you haven't already done so. We really value these conversations and look forward to seeing you.

Finally, a reminder that our **Community Food Cupboard** remains available to any family needing a little extra support. Please never hesitate to reach out. I hope you all enjoy a restful and happy half-term break, with opportunities to spend precious time together as a family.

Thank you for everything you do to make St Nicholas such a special school community. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 2nd November**.

Yours sincerely
Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

November 2026

Mon 2nd
- **Children return to School**
- Y4 Beech Swimming
- Whole school – Individual photos day
- Open Classes 3:15pm to 3:45pm
- Y6 Parents PESE National closing date for secondary applications.

Wed 4th
- LUNR Assembly & Y4 Workshop all 'pm'
- 3:15pm Open classes Whole School

Thurs 5th
- Bonfire themed Lunch

Fri 6th
- 2027 New Intake tours 9:15 to 10:30
- **6:30pm PTA BINGO Night**

Mon 9th
- **KS2** parent teacher consultations 3:30 - 6pm

Tues 10th
- **Y4** Kench Hill Parent information session at 3:15

Thurs 12th
- **KS1** parent teacher consultations 3:30 - 6pm

Fri 13th
- PTA Sponsored Bounce Day

Mon 16th
- KS1 parent teacher consultations 3:30 - 6pm

Thurs 19th
- **KS2** Parent teacher consultation 3:30 - 6pm

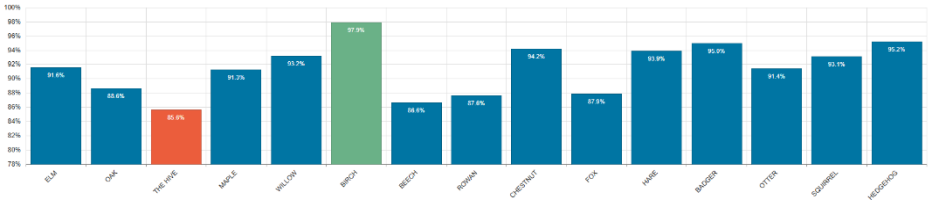
AQUILA Diocese of Canterbury Academies Trust

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	**Birch**	**97.9**
R	Hedgehog	95.2
1	Badger	95.0



Congratulations to all the classes above with their super attendance

💛 A Gentle Reminder – Our Community Food Cupboard Is Here for You 💛

As mentioned previously, we would like to remind all our families that our Community Food Cupboard is here for anyone who may need a little extra support.

Our cupboard is fully stocked with essential food and hygiene items, and we warmly encourage families to make use of it whenever needed.

We understand that times can be challenging, and we want to reassure everyone that there is absolutely no need to feel embarrassed about asking for help. We are one school family, and looking after one another is what makes our community so special. 💛

If you would like to access the cupboard,

- simply pop into the main school office for a quiet chat or
- speak to a member of staff on the gate at morning drop-off. All conversations and requests are treated with complete confidentiality.

Whether you need support just once or a little help over a longer period, please remember that our door is always open.

Together, we can make sure that no family in our community feels they have to struggle alone. 💛

🎓 Open Sessions for Prospective Parents



We warmly invite prospective parents to visit our school and experience the welcoming, nurturing environment we offer. Our **Open Sessions** are a great opportunity to meet staff, explore our facilities, and learn more about our curriculum and values. ***If you know someone looking for a place for their child in September 2027 pass on these details.***

📅 Upcoming Open Event Dates – 2026

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL TO VISIT	
Tuesday 13 October 2026	9.15am – 10.30am 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Monday 19 October 2026	1.30pm – 2.30pm
Friday 6 November 2026	9.00am – 10.00am
Thursday 19 November 2026	9.15am – 10.30am
Monday 23 November 2026	1.30pm – 2.30pm

If you would like to attend one of these events, please contact the school office to book your place.

🎉 Eyes Down… Bingo Night is Back!

PTA Fundraiser Bingo Evening - Friday 6th November 6:30 for a 7pm start

Get your dabbers ready because our ever-popular Bingo Night is back!



We are delighted to invite you to join us on Friday 6th November for a fantastic evening of bingo, laughter and fundraising, **proudly hosted by St Nicholas PTA and Abacus Nursery**.

Whether you're a bingo regular or a complete beginner, everyone is welcome! Gather your friends, book a table and join us for what promises to be a brilliant evening.

🎟️ **Tickets**: £10 per person

🍿 **What to bring:** Your favourite nibbles, drinks and glasses

🖍️ **Don't forget:** Your lucky charms and best bingo-dabbing skills!

To reserve your table, please contact the school office:

📞 **01797 361906**

📧 **office@st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk**

Spaces are limited, so make sure you book early to avoid disappointment!

All funds raised will help support our school community, so come along, enjoy a great evening and help us raise money for our children.

We can't wait to shout BINGO! with you! 🎉

🏃 🌟 PTA Sponsored ActivAll Event – Friday 13th November 🌟


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As mentioned in last week's newsletter, our exciting PTA Sponsored ActivAll Event will be taking place on **Friday 13th November during the school day!**

Just a friendly reminder that the children will be getting active, having fun and taking part in a fantastic challenge, all while raising valuable funds for our school.

Don't forget! The sponsorship form can be found on the back of the letter sent home.

Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference and helps us provide even more wonderful opportunities and experiences for our children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support! 🌟

🎓 Reminder for Year 6 Parents – Secondary School Applications

A friendly reminder to all our Year 6 parents and carers that the deadline for submitting secondary school applications through Kent County Council (KCC) is fast approaching.

Please ensure you have completed and submitted your child's application by **Monday 2nd November 2026,** the closing date for children starting secondary school in September 2027.

This is an important step in your child's transition to secondary school, so please don't leave it until the last minute!

Applications can be made online via the Kent County Council school admissions website:
https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places

If you need any support or guidance with the application process, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

🌳 Year 4 Parents – Kench Hill Residential Information Evening

A friendly reminder to all our **Year 4 parents and carers** that we will be holding an information evening about our exciting **Kench Hill Residential** on **Tuesday 10th November, from 3:30pm to 4:15pm**, in the **main school hall**.



During the session, we will share everything you need to know about the residential visit, including the venue, transport arrangements, what your child will need to bring, typical activities, overnight arrangements, mealtimes and much more!
There will also be plenty of opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

We strongly encourage all Year 4 parents and carers to attend, as this is an important opportunity to find out more about the residential, understand what to expect and ensure you have all the information you need.
Please make every effort to join us on Tuesday 10th November – we look forward to seeing you there!

📚 Parents' Evening Bookings Open 🗓️

We are looking forward to welcoming our parents and carers to the Parent Teacher Consultations in November. These meetings are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements, hear about their progress and discuss the next steps in their learning.

Bookings are open via the MCAS app, so please remember to book your appointment.
How to book your appointment:

1. Open the MCAS app and select the Parents Evenings tab.
2. Choose your preferred date.
3. Click 'BOOK' to view your child's teacher's available appointment times and select the slot that works best for you.

📌 Important Information for Birch and Fox Class Parents

Please note the following arrangements when making your booking:

- Birch Class: Your booking will display Miss Thorn's name, but your appointment will be with Mrs Lee.
- Fox Class: Your booking will display Mrs Finch's name, but your appointment will be with Miss Thorn.

We encourage all families to book an appointment, as working together is such an important part of supporting every child's learning and success.
Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you and sharing all the wonderful progress your children are making!

⚽ St Nicholas v Palmarsh Primary – Match Report ⚽



Last Friday, our mixed football squad faced Palmarsh Primary in a thrilling and closely contested match, narrowly losing 3–2.
Despite the result, our team showed fantastic determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout, scoring two brilliant goals and giving their all until the final whistle. We couldn't be prouder of the way they represented St Nicholas!

🏅 Player of the Match – Isaac!

A special congratulations to Isaac, who stepped up without hesitation to take over in goal when our goalkeeper was injured, despite it not being his usual position. A wonderful example of teamwork, courage and putting others first!

Well done to the whole squad – you've made us incredibly proud! 🌟⚽