Friday 20th November 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,

It has been another busy and wonderful week at St Nicholas, with our children continuing to demonstrate the kindness, generosity and community spirit that make our school such a special place.

Children in Need
A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Children in Need Day! It was lovely to see the children coming together to support such a worthwhile cause. Thanks to the generosity of our families, we raised a fantastic **£405**. We are incredibly proud of the children and families for showing such kindness and compassion towards others.

Sponsored Fundraising – Thank You!
Our sponsored fundraising has also been a tremendous success, and I am delighted to share that we have raised an amazing **£1200 so far!**
This is a wonderful achievement, and I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our children for their fantastic efforts and to our parents, carers, families and friends for their generous support.
Could we please ask that all remaining sponsorship money is returned to school by Wednesday 25th November, so that we can finalise our fundraising total? Every contribution really does make a difference.

A Special Thank You to The Ship Hotel, New Romney
We would also like to extend a very special thank you to the **team at The Ship Hotel in New Romney** for their incredibly generous donation of **£100**, raised during their recent quiz night!

It is wonderful to have such fantastic support from our local community. We are extremely grateful to everyone involved for thinking of St Nicholas and supporting our school. Your kindness and generosity are very much appreciated.

As we approach the festive season, it is lovely to reflect on the strong sense of community we have here at St Nicholas. Whether through fundraising, acts of kindness or simply looking out for one another, our children and families continue to demonstrate our Christian values of love, kindness and friendship.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.
Yours sincerely,

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

November 2026

Mon 23rd
- Year 4 Beech Swimming
- 2027 New Intake tour at 1:30pm

Wed 25th
- Year 2 / 6 Cricket
- Y1 Visit to Old School
- Y4 LUNR Workshop

Thurs 26th
- KS2 Advent service
- SEND Coffee afternoon from 2pm onwards

Fri 27th
- SDD **School closed to children**

Mon 30th
- Y3 Chestnut class Swimming

DECEMBER

Wed 2nd
- Y2 / 6 Cricket

Thurs 3rd
- Y5 / 6 Girls Futsal

Mon 7th
- 9:15am - St Nicholas Day Service at Church
- School Christmas Disco Whole School Y1 - Y6

Fri 11th
- EYFS Christmas Tableau to parents 9:30am & 2pm
- Y4 Light up New Romney

Tues 15th
- KS1 Nativity to parents at 9:30am and 2:00pm KS1

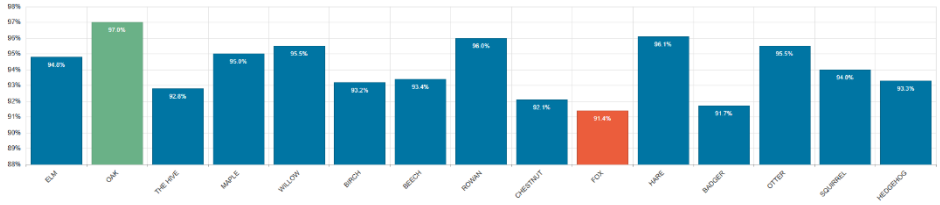
AQUILA Diocese of Canterbury Academies Trust

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** (**S**tart **o**f **D**ay **A**ctivities), some interventions start at this time - **this WILL include your child!**

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Top attenders are:		
Year	**Class**	**%**
6	**Oak**	**97.0**
2	**Hare**	**96.1**
3	**Rowan**	**96.0**



Congratulations to all the classes above with their super attendance

This weeks awards



Star of the week awards went to:

Squirrel: Ronnie C **Badger:** Zion L **Fox:** Luna M **Chestnut:** Ernie B
Beech: Aser R **Willow:** Jacob A **Elm:** Kenzie R



Birthday celebrations:

Leif F, Finn S, Kelsey K, Henry P, Olivia-May F, Alan S, Harry T, Hugo W and Levi M – many happy returns to you all!

Living Our Christian Values – Love, Kindness and Friendship



At St Nicholas, our Christian values guide all that we do, reflecting our school vision, **"Learning, loving and encouraging through Christ."**

This week, as we have marked **Anti-Bullying Week**, we have reflected on the importance of kindness, respect and making everyone feel safe, valued and included. Jesus reminds us: **"Love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34**

As we continue to explore our Christian value of **Friendship**, we have encouraged the children to think about how their words and actions affect others, the importance of celebrating our differences and having the courage to stand up for what is right.
By following Jesus' example, we can all help to create a school community where everyone feels they belong and kindness shines through in all that we do.

POLICY REMINDERS – Reminder – PE Kits in School



A polite reminder that all children should have their full PE kit in school so they are ready to take part in PE lessons and sporting activities.
We kindly ask parents to ensure that PE kits are brought into school at the start of each week and that all items are clearly named to help prevent anything from getting lost.`
Having the correct PE kit in school ensures that every child can participate safely, comfortably and confidently in all PE activities.
Thank you for your continued support in helping children stay active and ready to learn.

🎄 ✨ Christmas Dinner Day is just around the corner ✨ 🎄

We can't wait to celebrate together on **Wednesday 16th December** with our whole-school Christmas Dinner! Expect plenty of festive music, Christmas crackers, and holiday cheer.



🍽️ **What's on the Menu?**

- 🍗 Roast Chicken or Roast Quorn Fillet
- 🥔 Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Peas
- 🥣 Stuffing, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy
- 🍦 Ice cream & a biscuit

📌 **Important Information for Parents & Carers:**

• **Advance Orders Only:** Meals cannot be ordered on the day. If your child doesn't want a Christmas dinner, please send them in with a packed lunch (no other lunch option will be provided)

• **Everyone Must Book:** Children eligible for Free School Meals or in KS1 will NOT be booked in automatically—please place an order if they would like a meal.

⏳ **Deadline: All orders must be placed by 9am on Monday 30th November.**

📲 **How to Book:**

Log in to MCAS > Dinners > Select Week 14/12/2026.
(Please remember to select and save the choice for each of your children!)
We cannot wait to celebrate this day with everyone! 🎅 🎁

Christmas Disco 🎄

The festive season is nearly upon us! We are thrilled to invite our pupils to our School Christmas Disco on **Monday 7th December**! 🎉

This is a **FREE** event, and we can't wait to see our pupils celebrate together. ❄️ 🕺
Please complete the consent form if you would like your child to attend.

• **Years 1, 2 & 3**: 4:30pm – 5:30pm : https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/v0cgbFWyam
• **Years 4, 5 & 6**: 6:00pm – 7:00pm : https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/x2zXskeq9M

🚗 **Arrival & Drop-off** - Please enter via the main school car park and follow the signposts.



"Oh no they aren't" ……"Oh yes they are!!"

Key Stage 2 pupils are going to the Marlowe Theatre for the All-New Adventures of Peter Pan on **Thursday 17th December**
If you haven't done so already, please complete the consent form as soon as possible – **THANK YOU**
https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/qVtQkpRL8C

Admissions Policy Consultation 2028/29

We would like to inform parents and carers that the proposed admissions policy for St Nicholas CE Primary Academy for the academic year 2028/29 is now open for consultation.

The consultation runs from **Monday 9th November 2026 to Monday 4th January 2027**, during which time parents and carers are invited to review the proposed policy and share any comments or feedback.

The policy and further information can be accessed via the Aquila Trust website:
View the Admissions Policy Consultation

As part of the consultation process, we are required to monitor how many parents and carers have accessed this information. We would therefore be grateful if you could like the accompanying post to acknowledge that you have seen the consultation details.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement with our school community.

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, please pass on these details.***



We're encouraging residents across Kent to have their say on policing in Kent.



Kent's Annual Policing Survey is an opportunity to share your views and experiences and help ensure local voices are heard.

The survey is anonymous and takes around five minutes to complete.
[Complete the Annual Policing Survey 2026]

Wellbeing Award Reassessment



in partnership with NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BUREAU

We are excited to share that we will be undergoing our Wellbeing Award reassessment this January! This award recognises our ongoing commitment to nurturing, supporting, and prioritising the emotional health and wellbeing of every child in our school.

A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent wellbeing survey—your feedback was overwhelmingly positive and is a wonderful reflection of our school community.

As always, we are here to support you and your family. If you ever have any concerns about your child's wellbeing, please do not hesitate to catch Mrs Gunn or Mrs Smith on the gate for a chat.