

Friday 26th April 2024

St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, it has been another very busy week at St Nicholas with lots taking place across the school. We are delighted to welcome Miss Hopper back to Year R this week, after a short maternity leave. The children are really happy to have her back.

I met with the school council this week and we had a great conversation about our lunchtime provision. The feedback will certainly help us as a school about our direction going forward, from ideas for future activities the way the dining hall is laid out and event talk of how they would like a salad bar in the future. All very exciting. I am pleased to say all the staff have been very receptive to the feedback from our wonderful school councillors.

Year R and Year 1 also had their author visit with Emma Rosen this week, the children had a lovely time asking lots of questions and learning more about her stories and her as a writer.

The **Year 5** children had a wonderful time as the weather was just right when they had their windsurfing at Rye.

We had a fantastic evening of running this week! **1st** in the Y3 boy's race. **2nd** as a team. **1st** in the Y5 boys' race, **2nd and 3rd** in the Y6 girls race and **3rd** as a team. But even better than winning was the encouragement and support show by our pupils. A big well done to all concerned.

PTA – We need you!

We are fortunate to be so well supported by our parents in all our fundraising efforts and we are grateful, we do need more parents who would consider joining our PTA to help us as we move forward.

Join us at our next meeting
Monday 29th April at 2:00pm

Our next event is on Friday 10th May at 6:45pm for a joint fundraising evening with Abacus Nursery. Please contact the school office to book a table. Further details on the poster.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher



Dates for your diary

April

Mon 29th

Year R visiting the Old School
Year 5 Medic Fitness training

2:00pm PTA Meeting – all welcome

May

Wed 1st

9:00am Year 5 Group 3
Water Sports

Thurs 2nd

9:30am – 11:30am
Hedgehog class fun day at the Marsh Academy
Year 6 Pop Lacrosse at the Marsh Academy
12:30pm – 2:30pm

Fri 3rd

Year R Balanceability
Year 5 Cricket

Mon 6th

Bank Holiday – School Closed

Weds 8th

9:00am Year 5 Group 4
Water Sports

Fri 10th

6:45pm Bingo
Fundraiser Night

Summer Term 2024

Half-term: Monday 27 – Friday 31 May 2024

End of Year:

Thursday 18 July 2024



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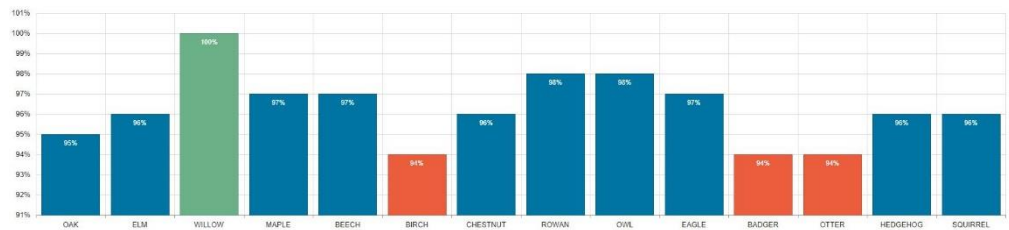


Attendance every day counts.

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 and this **WILL** include your child at some point!

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Top attenders are:		
Year	Class	%
5	Willow	100
3	Rowan	98
2	Owl	98
5	Maple	97
4	Beech	97
2	Eagle	97



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: Oceana K **Badger:** Tommy J **Eagle:** Archie W
Chestnut: George W **Beech:** Vinnie T **Maple:** David A
Elm: Alfie B



This week's Birthdays:

Alfie B, Freya C, Ivy M, Levie A-Y, Harley C, Bonnie M and Chase R – many happy returns to you all!



This term's worship focus is on our value:

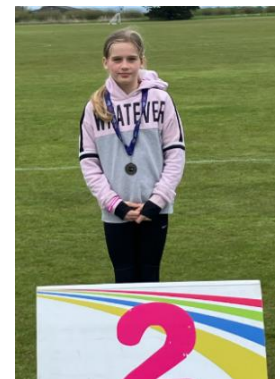
PERSEVERANCE

James 1:12

¹² Happy is the one who endures testing, because when he has proven to be genuine, he will receive the crown of life that God promised to those who love him.

Cross country event

Here are some of the photos of the children who took part in the cross-country this week. They did very well and did the school proud – well done to you all.



Medical needs

We have a number of children in the school with severe allergies. Please can you help us safeguard all of our children by *ensuring you **do not** put any nuts or products containing nuts in your child's lunch box or in a snack.* To remind you, children are not allowed to swap food and should not be sharing food with one another.



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SATS 2024 DATES REMINDER:

Year 6 SATs will take place during the week starting May 13th 2024.

Monday 13th May 2024	Grammar & Punctuation test - 45 minutes Spelling Test - 20 minutes
Tuesday 14th May 2024	English Reading Test - 60 minutes
Wednesday 15th May 2024	Mathematics Arithmetic (Paper 1) - 30 minutes Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 2) - 40 minutes
Thursday 16th May 2024	Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 3) - 40 minutes

Please make sure your children are in school on time to take part in the tests.

Please consider applying for Pupil Premium:

Please check if you are eligible for Pupil Premium funding. If you are in receipt of certain benefits your child may be entitled to free school meals. [More details can be found on the KCC website](#)



Applications for funding such as this not only provides a school meal, but releases further funding which helps us to support individuals and groups of children in the school. If your child is in KS1 and you are eligible it is important that you apply. Although every child in these classes receive a Universal Infant Free School Meal, this will not automatically release other funding unless you apply for the Pupil Premium. If your child is currently in receipt of Free School Meals please do not apply.

We would just like to say a massive thank you to TGM's Gourmet Outside Catering for sponsoring our new football kits. GO ST NICS!



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