

Friday 14th June 2024

St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This evening your child will bring home a letter from me indicating which class they will be in next year. I hope that both children and parents take the time needed to digest this information. As with all change, I am aware that this can be the cause of anxiety for both you and your child as we consider the forging of new relationships. However, I would like to reassure parents that we have the children at the fore of all our considerations when planning what is best for them and have a number of transition events over the term to support them with this change.

Next week we have a number of sporting events taking place across the school all focussed around getting the children ready for the Olympics – at the end of the week we are hoping to host an Olympic road-show. Can parents make sure children have their PE kit in school or they will not be able to take part in these events.

While speaking of PE kit, can I please take this opportunity to remind parents to have all items of school clothing labelled. It is very difficult to return a set of shoes/ sweatshirts etc to a child when there are 60 children in a year group with a similar size set of clothing if items are not named. In short, I would say if its of value and you don't want to lose it – label it!

Have a lovely weekend.
Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale

Headteacher



!! NON-UNIFORM DAY BOTTLE TOMBOLA !!

Monday 1st July 2024

St Nicholas PTA are holding a non-uniform day on Monday 1st July. We are asking families to donate a bottle (alcoholic or non-alcoholic).

We will then hold a bottle tombola at the Summer Fair.

Please bring your bottle into school on the morning of Monday 1st July. There will be trollies for you to place your bottles at the entrances to the school.

Thank you for your support in helping us to raise valuable funds for our children.

Dates for your diary

June

Tues 18th

9am - Y2 KIC Theatre all morning
Y5/6 Girls football at MA
1:45pm – Stay and Play
1:45pm - NELFT to see new Yr R parents in large hall

Wed 19th

Year 4 G4 Water Sports
12:30pm Active 60 Festival

Thurs 20th

Day 1 - Olympic Roadshow
1:45pm - Stay and Play

Fri 21st

Day 2 - Olympic Roadshow
8:50am – Y2 trip to Dungeness

Mon 24th

Prospective Y7 (current Y6) Marsh Academy parent information evening.

Tues 25th

9:30-11:30am Year 2 football at MA
1:00pm – Knuckleball
Twins in all afternoon
1:45pm Stay and Play in small hall

Wed 26th

9.15am – Y2 Tag rugby
9.30am i-Rock assembly for Yrs 2 to 5
9.30am – 11.30am Y2 Football @ MA
1.00pm – Y1 Tag rugby

Fri 28th

ST PETER HOUSE – OWN CLOTHES DAY



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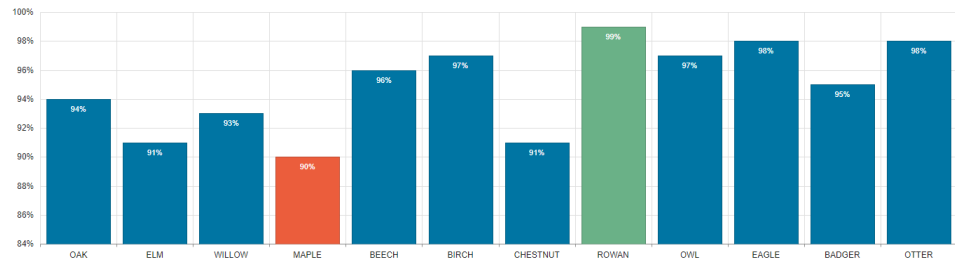


Attendance every day counts.

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	%
3	Rowan	99
2	Eagle	98
1	Otter	98
2	Owl	97
4	Birch	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.

Awards



Star of the Week awards went to:

Hedgehog: Mike B, **Badger:** Rosie L, **Eagle:** Felicity P, **Chestnut:** Esme B, **Beech:** Omar R, **Willow:** Kieran A, **Oak:** Jemima A



This week's birthdays:

Oscar B, Lenny V, Adelaide B, Teddy D, Rocco F, Darcy-Rose C, Vinnie T, Lewis W, Jaxon C

Collective Worship

This term's worship focus is on our value:

"When I am afraid,
I put my trust in you."
PSALM 56:3

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Whole School Transition Day - Our whole school transition day (Years R to 5) will take place on *Thursday 4th July 2024*. This is an opportunity for children to meet and spend time with their new class teacher. On the same day, we would like to invite parents to join us at the end of the school day (3:15pm) and meet with your child's new teacher. We will send out more information about this nearer the time.



PTA Raffle Tickets

As you will be aware the children have already come home with leaflets and raffle tickets this week. We would be very grateful if families could help us with the sale of these tickets in one of our biggest fundraising events of the year.

We would also be please to receive any support for help on the day as well, however small it may be. If you are able to help with setting up, running a stall or clearing away, please contact the school office – all support will be gratefully appreciated.

Please see the attached poster at the end of the newsletter regarding our annual Summer Fayre. The stalls we have attending this year are as follows:

Little Monsters Sweets & Treats / Bunneyhug Blankets / Katey's Seaglass Art / Happy Days Crafts
Grab A Spoon / M&M Crafts / Enhanced by Clementine / Wood and Glass Creations
Greatstone Soaps / Rainbow Candles / Fudgefairly / From Scratch Cards / Molly Moo Bows and many many more.

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KEY DATES REMINDERS

Year 5 Parents - Registering for the Kent Test - For children starting secondary school in September 2025.

Registration for the PESE (11+) testing procedure is open & **closes at midnight on 1 July 2024**. The 11+ test date for pupils in Kent Primary schools is **Thursday 12 September 2024**.

SHEPWAY TEST

I can confirm the Shepway Test registration forms for both the Harvey Grammar and the Folkestone Girls school are now open. Registration for the Boys school closes Friday 5th July.

<https://www.harveygs.kent.sch.uk/admissions/> Registration for the Girls school closes 19th July 2024, with invitation emails sent out week commencing 2nd Sept 2024.

<https://www.folkestonegirls.kent.sch.uk/admissions/selection-tests/>

See information about all these details on your child's ClassDojo page.

Year 6 Residential September 2024

A reminder to Year 5 parents that a non-refundable deposit of £40 is needed by **Monday 17th June** to secure a place for your child on the Kingswood residential. (If this does cause any financial hardship, then please do let Mr Dale know - we would not want a child not attending due to cost).

After School Club - Advanced Notice

Please note: At the start of the new academic year - breakfast and afterschool club will not start until **MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2024** due to staff training. This means there will be no before or after school provision for the first 3 days when the children return after the summer holiday period. We hope this will provide suitable notice for parents to put alternative measures in place.

Future dates for parents to plan for

SPORTS DAYS

As a result of our growing school and to make sure we give all our children greater opportunities for participation, based on past parental feedback we have split our sports day events to make them more engaging for both pupils and parents.

- **Thursday 27th June** 9:00am to 11:30am - **Lower KS2 (Years 3 and 4)** Sports Day
- **Friday 28th June** 9:00am to 11:30am - **Upper KS2 (years 5 and 6)** Sports Day
- **Friday 5th July** 9:15am to 11:15am - **EYFS & KS1** Sports Day

PICNIC IN THE PARK

This is now an annual event held here on our school field and is set to take place on **Monday 15th July from 12 noon onwards**.

Parents will have the opportunity to have a picnic with their child, those parents who are not able to join us their children will have the picnic with their class teacher. This is then followed by an afternoon of singing dancing or even both. Weather permitting.

Further information will be sent out during the term.

LAST DAY OF TERM

This is Thursday 18th July 2024 at 3:15pm

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SATURDAY 6TH JULY | 11AM TO 2PM

JOIN US
FOR OUR

SUMMER FAYRE

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

SPONGE THE HEADTEACHER | GAMES | STALLS | BBQ & REFRESHMENTS

GRAND RAFFLE DRAW:
1ST PRIZE - AMAZON FIRE 10 INCH TABLET
2ND PRIZE - £50 AMAZON VOUCHER
3RD PRIZE - CREAM TEA HAMPER
PLUS MANY MORE!

FREE ENTRY

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