

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As parents read this week's newsletter, I will have reached the end of a very busy recruitment process in which we will have appointed key members of staff to both our teaching and support staff team ready for the new school year. I look forward to sharing these exciting outcomes with our parents early next week.

It has been another very busy week at St Nicholas with lots of events taking place to enhance and develop children's learning and experiences both within our curriculum and after school.

We have seen some super skills shown in computing club, wonderful pizzas in food tech club.



I have also had the opportunity to see a wide range of the arts across the school this week – with drama in KS1, art in Year 6 and music across the school. The arts have an important part to play in our children's development, as well as supporting their mental health. The feedback I have received from children on our music with our music teacher, Mrs Vincent, has been amazing and I hope you all have the opportunity to see our music in operation very soon.

Finally, well done to all those children In Years 1 and 2 over the last few weeks who, unbeknown to them, have taken their statutory Phonics Screening Check. Also to our Year 4 pupils who sat their statutory Multiplication Tables Check too. All children involved have been amazing and should be very proud of themselves and their achievements!

Have a lovely weekend  
Yours sincerely

*Christopher Dale*  
Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

### JUNE

**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup>**

10am Annual Civic service at St Nicholas Church

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup>**

1:00pm – Knuckleball twins in all afternoon  
1:45pm Stay and Play in small hall (week 4)

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup>**

9:15am – Y2 Tag rugby  
9:30am i-Rock assembly for Yr 2 to 5  
9:30am – 11:30am Y2 Football at MA  
1:00pm – Y1 Tag rugby

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup>**

**ST PETER HOUSE – OWN CLOTHES DAY**

**Sat 29<sup>th</sup>**

Y6 Prom at Brenzett Church Hall 6:00pm

### JULY

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup>**

PESE registration closes today

8:30am – Y6 Parents Marsh Academy transition coffee morning at St Nicholas

9:30am – Y6 Tennis at Hythe

**Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Y6 Marsh Academy transition

Y5 Trip to Boulogne

9am MAF Plane Day

2pm Attendance tea party



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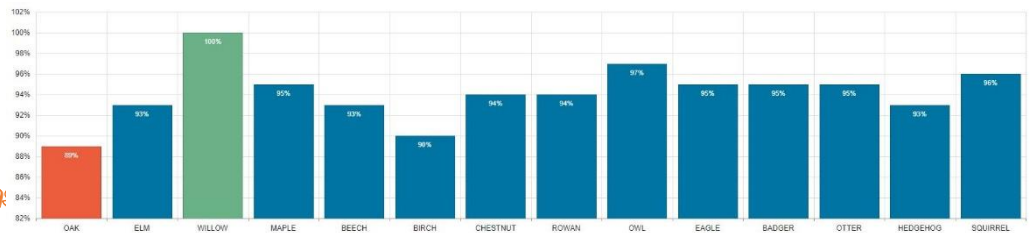
## Attendance every day counts.

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
2	Owl	97
R	Squirrel	96

*Congratulation:*



**Thank you for realising the importance of sending your child to school every day.**

## Awards



**Star of the week awards went to:**

**Squirrel:** Kallie-Rose W **Otter:** Olivia-May F  
**Rowan:** Niamh D **Birch:** Hiram-James W & Vince B  
**Maple:** Tilley J **Elm:** Jamie H



**This week's birthdays:**

Arthur P, Robyn P, Hughie F and Darcy J – many returns to you all!

**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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## The PTA is looking for help! Volunteers needed!



Despite many requests, in a school with over 400 children, no-one has come forward.

We are looking for more parents to join our PTA so we have input from more people, access to more ideas and a network where we can ask for specific help if we need it.

Our PTA is extremely important to us! It helps us to give the children at St Nicholas fantastic opportunities to enhance and encourage learning.

The PTA is a group of parents and teachers who work together to raise money to fund the "extras" provided to the pupils by the school, over and above that provided by the Government. It includes items that enrich the children's learning and personal development within the school environment.

## Could you:

- Assist running a stall for an hour?
- Ask your employer for a prize for the raffles?
- Recommend a band or singer for an event?
- Ask a business to match fund an event?

**Please register your support, however small, by contacting our school office. Everyone is welcome!**

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## !! NON-UNIFORM DAY BOTTLE TOMBOLA !!

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024**

St Nicholas PTA are holding a non-uniform day on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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### KEY DATES REMINDERS

#### 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.

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#### 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**.

#### **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.**

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#### Future dates for parents to plan for.

### **SPORTS DAYS**

This year, based on past parental feedback we have split our sports day events to make them more engaging for both pupils and parents. The dates are:

- **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

[We are looking forward to seeing you at our sports day events](#)

### **PICNIC IN THE PARK**

This is now an annual event held here on our school field and is set to take place on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024** at 3:15pm

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## Abacus After School Club - Advanced Notice

Please note: At the start of the new academic year - breakfast and afterschool club will not start until **MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## SEE OUR COMMUNITY NOTICES BELOW



The poster is for a Summer Fayre at St Nicholas CE Primary Academy. It features a light blue background with a banner that says 'JOIN US FOR OUR SUMMER FAYRE'. Below the banner, there are illustrations of five children holding hands, and several balloons in red, yellow, and blue. The text on the poster includes the school name, the date and time (Saturday 6th July, 11am to 2pm), and a list of activities: sponge the headteacher, games, stalls, BBQ, and refreshments. It also lists prizes for a grand raffle draw: 1st prize is an Amazon Fire 10 inch tablet, 2nd prize is a £50 Amazon voucher, and 3rd prize is a cream tea hamper, plus many more. The entry is free.

ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY ACADEMY  
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

**ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP US? WE NEED GREATER SUPPORT TO GIVE US THE BEST CHANCE OF SUCCESS FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN. PLEASE HELP WHERE YOU CAN.**

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**HOME  
START**

Shepway

**FREE  
OUTDOOR  
LEARNING  
SESSION**

Join us every week  
for a themed  
session and explore  
your local parks,  
beaches and more

Come along and enjoy:

- Nature based activities
- A new story and theme every week
- Improved health and wellbeing
- Meeting new people and increasing peer support
- Learning about green and blue spaces where you live



**SCAN THE QR CODE FOR  
MORE INFORMATION**



**COME AND JOIN US  
FOR OUR LIVE  
COOKING EVENT**

**LIMITED  
SPACES**

16TH JULY 11AM - 1PM

CHERITON BAPTIST CHURCH, QUESTED RD,  
CHERITON, CT19 4BY

We will be cooking on a budget with items available  
from our Pantry.

Tasters will be available **Yum**



RSPV TO CONFIRM YOUR SPACE;  
WENDY.LEHNERT@RAINBOW-CENTRE.ORG



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