

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024

St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

# Newsletter

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## This week's messages from Mr Dale,

WOW! What a week! We have had success after success and had so many achievements to celebrate. I shared with you that we had completed the Phonics assessments in Year 1 last week and I am delighted to share that **93% of the children in Year 1** managed to score 32+. This is a remarkable achievement and shows that the school continues to achieve at the highest standard.

The children in Year 4 have also worked hard on their Multiplication Timetable Check. Last year the national average for full marks (25 out of 25) was 31%. I am pleased to share that **35% of our Year 4 pupils achieved full marks**, higher than last year's national average. As a result, our children have a strong foundation in early literacy and numeracy, which in turn unlocks our wide, ambitious, and rich curriculum for all.

### Staffing Update

I am pleased to inform our families that following a successful recruitment process, Mrs Finch has been appointed as the new Year 1 teacher and will take up her post from 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024. Mrs Finch is currently a year 1 teacher at Willesborough Infants in Ashford and comes to us with an excellent reputation.

I am also pleased to announce that we are delighted to have Miss Ryan return to us in September as the maternity cover for Miss Ewart. Miss Ryan knows St Nicholas so well and will ensure the children transitioning from Year 3 have a really strong start into year 4. Welcome back Miss Ryan.

### Transition Morning

Just a reminder that next Thursday is our Transition Day. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to meet their new teacher for the upcoming year. It'll be a fun and informative day that helps ease them into the new term. We understand starting a new year can bring some nerves, but being there on our Transition Day is crucial as it allows your child to ask questions, get familiar with the classroom, and build connections before term officially begins. Please make sure your child attends unless there are exceptional circumstances.

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.

### Year 5 Parents - Registering for the Kent Test

Registration for the PESE (11+) testing procedure closes **midnight on Monday 1 July 2024**. Remember, make your Shepway Test registration too.

Yours sincerely

*Christopher Dale*

Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

### JUNE

#### Sat 29

Y6 Prom at Brenzett Church Hall 3 - 6pm

### JULY

#### Mon 1

NON-UNIFORM DAY!  
PESE registration closes today

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

#### Wed 3

Y5 Trip to Boulogne 6:30am

Y6 Marsh Academy transition – day 1

**Whole school MAF**

Plane Day 9:00am  
2pm Attendance tea party

9am Y2 Tag rugby

1pm Y1 Tag rugby

#### Thurs 4

Y6 Marsh Academy transition – day 2  
1:45pm Stay and Play

#### Fri 5

Y6 Marsh Academy transition – day 3

#### Sat 6

**PTA SUMMER FAYRE**

11am onwards

#### Mon 8

Y4 French café  
afternoon 2pm onwards

#### Tues 9

Choir at **JAM on Marsh Festival** - 2pm St Nicholas Church



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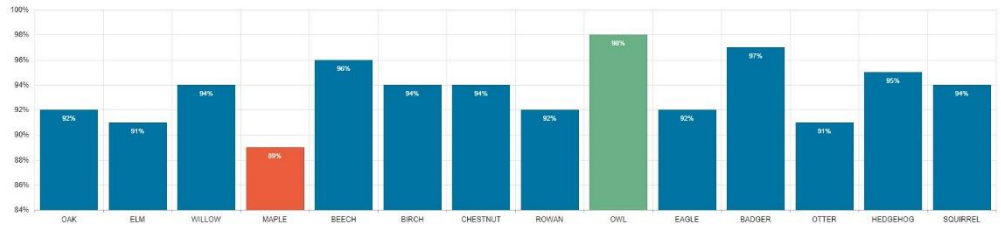


## Attendance every day counts.

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	%
2	Owl	98
1	Badger	97
4	Beech	96



*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:**

**Hedgehog:** Millie-Grace W-P **Badger:** Jack D  
**Owl:** Esme D **Chestnut:** Albie D **Beech:** Connor P



**This week's Birthdays:**

Issac S, Callum R, Willow B, Guy A and Vanesa B – many happy 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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## !! 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.

## Congratulations to Miss Ewart!!

### Welcome to the world, Erin

**Erin was born on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 5:40pm,  
weighing 8lb 11oz**



**Mum and baby are doing well, they are looking forward to popping in to see everyone.**

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Future dates for parents to plan for.

## EYFS & KS1 SPORTS DAY

Friday 5th July 9:15am to 11:15 - EYFS & KS1 Sports Day  
We are looking forward to seeing you at our sports day event

## 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

### 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.

## SEE OUR COMMUNITY NOTICES BELOW.



**FREE OUTDOOR LEARNING SESSION**  
Join us every week for a themed session and explore your local parks, beaches and more

- 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

Come along and enjoy:

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION



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

16TH JULY 11AM - 1PM **LIMITED SPACES**

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



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



21st June - 5th July



Disney PIXAR **INSIDE OUT 2**

**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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