



Friday 11th October 2024

St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting week it has been at St Nicholas CE Primary Academy! I'm thrilled to share with you the highlights of our recent activities and some important updates.

This week we welcomed OFSTED to our academy. They visited a wide range of lessons, including Maths, English, Humanities, PE, and Computing to name but a few. I must say I was immensely proud of our pupils. The children's warm reception of our visitors was truly heartening. I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the parents who shared their kind comments and good wishes during this time. Your support means a great deal to us. We're eagerly awaiting the official report and very much look forward to sharing it with you and the wider community as soon as it becomes available.

In other news, I'm delighted to announce that we've welcomed three new members to our staff this week: Abbie Small, Zoe Cloke, and Aimi Tucker who have joined us as Lunchtime Assistants. We're thrilled to have them on board and I'm sure they'll make a fantastic addition to our team.

Our newly elected School Council has hit the ground running with their first meeting. They had a productive discussion with our school cook, Mrs Lucas about the new salad bar. It was wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm for the choices on offer and their eagerness to contribute their own suggestions. Speaking of school meals, I'd like to highlight the excellent value they provide at just £2.25 per week, which is significantly less than most schools across the district.

Looking ahead, I'd like to remind families of our upcoming Open Classes event on Monday 14th October from 3:15 to 3:45pm. This is a brilliant opportunity for you to discover what's been happening in your child's class and to take a look at their books before the Parent Teacher Consultations. I strongly encourage all parents to attend this event to gain an insight into your child's day-to-day learning.

As always, I'm immensely proud of our pupils and staff for their hard work and dedication. The positive atmosphere in our school is a testament to the collaborative efforts of our entire school community. Thank you for your continued support in making St Nicholas a wonderful place of learning and growth.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

October 2024

Mon 14th

- Open Classes for the **whole school** from 3:15pm come and see your child's work.

Tues 15th

- 9:30am KAE family English session
- Hare class gymnastics session
- 2pm Attendance Tea Party

Thurs 17th

- 9:15am **whole school** Harvest festival at St Nicholas Church – parents welcome

Fri 18th

- **Whole school** Sponsored Bounce Day

Mon 21st

- **Year 4 & 6** KIC Theatre Workshop
- 3:30pm **Key Stage 2** Parent Teacher Consultations

Tues 22nd

- 9:30am KAE family English session

Thurs 24th

- 3:30pm **Key Stage 1** Parent Teacher Consultations

Fri 25th

- Yr R – 6 Flu immunisation all day



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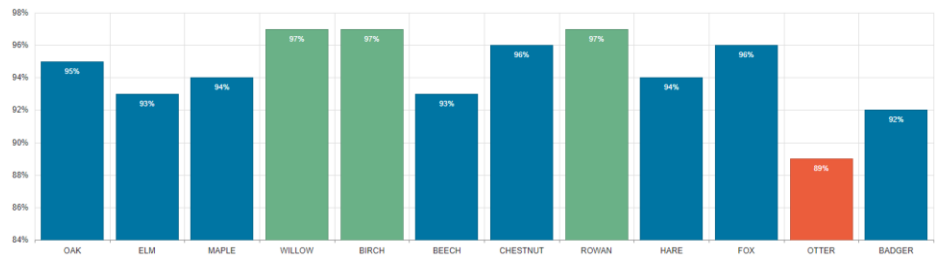


Attendance every day counts.

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	%
5	Willow	97
4	Birch	97
3	Rowan	97
2	Fox	96
3	Chestnut	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.

Awards



Star of the Week Awards went to:

Hedgehog: Micheal O, **Badger:** Reggie H, **Fox:** Katie H, **Rowan:** Frankie W, **Beech:** Ethan M, **Willow:** Vince B, **Elm:** Bella N



This week's birthdays: Mia H, Luke L, Sarah A, Bruno S, Billy B & Isabella O – many happy returns!

Nicholas Bear was awarded to – Maple class!



This term's worship focus is on our value:

COMMUNITY



"Where two or three gather in my name, there am I among them."

Matthew 8: 20

Harvest Festival - 2024



Please join the whole school for our Harvest Festival Service at St Nicholas Church on **Thursday 17th October at 9:15 am**. We do hope as many of you as possible are able to attend.

This year we would like to continue to support the needy and elderly within our parish by contributing a Harvest collection.

We would be extremely grateful if your child could bring a food item to school **from Monday**. If possible, tinned or dry food with at least 4-6 months left on their use-by date.

The following items would be very much appreciated:

- Pasta shapes, spaghetti, rice, flour.
- Tinned fruit and vegetables.
- Tinned meat and fish such as ham, tuna or sardines.
- Meat and fish pastes, sandwich spreads, jam.
- Biscuits (sweet and savoury), simple cakes.
- Cooking sauces, mayonnaise, ketchup and any other condiments.
- Sugar, coffee, tea, milk powder, cooking oil.
- Instant potato, tinned or packet soups.
- Soap, disinfectant, washing powder, toothpaste.

These would be ideal; however, we will gratefully accept any other food and will distribute it to other local causes including the local day centres for the elderly.

Thank you in advance for your support.



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Sponsored Bounce Event

Our upcoming **PTA Sponsored Bounce event on Thursday 24th October** is just around the corner and we're counting on your participation.

Please encourage all family members to sponsor your child's bounces, as the more bounces they can complete in 1 minute, the more funds we will raise.



Let's come together as a community and make this event a resounding success!

Winter Essentials

As the winter months approach, we kindly request that all students have a warm winter coat on hand.

Outdoor play is an essential part of our school day, and we want to ensure that all children can enjoy it comfortably. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a healthy and enjoyable learning environment.

#WinterisComing



ASDA 'Cashpot for Schools'

Asda's 'Cashpot for Schools' is a fundraising initiative where shoppers donate a portion of their spending to a chosen school.

Parents can sign up by downloading the free Asda Rewards app, linking their account, and selecting St Nicholas CE Primary Academy. Each donation contributes to the school's "Cashpot," which can be used for various school projects and resources.



Parent Teacher Consultations

On **Monday 14th October at 3:15pm** there will be a chance for parents to come into school and look at their children work at the end of the school day.

This will help parents get ready for the Teacher Consultation evenings which are set to take place on:

- **Monday 21st October and Thursday 7th November** – 3:30pm to 6:00pm for **KS2** and on
- **Thursday 24th October and Monday 4th November** – 3:30pm to 6:00pm for **KS1 & EYFS**

Please watch out for the online booking information and make a note in your diary so you can attend.

FLU IMMUNISATION FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR R to YEAR 6

These immunisations will take place on **Friday 25th October 2024** – please make sure you complete the consent for your child - www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms



Teacher Training Day reminder

I would like to draw parents attention to the fact the school will be closed on Friday 29th November – this means children will not be at school on this day.

Spot light on British Values – Respect & Tolerance

Respect and tolerance are words that describe how we treat other people. If we respect someone, we treat them in a way that shows we value them and think they are important. If we are tolerant of something, it shows we accept the differences between people.

This is the understanding that we are all different and have different beliefs and values. It is accepting and respecting this, and involves no one person or group of people thinking they are more important, more deserving or better than anyone else. We all have the right to live healthy, safe and happy lives, where our different values are accepted and respected.



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Is your child starting school in September 2025?

Parents and families are welcome to visit our wonderful school and grounds.

Join us for an open session - Contact us on: 01797 361906 to book a place.

Monday 11th November 2024 - 9:45am & 6:00pm

Wednesday 13th November 2024 - 9:45am & 1:30pm

Wednesday 20th November 2024 - 1:30pm & Thurs 9th January 2025 - 9:45am

"The schools work to promote personal development, welfare and behaviour is Outstanding." - OFSTED

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