

Friday 4th October 2024

St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a bustling week we've had at St Nicholas CE Primary Academy! It's been a joy to see our pupils engaged in such a wide array of exciting activities and learning experiences.

Last week, we held our '6 Ways to Well-being' day, which was a resounding success. Our children threw themselves wholeheartedly into a variety of curriculum events, each designed to promote their overall well-being. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and creativity shine through in every activity.

We've also had the pleasure of welcoming visitors to our school recently. They were particularly impressed with the rich curriculum we offer, and it was gratifying to hear their positive feedback about the learning they witnessed in our classrooms.

Our EYFS classes have been busy exploring the classic tale of 'The Little Red Hen'. The quality of work they've produced around this story has been truly impressive. To bring their learning to life, they even had a tractor visit this week – an experience I'm sure they'll remember for a long time to come! Our thanks to Mr & Mrs Wimble.

I'm thrilled to share some exciting news about our school's facilities. Our new mobile accommodation project is finally complete! This substantial investment of over £180,000 has resulted in two fabulous new classrooms. But that's not all – this development will also allow us to create dedicated Art and Music teaching spaces for our pupils. We're working hard to have these specialist areas ready shortly after the half-term break, providing even more opportunities for our children to explore their creativity and talents. I can't wait to share this with you!

For our **Year 6 parents**, I'd like to highlight some important dates regarding secondary school applications. The national closing date for secondary school application forms is **Thursday 31st October 2024**. For those whose children participated in the Kent Test, you'll receive the outcomes on Thursday 17th October 2024. We hope this information will assist you in making your secondary school choices.

As always, it's a privilege to see our pupils thriving and making the most of the opportunities available to them at St Nicholas. Their enthusiasm for learning and their willingness to embrace new experiences never fails to impress me.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school community such a vibrant and positive place for our children to learn and grow.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale

Headteacher

Dates for your diary

October 2024

Mon 7th

- Classes start receiving Harvest Gifts from families
- Y3-5 Assessment week
- **Y3 & 5 KIC** Theatre Drama Day

Tues 8th

- Pupils **individual photos day**
- Kent Adult Education English class 9:30am – 11:30am

Wed 9th

- **Y4 – G5 Stand Up Paddle Boarding**

Thurs 10th

- **EYFS Church** service with Y6 at 9:15am

Fri 11th

- **Y5 Medic Fitness** workshop all morning

Mon 14th

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



“Learning, loving and encouraging through Christ.”

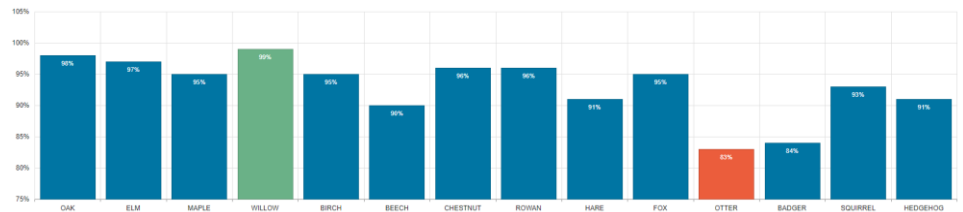
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Attendance every day counts

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!

Top attenders are:		
Year	Class	%
5	Willow	99
6	Oak	98
6	Elm	97
3	Chestnut	96
3	Rowan	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:

Squirrel: Michelle T, **Otter:** Sonny S, **Hare:** Rosie L, **Chestnut:** Ruby-Mai W, **Birch:** Bonnie M, **Maple:** Aleaha B, **Elm:** Arthur M, **Oak:** Will R & Alexa-Grace M



This week's birthdays – Aria-Belle R, Elsie B, Oceana K, Tilley J, Oliver T, Bethany F, Scarlett P, Eli T & Shelby F – many happy returns to you all!

Nicholas Bear was awarded to – BEECH 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 7th October**. 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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St Nicholas CE Primary Academy community, we need your support! 🙏

Our **PTA Sponsored Bounce event on Fri 18th October** is just around the corner, and we're counting on your participation. ***This evening children will come home with the sponsor bounce forms and your help is needed.***

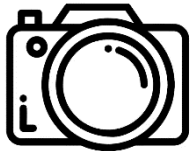


This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to have fun, stay active, and contribute to the betterment of our school. We encourage all parents/ carers and their family members to sponsor their child's bounces, as the more bounces they can complete in 1 minute, the more funds we can raise. **Little tip... they can bounce more than you think!!!**

Let's come together as a community and make this event a resounding success! 🎉 If you have any questions or would like to volunteer by counting bounces on the day, please don't hesitate to reach out to our PTA. We're excited to see our school community come together for this special occasion. Thank you.

ADVANCED NOTICES

Pupil Individual Photographs.



Next week, pupils will have their individual photographs taken on **Tuesday 8th October**. We would be grateful if you would send your child to school in the correct uniform.

Children from the younger year groups will have their photos taken early on in the day in so they look their smartest!

Parent Teacher Consultations

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

This will help parents get ready for the Parent 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 paperwork for your child - www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms



Development Day reminder

I would like to draw parents attention to the fact the school will be closed on **Friday 29th November 2024** for a Staff Development Day – this means children will not be at school on this day.

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