



Friday 20th December 2024

St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

Weekly Newsletter

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Dear St Nicholas Community,

What a busy final week of term we've had at St Nicholas and everyone is ready for Christmas and a well-deserved rest. Monday saw the children who have been learning to play musical instruments with iRock, give an outstanding performance to the school and proud parents. It's really inspiring to see just how much they have learnt in the last few weeks – what a talented bunch of children we have!

On Tuesday, children in Year 1 and 2 performed their nativity brilliantly. It's always such a joy to watch and a great way to start the week.

Our school choir have been in full voice again this week singing around New Romney. This time, they were singing to raise money for the Children's Society as a part of our Christingle collections. In just over an hour, they managed to raise nearly £100. Yesterday, was our annual Cakes and Carols concert. We had lots of special guests join us from some of the local residential homes and every class came and sang to them. There was a range of songs sung from traditional to modern and even some in French and German. All of the children performed so well and we were all incredibly proud of them. I know that they have enjoyed themselves and I have received numerous messages of thanks and best wishes from the residents saying how much the children have made their Christmas so far and congratulating them on their behaviour and beautiful singing.

My highlight this week has definitely been making up Christmas hampers from all of your very generous Reverse Advent donations. As a school community, I am so pleased to say that we have managed to help and support many families who needed it. We have also been lucky enough to benefit from some gifts donated by the Salvation Army and even some family ice-skating tickets donated by New Romney Youth Football Club.

This morning, KS2 took part in a beautiful Christingle service, which I am thrilled to say we raised **£520!** Thank you all for your generosity.

Staff have been very busy this week setting up our new art studio. This is a permanently set up room so that all children can enjoy learning in a dedicated space full of brilliant resources. To celebrate this, we will be starting the new term with an arts week with lots of exciting activities planned.

I would like to take this time to thank you all for your generosity this Christmas season and wish you a very happy holiday. We look forward to seeing you all back in school on **Monday 6th January 2025.**

Best wishes

Mrs Victoria Turner
Deputy Headteacher

Dates for your diary



“Learning, loving and encouraging through Christ.”

2025

Monday 6th January

Return to school

Art Week

Tuesday 7th January

Y6 Epiphany Service in church (parents are welcome to attend)

Thursday 9th January

9:45am New Intake Meeting – if you know of anyone with children due to start school next September, let them know

Last day of term 3 – Friday 14th February



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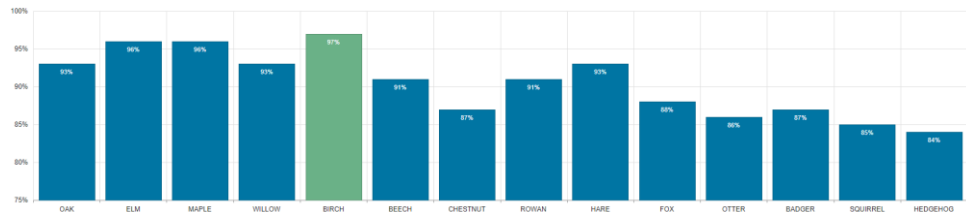
Attendance every day counts.

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.**

We know that there are lots of bugs and viruses going around at the moment, so please ensure that your child is wearing a coat to school and we are encouraging lots of handwashing to keep the bugs at bay. If your child is absent from school, please remember to let the office know.

Top attenders are:		
Year	Class	%
4	Birch	97
5	Maple	96
6	Elm	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.



This week's birthdays:

Charlotte B, Grace C, Lilly-Mai T, Lola E, Charlie C, Gracie D and Conor S – many happy returns to you all!

A special mention to our Light Up New Romney prayer prize winners:
1st Jessie H 2nd Georgia I 3rd Aleaha B & Brihanna B



This term's worship focus is on our value:

FRIENDSHIP

Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

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The children took part in the PTA Christmas tree plate decorating competition and here are the results:

Year R - Winner: Guy D **Runner up:** Roman J

Year 1 – Winner: Samuel M **Runner up:** Owen T

Year 2 – Winner: Everly A-D **Runner up:** Darcey B

Year 3 – Winner: Esme D **Runner up:** Jaxon C

Year 4 – Winner: Georgia I **Runner up:** Rose B

Year 5 – Winner: Harvey R **Runner up:** Oliver M

Year 6 – Winner: Mollie-J L **Runner up:** Bella N

Well done to you all!



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Some of the lovely photos from the KS2 Christingle service this morning



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A huge congratulations to all of our Christmas Raffle Winners and a massive thank you to everyone who kindly donated prizes. This would not have been possible without your generosity.

Christmas Raffle Winners 2024

Prize	Donated By	Winner
Amazon Tablet	Anonymous	Loren Williamson
£75 Amazon Voucher	Kind Grandparent	Scott Taylor
Christmas Hamper	Coolworx	I Burchell
Chocolate Hamper	SBS Builders	Sarah Alhameidi
Cupcake Bouquet	Baker That Bakes	Melissa Button
£25 Amazon Voucher	Kind Grandparent	Harriet Warwick
£20 Sainsburys Voucher	Arter & Co Construction	Gracie Rickwood
£20 Eating Out Voucher	Howdens	Mrs Dunton
Pizza Voucher	Baker That Bakes Pizza	S Gearing
£20 Sainsburys Voucher	Arter & Co Construction	D Hostler
Facial Voucher	Emily Britten	T Butler
£10 Sainsburys Voucher	Arter & Co Construction	T Butler
Beer Gift Set	Romney Marsh Brewery	Kallie-Rose Webb
Port Lypne	Port Lypne Zoo	Rachel Pryor
£50 Beauty Voucher	Bongos Beauty	Kerri Arter
Sweet Hamper	Little Monsters Sweets & Treats	Julia Galilee



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