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St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

Weekly Newsletter

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Dear School Community,

What a wonderful week we've had at St Nicholas CE Primary Academy! It's been bustling with exciting activities and achievements, and I'm thrilled to share these highlights with you.

Our choir's visit to the O2 Arena as part of Young Voices was truly spectacular. The festival of music provided an unforgettable experience for our pupils, and I hope many of you have had the chance to watch the videos shared on our Dojo pages. The joy and enthusiasm radiating from our young singers were palpable, and I couldn't be prouder of their performance.



Year 4 had a special treat this week with a visit from the Knuckleball twins, Sammy and Charlie. These talented footballers have been inspiring our Year 4 pupils for a couple of years now, teaching them new skills and techniques. It's always a pleasure to see our children so engaged and eager to learn, especially when it comes to physical activities that promote teamwork and coordination.

Meanwhile, our Year 2 pupils have been channelling their creativity through clay modelling. Their projects, inspired by the text they're currently reading, have been impressive. I'm sure parents are looking forward to seeing these masterpieces when they come home – prepare to be amazed by your children's artistic talents!

This week also saw our school participating in the inclusive sport event. Pupils from across different year groups took part in various activities, demonstrating exceptional cooperation and teamwork. I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the children involved – your behaviour and attitude were exemplary, and you were a true credit to our school.

On an academic note, I recently sent out spelling expectations for children in Years 1 to 6. While we work diligently to incorporate these spellings into our curriculum, we also greatly appreciate the support of parents in reinforcing these at home. Your involvement in your child's learning journey is invaluable, and together, we can help our pupils achieve their full potential.

As we wrap up another eventful week, I'm reminded of the vibrant, diverse, and talented community we have here at St Nicholas CE Primary Academy. From music and sports to art and academics, our pupils continue to shine in various areas, supported by our dedicated staff and parents.

Dates for your diary

January

Tues 28th

Confirmation classes with Rev Chris

Thurs 30th

- **YR & 3 - KIC**
Theatre all day

Fri 31st

- **KS1 art exhibition**
3:30 – 5pm

FEBRUARY

Mon 3rd

- **KIC Theatre PSHE** day with Y2/Y5
- 1:30 Candlemas Eucharist
- 3:15 **open classes for all parents**

Tues 4th

- Bishop Rose to visit the school
- Closing date for Lunchtime Assistant vacancy

Fri 7th

- **KS2 art exhibition**
3:30 – 5pm

Mon 10th

- Start of Internet Safety week
- **KS1 Parent Teacher consultations** 3:30 – 6pm



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I hope you all have a lovely weekend ahead. Take some time to relax, recharge, and perhaps practice a few spellings with your children!

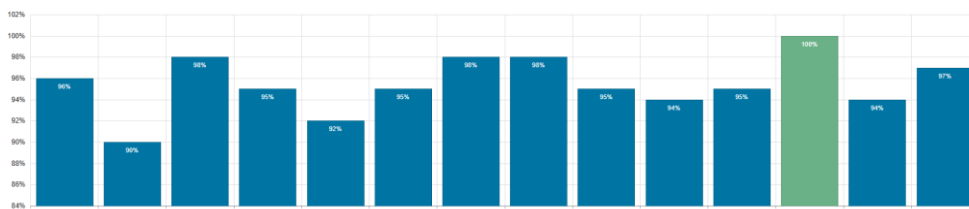
Christopher Dale
Headteacher

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	%
1	Badger	100
3	Chestnut	98
3	Rowan	98
5	Maple	98
R	Hedgehog	97



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:

Squirrel: Olivia G, **Badger:** Isaac S, **Fox:** Hugo B, **Chestnut:** Mia H, **Birch:** Ellie N, **Willow:** Gracie D, **Elm:** Millie-Mae L

This week's birthdays:



Layla D, Frank O, Omar R, Luna M, Olivia C, Leo C, William C and Millie-Grace W – many happy returns to you all!



This term's worship focus is on our value:

AMBITION

Romans 15:2

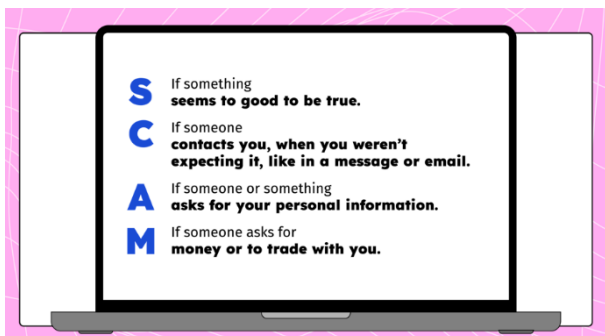
“We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord.”

Safer Internet Day 2025 – February 2025

Safer Internet Day 2025 will take place on the 11th of February 2025, with celebrations and learning based around the theme **'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'**

Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year we cover an online issue or theme that speaks about the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. Created in consultation with young people across the UK, this year Safer Internet Day will be focusing on the issue of scams online and for young people, how to protect themselves and others, as well as what support is available to them.

This Safer Internet Day we will assess the real scale of this issue and allow young people to share their experiences and ideas on how to tackle the problem. We'll build on the important work being done to raise awareness of issues such as online financial sextortion and we'll also consider the future of scams, answering questions such as:



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- How is changing technology like generative AI going to impact the approach of scammers?
- What role can the government and internet industry take to tackle this threat?
- And what changes would young people like to see to help protect themselves moving forward?



📍 Take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch. It is the UK's biggest citizen science wildlife survey. By taking part, you can help us understand how our garden birds are doing right now.

Information detailing how to take part can be found here via this video.

<https://youtu.be/nldtLbyIU6I>

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden->
[For further information please see the RSPB website.](https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-)

I'd love to see how you take part. Please feel free to send photos, videos and photos of you completing checklists to me via Dojo. Mrs Pursey will be awarding Dojos to those

who manage to take part. All contributions are vital for better understanding our wildlife 📍

What are Suave words?

A **suave word** is our fun name for a sophisticated or ambitious vocabulary.

We chose this word because we wanted to use a word that none of the children know already and that is short and easy to learn.

Suave, means charming. In that sense it is usually applied to people. However, it also means sophisticated elegant and debonair – a perfect description for many wonderful words in the English language.

Suave words are usually words that children do not regularly meet in their normal daily exposure to reading, listening to stories, watching or listening to programmes or in a conversation at home or in school.

We use **SAUVE** words to give our children a greater exposure to some of these words and enrich their word power.

Please help us each week by promoting our Suave words.

(What are Suave words by Ros Wilson – Top tips for teaching)

SUAVE	WORD OF THE WEEK
	cherish
DEFINITION	Value or feel something is very precious.
EXAMPLE	I cherish my grandma's ring.
ACTIVITY	Use the word in three different sentences.



HOME INFORMATION



January's Musician of the Month

HANS
ZIMMER



About: Hans Florian Zimmer is a German film score composer and music producer. He has won two Oscars and four Grammys, and has been nominated for three Emmys and a Tony. His works are notable for integrating electronic music sounds with traditional orchestral arrangements. Since the 1980s, Zimmer has composed music for over 150 films.

Genres: Orchestral, Electronic & Soundtrack

Active from: 1977-Present

Origin: Frankfurt, Germany

Books to read...

If you like Hans Zimmer, try...



- John Williams
- Max Steiner
- Rachel Portman

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WEEKLY
(TERM TIME ONLY)
DOORS OPEN 3.30
SESSION ENDS 5.00
EXPLORERS
5.00 - 5.30

16th January 2025
REGISTER
MEET THE TEAM
YR5 & YR6

YEAR 2 CLAY MODELS



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