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St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

Weekly Newsletter

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Dear St Nicholas CE Primary Academy Community,

What a whirlwind of excitement and learning we've had at St Nicholas this week! Our corridors have been buzzing with the joy of reading, the thrill of new experiences, and the spirit of togetherness that makes our school so special.

Mrs Bader and our dedicated staff team pulled out all the stops to create a truly magical Book Week. The creativity and enthusiasm on display were simply remarkable, and I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone involved for making it such a memorable experience for our pupils. The highlight, of course, was our dressing up day. We also had an engaging Book Mark competition - congratulations to all our winners! Your artistic flair and love of reading shone through in every entry. Be sure to check out the winning designs at the end of this newsletter - they're really inspiring!

Our Year 6 pupils took to the streets (safely, of course!) for their Level 1 and 2 Bikeability tests this week. It's wonderful to see our oldest pupils developing such important life skills, and we're incredibly proud of their efforts.

Shrove Tuesday saw a record-breaking 300+ pupils tucking into a delicious pancake dinner - a testament to the fantastic work of our catering team. And speaking of significant days, our Year 5 pupils led a touching Ash Wednesday service, helping us all to reflect on the meaning of Lent.

On the sporting front, our Boys Herald Cup footballers kicked off their season with a valiant effort against Palmersh. While the result wasn't quite what we hoped for, their teamwork and determination were admirable. We're behind you all the way for the rest of the league, go team St Nicholas!

Looking ahead, we're diving straight into another action-packed week. Science Week is just around the corner, promising a host of fascinating experiments and discoveries. We're also continuing our commitment to wellbeing with the fourth of our '6 Ways to Wellbeing' days - keep an eye out for updates from class teachers about the exciting activities planned for each year group via Class Dojo.

I'm pleased to announce that our Year 4 swimmers will finally be making a splash next week, after some unexpected technical hiccups. Don't forget our FLO Breakfast Bonanza Coffee Morning on **Thursday 13th March at 8:30am** - it's always a wonderful opportunity for parents to come together.

As always, I'm immensely proud of the enthusiasm, resilience, and kindness our pupils display every day. Your children continue to amaze us with their achievements, both big and small, and it's a privilege to watch them grow and learn.

Here's to another fantastic week at St Nicholas!

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

March 2025

Mon 10th

- Whole School Science week
- Year 4 Birch class swimming

Tues 11th

- Whole school Science show

Thurs 13th

- Parent Coffee Morning in Small Hall at 8:30am – come and meet with members of the family hub and school
- Y4 pupils hockey tournament
- Y3 Group 3 – at F51

Fri 14th

- Whole school '6 Ways to Wellbeing Day'

Mon 17th

- Birch class swimming
- KIC Theatre Day – with YR & Y4

Wed 19th

- Whole school – railway safety talks.
- KIC Theatre Day – with Y1 & Y6

Thurs 20th

- Year 5 Ancient Greek workshop
- Y3 Group 4 – at F51

Fri 21st

- PTA BINGO Fundraiser – 6:45pm onwards

Tues 25th

- KIC Theatre Day – with Year 5 & Y1



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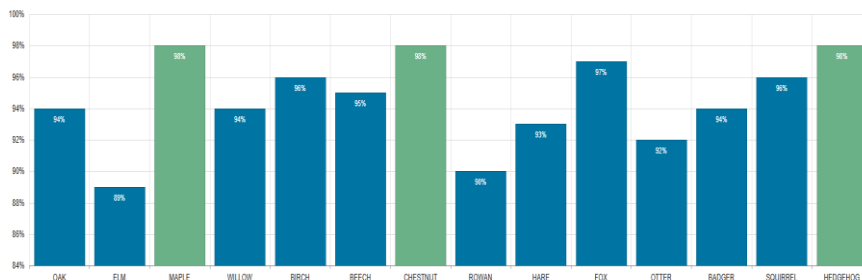


Attendance every day counts.

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	Maple	98
3	Chestnut	98
R	Hedgehog	98
2	Fox	97
4	Birch	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:

Squirrel: Luke S **Otter:** Finley P **Hare:** Jessie J
Rowan: Charlie C **Beech:** Isla P **Maple:** Olivia-Joy E
Oak: Skye E

This week's birthdays:



Daisie B, Archie C, Mabel A, Aubrey B and Leia T – many happy returns to you all!



This term's worship focus is on our value:
RESPECT

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

We ask you, to respect those among you and are over you in the Lord, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

Next week's Suave words?

A *suave word* is our fun name for a sophisticated or ambitious vocabulary. We use **SAUVE** words to give our children a greater exposure to some ambitious vocabulary and enrich their word power. This week's word is: **JEST**

Having a varied bank of vocabulary is crucial for pupils to express themselves.

Please help us each week by promoting our Suave words.

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

Year 6 Parents



Leaver's Hoodies

For your child's first name to appear on this year's leavers hoodies please follow the link

to give consent -

<https://forms.office.com/e/fgcCQqF051>

Above is what they looked like last year. You will have to opportunity to order the hoodies with a link being sent out to you at a later date once the name consents are received.



SWIMMING – Birch Class

Swimming for Year 4 Birch Class – As a reminder, due to an issue at New Beach Holiday Park, this week's swimming lesson had to be cancelled. Lessons will now take place from **Monday 10th March** and will continue for a total of 5 weeks.

Swimming

Water bottles in class

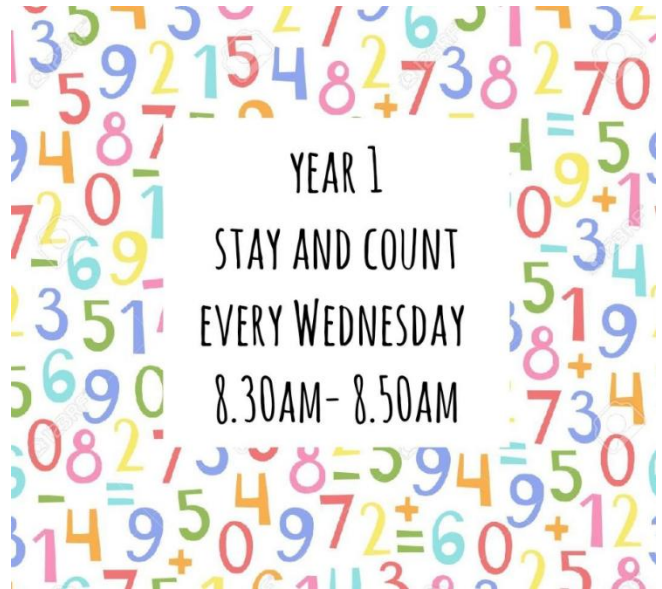
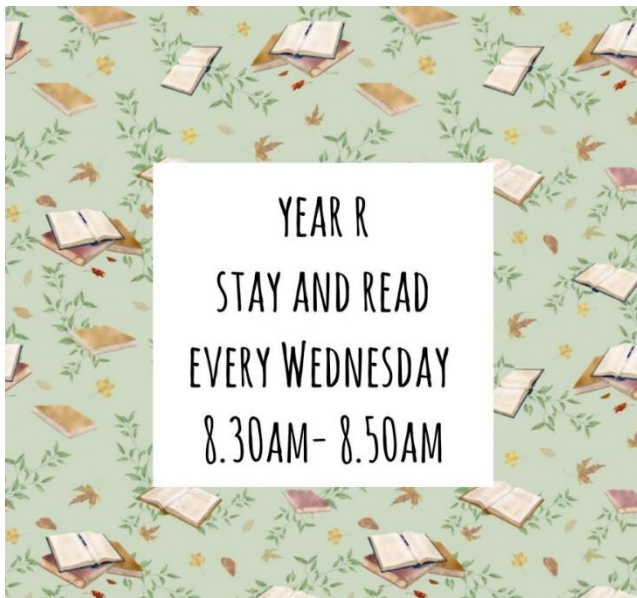
To clarify the situation regarding fruit drinks in water bottles. **Water bottles in class are for water only** and we ask that these bottles are available in class to keep the children hydrated during lesson times. **Only water is to be drunk in classrooms during lesson time.** Fruit drinks may be drunk at lunchtime with packed lunches. Water bottles that come to school with fruit juice in will be returned, or the children will have the option to empty these and fill them with water. We do hope this clarifies the situation.



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KS1 Parents - Come and support your child's learning, we would love to see you.



Year 5 welcoming in the season of Lent in their Ash Wednesday service



The whole school dressed for World Book Day



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Our Book Week visitor – Illustrator Gary Parsons



Year 6 Evacuee Day as part of their WWII topic this week.



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Online safety updates for parents – TAKE TIME TO READ

In our final short video of the series, Alan will wrap up what he has told us so far. Throughout the previous updates, we have shared tips and links to other useful information and below the video link you'll find a few more.

<https://vimeo.com/1005106540/586f9db661?share=copy>

Useful Links

Internet Matters is a fantastic resource built for parents and carers, there is a tremendous amount of online safety information that is useful, such as:

- All the most common risks and issues, along with accompanying advice according to the age of your children.
- Setting up parental controls on all the devices your children use.
- Gaming advice hub.
- Social media advice hub.
- Advice hub for children with special educational needs.
- Screentime.
- And much more.

<https://www.internetmatters.org>

Common Sense Media – this is a one-stop shop to find further, useful information for parents. Whether it's an app, a game or a book it's a good chance it's here. Just use the search bar at the top of the page.

<https://www.common sense media.org>

Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre - Are you worried about the way someone has been communicating with your child online? You can make a report to the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre:

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>

Kids, Puberty and Tech – conversation starters for 8–12-year-olds.



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<https://parents.thorn.org/situation/>

Discussion Guides on a range of topics suitable for 7 – 17-year-olds, from device access, consent, making friends and more.

<https://parents.thorn.org/discussion-guides/>



BINGO
Night

St Nicholas CE Primary Academy PTA
& Abacus Nursery
Fundraising Night

STARTS AT 6:45pm - eyes down for 7pm! Adults only.

FRIDAY 21ST MARCH

Come along and enjoy a night of bingo for only £10 (please pay on arrival). Extra games and a raffle can be purchased too.

Please bring your own nibbles, drinks and glasses.

To reserve a table please call the school office on 01797 361906 or email office@st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk

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