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St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

# Weekly Newsletter

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Dear St Nicholas Community,

Wow! What an incredibly busy and exciting week we've had at St Nicholas! It's been a whirlwind of activities, achievements, and new experiences for our pupils.

Our Year 4 swimmers have taken to the water like ducks, with their first week of swimming lessons proving to be a splashing success. It's fantastic to see our pupils developing such important life skills while having a great time.

We couldn't be prouder of our Year 6 pupils who represented St Nicholas at the Commonwealth Day service. What an honour it was for them to be part of such a significant event, celebrating unity, diversity, and shared values alongside the other 56 member countries. Our pupils truly are ambassadors for our school and community.

Science Week kicked off with a bang – quite literally! Our brilliant Science Ambassadors have been working their magic across the school, inspiring curiosity and wonder in pupils of all ages. I must admit, I couldn't resist getting in on the action myself. The children and I had a marvellous time conducting experiments together – some more successful than others, I might add! But as we all know, in science, we learn just as much from our 'failures' as we do from our successes.

It's been a joy to witness the incredible progress our pupils are making across all year groups. I've had the pleasure of sharing some outstanding work from our Year 6 pupils, admiring the beautiful handwriting of Year 2, and cheering on our brave Year 3 boulderers. The resilience and determination shown by all our pupils as they strive to improve is truly inspiring.

Wednesday's EYFS Stay and Read session was a resounding success, with so many parents joining us to share in the joy of reading. It's heartwarming to see the value our community places on nurturing a love of books and learning from such an early age.

On the sporting front, our girls Herald Cup team kicked off their season with an incredible effort against Dymchurch. They walked away with their first win! Their teamwork and communication were admirable. We're behind you all the way for the rest of the league, go team St Nicholas!

Looking ahead, we have some exciting events on the horizon. Year 4 parents, don't forget the Kench Hill Parent Information Evening on **Mon 17<sup>th</sup> March at 3:30pm**. This is your chance to learn all about the upcoming residential – an adventure I'm sure our Year 4 pupils can't wait to embark upon!

And for those of you looking for a fun night out, **our fantastic PTA** is hosting a **BINGO event on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March**. Doors open at 6:45pm, with eyes down at 7pm. Be sure to check out the poster at the end of the newsletter for all the details. It promises to be a brilliant evening, all in support of our wonderful school.

As always, I'm filled with pride and gratitude for our St Nicholas community. Here's to another fantastic week at St Nicholas!

Christopher Dale  
Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

### March 2025

#### Mon 17<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Wed 19<sup>th</sup>

- **KS2** Railway safety talks
- KIC Theatre Day – with Y1 & Y6
- YR and Y6 children hearing tests

#### Thurs 20<sup>th</sup>

- **KS1** Railway safety talks
- Y5 Ancient Greek workshop day
- Y3 Group 4 – at F51

#### Fri 21<sup>st</sup>

- **Comic relief Red Nose Day** – non uniform £1 donation
- **PTA BINGO** fundraiser – 6:30pm onwards

#### Mon 24<sup>th</sup>

- Y4 Birch swimming

#### Tues 25<sup>th</sup>

- KIC Theatre Day – with Y5 & Y1
- **Attendance Tea Party**

#### Wed 26<sup>th</sup>

- Class Photo Day
- **KS1** Mother's Day event

#### Thurs 27<sup>th</sup>

- 10am – 2pm Y5 Handball event at THSP
- Y3 Group 5 – at F51

#### Fri 28<sup>th</sup>

- Vision for Education Easter Egg visit



*“Learning, loving and encouraging through Christ.”*



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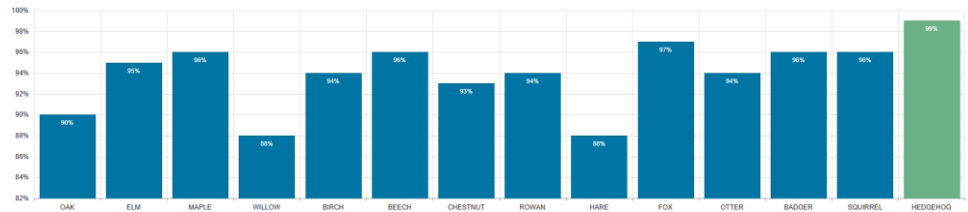


## Attendance every day counts.

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!

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

Top attenders are:		
Year	Class	%
R	Hedgehog	99
2	Fox	97
R	Squirrel	96
1	Badger	96
4	Beech	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:**



**Hedgehog:** Gracie R **Badger:** Ivy M **Fox:** Anaé A  
**Chestnut:** Guy A & Jaxon Ch **Birch:** Ajay C  
**Willow:** Charlie C **Elm:** Ella T

**This week's birthdays:**



Jaxon C, Felicity P, Emili C, Ayda M, Iris B, Aila M,  
Darcie E, Buddy L, Theo S, Rose B, Jackson B and Billy  
R – 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: giddy

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/fqcCQqF051>

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.



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## Comic Relief – Red Nose Day – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025



This year we will again be raising money for Comic Relief. For this, the children can come into school in their own clothes (with something **red**). We are requesting a suggested donation of £1 for this event, which if everyone contributes, we will raise over £400!

As part of the day, children can also bring in their own joke – written on piece of paper with their name & class on. The joke doesn't have to be an original one. Teachers will be picking their top joke – which will be shared in assembly and the top joke (by volume of laughter it generates) will win a prize!

### Online safety updates for parents – TAKE TIME TO READ

#### Roblox

Roblox, launched in 2006, is now one of the world's most popular video game sites, with nearly 200 million monthly users, many of whom are children. **It has a PEGI rating of 7+.**

But while it offers a dizzying amount of interactive entertainment for its target audience, it has found itself in the news more than once due to fears over its safety. So how suitable is it for children?

This week, we'd like to share two free guides with you to help explain everything you need to know about Roblox: Parentzone - <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/roblox>

**#WakeUpWednesday** - download a free PDF copy of their guide here >>> [2025-03-12 What parents and educators need to know about Roblox \(2025\).pdf](#)

In addition, the Jed Foundation have put together a great guide for parents regarding emotional safety and wellbeing on Roblox. Although the guide refers to teens, this guide is appropriate for all children, not just teens. It covers cyberbullying, signs children might be struggling online and what parents can do. You can download the free guide here >>> [Roblox - Emotional Safety on Roblox.pdf](#)



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### Year 4 Parents Meeting

On **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 3:30pm**, we will be holding a Kench Hill Residential meeting for parents and pupils for our proposed residential due to take place in May, later this year. The residential is a two-day, one-night stay. This trip has been part of the Year 4 curriculum for a number of years now and we would like to invite parents & pupils along to find out more about the activities and the proposed costs for this wonderful opportunity for children.

### Year 5 Ancient Greek Workshop

Pupils in Year 5 will be taking part in an Ancient Greek workshop, funded by the school on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March**. The children are invited to come into school dressed as Ancient Greeks. *Please see your child's Dojo page for ideas on what they are able to wear.*



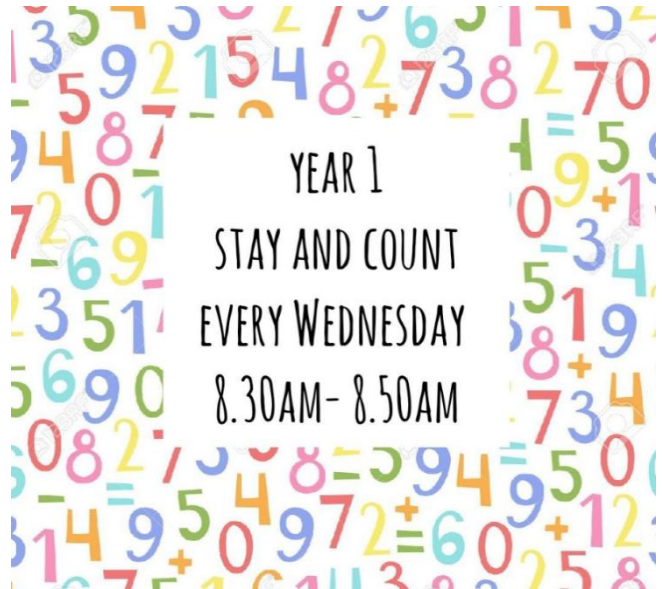
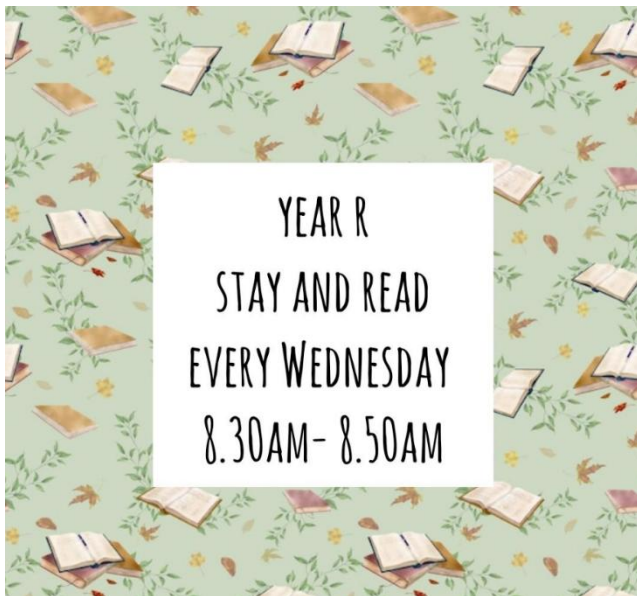
**PTA BINGO Evening** - We are delighted to inviting parents along to our School / Abacus Nursery Fundraising evening. Doors open at 6:45pm for eyes down at 7pm. Enjoy a night of fun for only £10 – Bring your own drinks, nibbles & friends for a great evening of fun. To reserve a table, contact the school office on 01797 361906 or email: [office@st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk)



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



**Water at school reminder**



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. Water bottles that come to school with fruit juice in will be returned, or the children will have the option to empty them and refill them with water. We do hope this clarifies our position.

**Whole School Photos**



On **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** we have our Whole Class Photo Shoot Day. Pupils will be able to have their class photo with their class teacher and TA. We would be grateful if you would make sure your child is sent into school wearing their full school uniform on this date for the photos. Thank you.



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**Our Science ambassadors leading science week.**



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**Year 3 enjoying their bouldering**



**Year 6 joining in the Commonwealth Day service**



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