

Friday 23rd May 2025



Well done Chestnut class on your first-class, first class assembly. We enjoyed every minute—especially your country dancing and 'The Power in Me'!



KS2 Summer Concert

It was great to see the church filled with families and friends yesterday evening, and a fabulous opportunity for KS2 to showcase their musical talent. It is not easy to perform to such a large audience, but they all did us proud. Well done to the children and thank you to all who helped out.

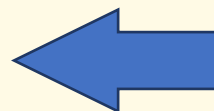
Pupil quote of the week

Whilst planting sunflowers next to bamboo sticks a year 1 child asked "Are the sticks going to grow?"

100%	Perfection
98%	Impressive
97%	Very good
96%	Good
95%	Nearly there
94%	Needs to improve
<94%	Poor

Attendance matters

Attendance for this week was a needs to improve **94.9%**



Safety after school

There have been some concerns raised around children's activities on the village green after school, particularly around climbing and swinging on trees and rough play. Please ensure that children are supervised once they have left the school premises as we cannot take responsibility for their behaviour or safety once we have handed them over to parents and carers.

Year 2 local history walk



Ash Class conducted a history walk around Taplow this week to sketch different houses through the ages - until the rain got the better of us!

"It was fun and interesting learning about Taplow's history and how it used to be," **Bobby**

"It was interesting looking at different materials that houses are made out of," **Annabel**

Reading at St Nic's

At St Nicolas we love celebrating your birthdays! **We have a birthday book list on the English section of our website.** [Birthday book list! | St Nicolas' Church of England Combined School](#)

Any book purchased for your child's birthday will have their name placed inside the book and will be presented in assembly. This book will then be placed in the library to be enjoyed by others for many years to come. Please hand any books bought to the office with your child's name and birthday details.

Many thanks
Mrs Anderson



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House Points

Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
182	148	130	129

Congratulations to the Jaguars

Busy Bunch

This week at Busy Bunch we made seaside art



Coming up: Half term

Lost Property

Please name all of your children's uniform. The lost property cupboard is overflowing with unnamed items and all unclaimed belongings will be disposed of today.

Request from Year 1

Year 1 have asked if anyone is able to donate some spare clothing for when children have accidents . They especially need socks and pants for aged 6-7 children. Thank you

Young Climate Warriors

A survey of urban plants revealed the pavements of Sheffield are home to 183 different plants, and the walls in Cambridge enable 186 species to flourish!!

We have 1,600+ varieties of wildflower in the UK. Wildflowers have evolved alongside our native wildlife, and are particularly attractive to our native pollinators.

For help identifying your wildflowers we recommend www.nativeflower.co.uk.



Wildflowers — a vital source of food and shelter for our pollinators

Time to play, to relax, to let your mind wander, and time to notice the wild flowers?

They brighten the pavement, cheer up the brickwork, provide a splash of colour to the verges.

How many can you spot, what colours are they, how many petals do they have, do they smell nice? Take a photo, find out their names?

Can you grow a wildflower meadow in a pot at home?



When you've completed this challenge ... Remember to hit the red button!



Enjoy our 'weeds' – that are 'more than weeds' – do you think they're beautiful?



www.youngclimatewarriors.org

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House Colour Raffle Launch

The House Captains launched the rainbow raffle in assembly today; there was much excitement. The children are looking forward to supporting their teams on Friday 6th June!



HOUSE COLOUR RAFFLE COMPETITION FRIDAY 6TH JUNE

LET THE RAINBOW RAFFLE BATTLE BEGIN!

PLEASE DONATE AS MANY AMAZING ITEMS AS YOU CAN IN YOUR HOUSE COLOUR & WE'LL USE THE DONATIONS TO MAKE AMAZING HAMPERS THAT YOU CAN WIN AT THE FAIR!

SNACKS, SWEETS, TOYS, STATIONERY, CHOCOLATE, CRAFTS, ALCOHOL, TREATS – IF IT'S YOUR HOUSE COLOUR, IT COUNTS!*

LET'S SEE WHICH HOUSE CAN BUILD THE MOST EYE-POPPING, JAM-PACKED HAMPER!

PRIZE FOR THE FULLEST HAMPER:

- 1ST PLACE: 100 HOUSE POINTS
- RUNNERS UP: 50 HOUSE POINTS

JAGUARS LIONS TIGERS PUMAS



*NEW AND UNUSED ITEMS ONLY PLEASE





Headteacher Awards



Chestnut: Figgy for being so brave during our class assembly. **Aoife** for talking enthusiastically and confidently during show and tell.

Elm: Yuvraj for his brilliant computing skills in logging on and using a word processor. **Elodie** for engaging enthusiastically with the staff at Ark Farm and confidently sharing what she has learnt this year about animals.

Ash: Max for his amazing use of vocabulary to describe and compare the different houses around Taplow. **Hadi** for adding lots of detail when sketching different houses in Taplow.

Oak: Tobias for his patience and determination in getting his 'Egyptian Death Mask' finished. **Thomas** for his excellent understanding in our 'time' topic this week both in analogue and digital.

Pine: Jake for coming up with some carefully thought out reasons for why we should permanently have a farm at St Nics. **Harry** for confidence in using his understanding of place value to help him to order and compare amounts of money.

Willow: Elsie for approaching everything this week with confidence, determination and a smile. **Jaiden** for responding well to feedback when making his writing more concise and cohesive.

Fir: Joel for being a good team member and an excellent trader in The Trading Game. **Saskia** for her can-do attitude; always giving her best with a smile.

Not quite the end...

We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 2nd June. Enjoy the half-term break.

We would all like to say a huge thank you to the PTA—for the highlight of the week, **please see the next page...**

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And finally...

Thank you PTA for this week's fabulous Ark Farm visit. So far, 44 children have either written to me or come to ask whether we can have a school farm...



Ms Holmes and the team



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ST NICOLAS' SCHOOL PTA

EVENTS LINE UP

WED 21

MAY

ARK FARM ARE VISITING

Every class gets to hang out with the Ark Farm animals! It's a wild and woolly adventure brought to you by the PTA! 🐏🐑

HALF TERM

Another one!
Normal pickup time

FRI 23

MAY

MON 26

MAY

MARVELOUS MALES FINAL ORDER DATE

Order your Marvellous items by today or you'll miss out!

BACK TO SCHOOL

Don't forget to donate your unwanted foreign or out of circulation coins and notes to the school office!

MON 02

JUNE

FRI 06

JUNE

RAINBOW RAFFLE DONATIONS

All children should come in PE kits with house-coloured accessories. Please donate items in your house colour — we'll use them to create amazing hampers you can win at the fair!

SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

Alrighty, it's not a PTA event, but you'll likely find us there, serving up snacks and mingling with the fresh batch of reception parents!

WED 11

JUNE

FRI 13

JUNE

MYSTERY BAGS DONATION

Think party toys, stickers, pencils, mini bubbles, keyrings, crisps, or wrapped sweets. Food must be sealed, in date & individually wrapped.

BE YOURSELF DAY

Non-school uniform day in exchange for a bottle of drink for the bottle tombola — one of the best games at the summer fair!

THUR 19

JUNE

FRI 20

JUNE

SPORTS DAY & SUMMER FAIR

The excitement starts at 9am with coffee, breakfast, and your child's Sports Day! Then join us at 1pm for the Summer Fair — fingers crossed for another day of great weather!

HAPPY BAG DONATIONS

You know that mountain of Vinted clothes lounging around the house? We'd absolutely adore them!

THUR 10

JULY

FRI 18

JULY

END OF TERM

Early pickup time

EYFS & Key Stage1 children will finish school at 1.20pm
Key Stage 2 children will finish at 1.30pm



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Summer Fair—Friday 20th June

The PTA Summer Fair is coming soon! Straight after sports day. Amazing stalls and games, pizza and beer trucks plus bouncy castle and ice cream van.

Watch out for more details coming soon 🌻

**JOIN US FOR OUR
SUMMER FAIR**

**FRIDAY
20TH JUNE
1PM - 4PM**

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

**ON THE SCHOOL
SPORTS FIELD
AFTER SPORTS
DAY**

ICE CREAM & PIZZA VANS

FAIR GAMES

**EXTERNAL STALLS &
FACE PAINTING**

BEER, BAR AND BBQ

BOUNCY CASTLE

RAFFLE



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Yoga in Taplow Hall



Taplow Village
Hall

Sundays 5pm,
Yang to Yin

Mondays 7pm,
Vinyasa Flow

£12

All levels
welcome

WhatsApp
07752732305
to book





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Local sports & activities clubs

Sunday JUNE 22nd @Burnham Park Hall

Free Mini Sessions!

Scavenger Hunt with Prizes

Burnham Health Promotion Trust

Burnham Health Promotion Trust invite you to a..

FAMILY DAY

Fruit & Vegetable Tasting

Come down after lunch and join us from 1 - 4pm!

A free Family Day with the focus on promoting local sports & activity groups, healthy eating, sharing local SEN provisions and helping social interactions in and outside of the home. What better way to do this than by having a fun afternoon together!

- Cippenham Table Tennis Club - Phoenix Rugby Club**
- Burnham & Iver Ladies Hockey Club - Bucks Family Hub**
- Athena Angels Gymnastics - DNC Dance Studio**
- Prodigy Dance Studio - Shining Star Productions**
- The Autism Group - Burnham Beeches Team**
- Inspire Sports Academy - Girlguiding - And More!**



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