

St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

Jesus said, 'I am the vine and you are the branches'



Friday 16th May
2025

Congratulations to our fabulous, hard-working Y6s who showed courage and resilience in their SATs tests this week without a single grumble. We are very proud of you all!



Pupil quote of the week

Whilst talking about volunteers going on our school trips. One of the children said

"I'm so excited my Nanny is helping."

Another child replied **"Mummy's aren't allowed to come."**

"But Miss Dye's mummy came!" another child replied.

Attendance matters

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



Attendance for this week was a good **96.2%**

Reading at St Nic's

The Mr Men and Little Miss series by Roger Hargreaves are a great family read. Stories are simple to follow and make you chuckle as you read along. Brilliant for readers who are already decoding and working on developing their confidence and fluency in reading.

Recommended by Mrs Anderson Ages 5+



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House Points

Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
212	216	135	233

Congratulations to the Tigers

Busy Bunch

This week at Busy Bunch we drew bumblebee pictures



Coming up:

Next week's theme is the seaside.

Chestnut Class assembly

We are excited to invite EYFS parents and carers to join us on Tuesday 20th May at 9.00am



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 on Friday 23rd May.

Young Climate Warriors

In Mount Elgon, Kenya, many children travel up to 15 miles to school and whilst uniform is compulsory in primary school, shoes are not! [Check out these 'epic journeys to school'](#).

Three-quarters of children spend less time outdoors than the 60 minutes recommended by the NHS.

It's 'walk to school' week (19th-23rd May). Did you take part in '[outdoor classroom day](#)' which was last week. There's lots of scope for fun and learning outside!

Walk to school week ...

Walk to school challenge!

Cats have 4, beetles have 6, spiders have 8 – how many do you have? Make more journeys 'on foot', tackling climate change and having some fun along the way.

Cloud-spotting – what shapes and images can you see – are they moving or changing?
Whistling – try whistling an easy well-known tune, or try to copy a bird's song that you hear – keep practising it takes time!
A funny faces trail – find twigs or stones and leave them along your journey for others to find?
Dew-bathing – wake up your feet on some dewy grass?

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



A generation ago, 70% of us walked to school – now it's less than half.



www.youngclimatewarriors.org

Year 3 visit to Upton Court



Ivy – My favourite part of Upton Court was when I placed the toy mummified body into the sarcophagus.

Thomas – I liked wrapping the mummy and putting it in the sarcophagus. I also liked going into the pretend Egyptian court room.

Edith – The best bits were pretending to be in court, the mummification of the body, weighing the heart and wrapping our friends hands up in bandages.



Ark Farm Day—all classes

The PTA have kindly arranged that Ark mobile farm visit the school on Wednesday next week. We are all very excited!



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Singing competition results

EYFS and KS1 winners:
Year 2 with Monster Stomp

KS2 winners:

Year 5 with Music Hall Medley

Year 5 will perform at the summer concert (see below)



KS2 concert - Thursday 22nd May

Our KS2 concert is on Thursday at 5pm in St Nicolas Church. The children have been preparing enthusiastically and are looking forward to showcasing all the music that we enjoy in and out of school. Please don't forget to buy your tickets on [ParentPay](#). Children who are performing need to be in Church by 4.45pm in their school uniform. Children who are not in the choir will be sitting with their parents for the concert which should finish around 6 pm. We look forward to seeing you!

The winners of the KS2 singing competition – **year 5** will be singing their winning song. We hope that all the children will be able to attend.



Headteacher Awards



Chestnut: **Eleanor** for being a wonderful partner when completing country dancing. **Liliana** for showing confidence and enthusiasm during country dancing.

Elm: **Jiya** for always offering great and enthusiastic ideas in class discussions. **Edwin** for engaging well with learning about plants on our trip to Iver Environment Centre.

Ash: Henry for a wonderful detailed drawing of a castle in his history lesson that showed how castles were built to protect people! Arabelle for writing an amazing recount of our trip to Windsor Castle - adding in lots of detail!

Oak: **Xanthe** for her determination during maths this week - learning the analogue clock with both Roman numerals and to the nearest 5 minutes. **Jagger** for her excellent acting skills during our school trip to Ufton Court where she became an advisor to the Pharaoh!

Pine: **Nirvan** for excellent application of crossover dribbling skills in basketball, making sure not to double dribble. **Hazel C** for impressing us with her contributions to class discussions in all areas of learning.

Willow: **Millie** for being dedicated to her learning and showing enthusiasm for sci-fi writing this week. **Azalea** for demonstrating resilience and independence when mastering coordinates in maths

Fir: **Anabel** for her mature attitude to learning and for always going the extra mile at school and home. **Eliza** for radiating positivity and for her excellent commitment to learning.

And finally...

Members of the school council met in the sunshine to give their input into designs for an updated school logo which better reflects who we are.

Have a great weekend,

Ms Holmes and the St Nic's team





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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

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JAGUARS

LIONS

TIGERS

PUMAS



*NEW AND UNUSED ITEMS ONLY PLEASE



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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 ☀️





PTA and Community News

The PTA would love to hire a fantastic entertainer for the children at this year's summer fair — but we need your help to make it happen!

If you're happy to have an estate agent board outside your house for a few weeks, the agent will kindly donate money to our fundraiser. This will go directly towards paying for the entertainment.



The more boards we have - the more fun we can provide for the kids for free!

It's a super easy way to support the summer fair without doing a thing — and the children will love it.

Please join the WhatsApp group if you're happy to have a board and confirm your address.

Thank you so much!

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EMISMXYPWypG64A3Zpk4Ca>