

St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

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



Friday 2nd May 2025



On Tuesday, Pine Class took us on an exciting tour of 'The Year 4 Museum' in their class assembly. They presented exhibits on aspects of their learning including electricity (making switches); portraits in the style of Frieda Kahlo, What it would be like to experience a volcanic eruption, writing settings inspired by Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and told us about their residential to Ufton Court. We all enjoyed their confident performance and enthusiasm for learning. Well done to the children and the Year 4 team.

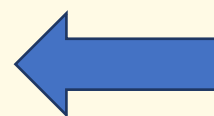
Quote of the week

'Wow, that's a lot of wishes!'

A Year 4 child noticing all the dandelion clocks on the green.

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 very good **97.1%**

Reading at St Nic's

To the children at St Nics: If you have enjoyed reading a book and want to share it in the newsletter, then please write a short book review. You will need to include:

- Name of the book and author
- Your name and class
- A brief description of why you enjoyed the book and why others should read it.

Please hand your book review to Mrs Anderson



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House Points

Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
182	292	252	203

Congratulations to the Pumas

Busy Bunch



This week at Busy Bunch we celebrated St George's Day

Coming up:

Next week's theme is Bugs.

Beautiful Gate Lesotho -update from Mrs Dobson

In March I sent £2100 to Beautiful Gate which included the proceeds of our carol singing in Tesco as well as donations from individuals and fundraising in my church. I had a lovely thank you note from them this week which I wanted to share with you.

"Please extend our heartfelt gratitude to the school and church. We truly appreciate all their support. They are literally keeping food on the table for our children!"

Open the Book

As you know we have Open the Book assemblies every Thursday morning. Our Open the Book team is quite small at the moment and we would really love to have a couple more volunteers. If you are free between 8.40 and 9.30 am on a Thursday morning and would like to be part of this amazing work of sharing Bible stories with our children we would love to hear from you. Please email Mrs Dobson via the office.

Year 5 meeting

**Wednesday 14th May at
3.45pm**

Please join us for this essential meeting to find out everything you need to know about the 11+ tests and the important-to-get-right secondary school application process.

Year 3 Swimming

Oak class were amazing for their first swimming lesson together as a class! All children became more and more confident in the water as the lesson progressed and all wanted longer in the pool.

Harper 'That lesson was so quick!' We are so proud of them all!

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Sunny weather

When we are having warmer weather, please apply a long lasting sun cream on your child every morning before school and ensure your child has a hat and water bottle. Please do not send your child into school with bottles of sun cream as we are unable to apply it. Sun glasses should only be brought into school if your child requires them for medical reasons. Please let us know if this is the case.



Playleaders

Our spring term playleaders have been training our summer playleaders. We have lunch together and discuss the games that we are going to play with KS1. Today we chose the parachute, quoits, boules as well as throwing.



Young Climate Warriors

Globally we produce over 400 million tonnes of paper and cardboard every year – over half of which is used for packaging.

The average UK family throws away 3 – 5 trees worth of paper and card every year.

Maybe printers will soon be able to 'suck the ink off paper' - becoming 'de-printers' – what do you reckon?

The Forestry Stewardship Council UK (FSC) certifies forests that are managed to strict environmental, social and economic standards, so look out for FSC-certified paper!

Taller than houses, able to live longer than humans ...

Trees are used to make paper and card - which can be found in almost every home on the planet ... books, labels, toilet paper, packaging ...

Which 3 actions will you undertake this week? ...

REDUCE - Help banish the junk mail and avoid the packaging.

REUSE - Be creative with the scrap paper, used envelopes and old magazines.

RECYCLE - Rescue the toilet roll tubes and make sure they're recycled.

RETHINK - Talk to your parent/carer/teacher about switching to recycled paper.

NO JUNK MAIL

YOUNG CLIMATE WARRIORS

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



Paper can only be recycled about 7 times – the fibres get shorter each time.



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Year 1 Bear Hunt

"We had to find letters to see what it spelt."

Neave

"I saw a claw mark on the snowstorm challenge from the bear."

Harry

"We waved ribbons around."

Megan

"I enjoyed the parachute."

Sienna

"I enjoyed the activities."

Millie

"I really enjoyed the bit where you had to try and cross the muddy stuff."

Myla

"I liked watching the movie."

Sebby



Chestnut Class Bekonscot Model Village trip

"Look....., there's a man on the toilet!"

Leo

"I liked the little doors on the houses".

Macie

"I liked going forward and backwards on the train track".

Teddie

"It was fun going on the coach."

Jenson

"It was great because I liked going there."

William



Year 5 Scratch Competition

Willow Class enjoyed some coding learning with Mr Warrington before Easter, making games for the Young Coders Competition, on the theme of 'budgeting better.' This week, we wrote some instructions for our games and uploaded them to the competition.

Good luck to everyone!



Computing News

This week we were awarded a certificate to acknowledge the work we have been doing to encourage girls in computing as part of our curriculum.

Well done to all of the children, their teachers and Mrs Flynn our computing lead.



This is to confirm that
St Nicolas' Church of England Combined School

has demonstrated their commitment to
**Improving gender balance
in computer science**

by participating in
'I Belong: encouraging girls into computer science'

Date issued
29 April 2025

Certificate number
202504-715



Headteacher Awards



Chestnut: Ammar S for fantastic behaviour, concentration and asking lots of questions during our visit to Bekonscot Model Village.

Winston for excellent observational skills and comments during our visit to Bekonscot.

Elm: Finn O'D for a great effort in class discussions and sharing geographical facts about the seaside. **Dhaani** for working hard to improve her sentence structure and handwriting.

Ash: Tristan for demonstrating outstanding resilience and perseverance this week when needing to adapt his learning and playtime habits due to his hand- you've been amazing with it Tristan!

Ines for going above and beyond in her English lessons this week and challenging herself with her Traction Man writing - her sentence openers, story ideas and use of tense has been fantastic!

Oak: Ayva for an interesting and informative fact file on Tutankhamun. **Robyn** for being an excellent role model and extremely supportive towards her peers, especially in maths this week.

Pine: Aayana for making great contributions to our PSHE discussions on what makes us all unique and yet how we are all similar. **Vincent** for increased confidence in maths, particularly with understanding tenths and hundredths.

Willow: Oliver for being increasingly resilient and progressing through tasks effectively. **Conrad** for his extensive knowledge of Gilbert and Sullivan's operettas in music this week.

Fir: Jamie for good focus in reading group and for developing independence when making inferences. **Grace** for her mature and committed attitude towards learning, both in the class and at home

And finally...

I was joined by children from Elm and Pine for hot chocolate and squash this week. It was lovely to see them getting to know each other and having fun. Halle the school therapy dog was on hand for cuddles and checking the floor for biscuit crumbs!



Wishing everyone a great weekend, **Ms Holmes and the staff team.**



PTA and Community News

The PTA is hosting a Beer Tasting Night at St Nicolas's School on Saturday, May 17, at 7 PM, and we'd love for you to join us!

There'll be amazing craft beer from local breweries, tasty food from Tomo, and a great atmosphere. It's the perfect chance to relax, try some new beers, and support the school!

□ Grab your tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/beer-tasting-evening-tickets-1299991973989>



£15 PER PERSON
FOOD AVAILABLE TO
PREORDER ONLY

Beer Tasting Evening

Gather your friends for an unforgettable social night out! Enjoy a selection of twelve unique brews, perfect for everyone to explore together. Indulge in a charcuterie board perfect for sharing, and cheers to a night of laughter, camaraderie, and great company!

ELUSIVE
BREWING



FEISTY.
BEER CO



STARDUST

INDIE
RABBLE
BREWING COMPANY



DOUBLE-BARRELLED



Food from
Tomo Tankovna
Hosted by
St Nicolas' School PTA

Beer from
Indie Rabble
Double Barrelled
Brazenor's Brews
Fiesty Beer Co
Elusive Brewing
Stardust Brewery

SATURDAY 17TH
MAY
7PM ONWARDS

Over
18's
only



PTA and Community News

Happy Bags

A huge thank you for all the Happy Bag donations you raised £208.35 !! It was a huge mountain of bags!

Look out for our next collection Thursday 10th July!



GIRLS GOLF ROCKS

Girls Golf Rocks encourages beginner girls aged 5-18 to learn and play golf in a fun and friendly way.

- £45 for for six hours activity
- No equipment required
- No experience necessary

LEARN TO PLAY GOLF IN A WAY THAT ROCKS

May Half Term

- Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th May 10:30-11:30am
- Sunday 1st June 2-4pm

Summer Holidays

- Monday 28th to Thursday 31st July 10:30-11:30am
- Sunday 3rd August 2-4pm

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