

St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

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Friday 4th April 2025

We are excited to announce that we have been awarded the status of an 'Equal Access School' by the Girls' Football School Partnership. We are so proud that so many of our pupils, both girls and boys, enjoy playing football and we are thrilled to be able to support this in PE lessons, after school clubs and with our U11 teams. If your child would like to get involved in after school football club or girl's lunchtime football club next term, please sign them up via the Maidenhead Magpies. We would love to see more girls from Chestnut class, Y1 and Y2 on a Monday after school!



"I think it's great that we can all get involved and try our best as it's a team game." **Grace**

"Who's to say some people can't play football as boys and girls all deserve a chance to play!" **Evelyn**

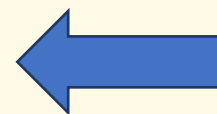
Pupil quote of the week

"Is it the weekend yet?"

A year one pupil on Monday at 10am

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 nearly there **95.3%**

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Choir of the Year Finals

Congratulations to the Y5 and Y6 choir who performed to a huge audience in Aylesbury on Monday evening in the Bucks and Oxfordshire Choir of the Year finals.

"The choir competition was amazing! We got to hear the other schools sing and it was a tough competition. " **Thea**

"It was very fun watching all the other performances from the balcony with our friends." **Matilda**

"We had so much fun yesterday listening to the other choirs and singing ourselves. We thought we did brilliantly and are really happy (although it was really HOT!)" **Lily**

Young Climate Warriors

Lichens are on the move due to climate change. Subtropical species are now being found in temperate regions.

Our Earth from space. 'Walrus detectives' are reviewing satellite images to help scientists understand more about walrus' behaviour, and the impact of climate change.

Satellite imagery is monitoring the pioneering 3,500 acre Knepp re-wilding. A remarkable story of ecosystem recovery and thriving biodiversity.

Exploring with 'different eyes'

Where will your curiosity take you? Can you explore our planet with 'different eyes' - like an astronaut, a bird, or an ant?

Raindrops dangling from moss and lichen on a wall. The crumbling bark and outstretched roots of a tree.

Explore a TINY patch of nature. Feel different textures. Close your eyes - what does it smell like? What can you hear?

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



Where will your curiosity take you?



www.youngclimatewarriors.org

Our Easter Service

It was great to see so many of you at our Easter service in church on Tuesday.

Year 3 led this special service and, after overcoming a few nerves (it is a very big church!) they told the Easter story and sang absolutely beautifully. Well done to you all!

The choir, whole school and orchestra supported Oak class brilliantly—singing the cantata and bringing the drama with their voices and the palm leaves they had made. Chestnut class enjoyed waving their palm leaves all the way through!

Thank you to Mrs Dobson for all your hard work, and all the staff who rehearsed their classes.



Busy Bunch

This week at Busy Bunch we have enjoyed playing games outside in

the sunshine.

Come and join in next term!

House Points

Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
157	188	112	198

Congratulations to the Tigers



Football tournament at Burnham Grammar

Well done to the U11 girls football team for a fabulous afternoon of football and winning the team spirit award .

Willow Class Coding



"Our day with Mr Warrington was really fun, because we got to design our own game with our own unique setting and character. We got to code our sprite to do chores for money."

Orla

"I really enjoyed Friday with Mr Warrington because we got to create fun video games!"

Kareem

"I greatly enjoyed Friday with Mr

Warrington because we got to learn new ways to code and had independent time to use the codes." **Maahi**

"On Friday, we all worked with Mr Warrington. I liked coding and making our game. My game was about a monster in a theme park fixing the rides. I hope we can meet him again." **Harley**

SEND Update

All learning plans have been updated and new targets set for next term.

If you would like to discuss anything regarding the plan, please do to contact me after the Easter Break.

Mrs Birch (SEND CO)



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 your favourite part and why others should read it.

Please hand your book review to Mrs Anderson

Y4 Upton Court Residential



'I loved sleeping in the cabin. The chariot building was amazing and the games in the woods were really fun!' **Aliza**

'I especially enjoyed the low ropes because it was team work and the boogie bash because we could play our favourite songs.' **Nirvan**

'My favourite activity was building the dens in the woods.' **Jacob B**

'We liked using the sandpit and doing the boogie bash.' **Amos**



'I loved the animals and putting on the waders was a highlight. The Boogie Bash was absolutely fantastic.' **Charlie**



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Headteacher Awards

Chestnut: **Amar H** for his amazing ideas when writing independently during phonics. **Teddie** for learning the words to the Easter songs and singing with such enthusiasm.



Elm: **Jack** for taking pride in his work and showing an exceptional standard of presentation. **Hannah** for producing a high standard of written work across the term using conjunctions, exclamation marks and question marks.

Ash: **Grace** for the amazing logo she designed and created for her superhero cape. **Hakeem** for always being kind, caring and helpful to others.

Oak: **Sam** for his excellent recall of knowledge of 'The Carnival of the Animals' in music. **Hari B** for his participation and clear delivery of lines in the Easter service.

Pine: **Humza** for a great first week in Pine class, making friends and learning new routines. **Nikolas** for showing maturity through his kindness to others when they needed a helping hand.

Willow: **Ivy** for being an independent learner, demonstrating a growth mindset and being a supportive friend this week. **Rajan** for mastering line graphs and supporting his fellow mathematicians this week.

Fir: **Oscar** for completing his practice assessments so well with an injured hand. **Jack** for settling well to work and demonstrating great behaviour for learning.

And finally...

Term begins on **Tuesday 22nd April** and it will be **walk, scoot or cycle to school** week. The Eco-Council will lead an Earth Day assembly and pit the classes against each other in this climate change challenge to reduce car journeys and enjoy some fresh air. Please support this if you can by walking, scooting or cycling. For those who come from further afield, you might like to 'park and stride'.



Wishing you all a Happy Easter!

Ms Holmes and the staff team



PTA and Community News

PTA—Beer tasting Event Saturday 17th May

SAT 17TH MAY



BEER TASTING

ST NICOLAS' SCHOOL, TAPLOW

£15 PER PERSON 18+ ONLY

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED EVENING FEATURING SIX LOCAL BREWERIES, SHARING STORIES AND SERVING UP TWO BEERS EACH— THAT'S TWELVE UNIQUE BREWS TO TASTE!

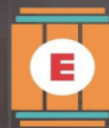
MEET THE MAKERS, DISCOVER NEW FAVOURITES, AND RAISE A GLASS TO GREAT LOCAL BEER.



TOMO TANKOVNA WILL BE SERVING UP TASTY SNACKS THAT GO GREAT WITH A COLD BEER!

*SERVING SIZE 100ML EACH

ELUSIVE BREWING



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INDIE RABBLE BREWING COMPANY



7PM ONWARDS



The PTA are 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>

Tickets are limited, so don't miss out!

Have a great weekend,

The PTA



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ST NICOLAS LUNCHTIME & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

UNITED AS ONE



DAY/CLUB	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL
Monday 28th April to 7th July	CHESS YR 3-6	FOOTBALL YR R, 1 & 2	
Thursday 24th April to 10th July	LEGO YR R, 1 & 2	NETBALL YR 3-6	FOOTBALL YR 3-6
Friday 25th April to 11th July	GIRLS FOOTBALL YR 3-6	DODGEBALL YR R-6	

Note - Excludes 5th and 26th May Bank Holidays

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 CODES AND TYPE ST NICOLAS FOR FURTHER
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Happy School Bags

**Great news, the next collection of Happy School Bags is
Tuesday 29th April

They will collect from St Nic's so take this fantastic opportunity to throw in a black bag all those worn or outgrown clothes, declutter & sort through those wardrobes making room for new clothes! Include any school shoes too small from last term, high heels you will never wear again after years in trainers, worn or too small clothes no longer required. Fill as many black bags as you can and drop to the school

Reminder: they re-use all items and pay us per kilo - so the heavier the items, the more our School will get paid.

The School cannot accept bags before Collection day but PTA members will be at the school gates that morning from 8.15am to receive your bags.

Items accepted:

- clothing (not badged uniform or underwear)
- paired shoes
- console games
- souvenirs
- handbags
- belts
- hats
- accessories
- jewellery
- toiletries
- perfume

