



St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

Living and learning together with God

Friday 30th January 2026



Oak Class Assembly

Well done, Oak class, for a super assembly showcasing your learning. What a great start you have made to KS2! We were all impressed by your confident speaking, expressive writing and teamwork.

Pupil use of mobile phones in school

After a recent review of our Online Safety Policy, we have updated guidelines regarding pupil use of mobile phones in school. With strong parent support for our autumn term Y6 trial, the following rules are now in effect:

- Pupils are not allowed to bring internet-connected mobile devices to school. This applies to clubs before or after school and any school-organized activities.
- Year 6 pupils with written permission to walk home may bring a non-internet-connected "brick" phone if their parents apply in writing. These phones must be switched off and handed in upon entering school and will be securely kept until the end of the day. "Brick" phones may not be used during school hours.

Our policies are on the

[website:https://www.stnicolastaplow.com/attachments/download.asp?file=158&type=pdf](https://www.stnicolastaplow.com/attachments/download.asp?file=158&type=pdf)



House Points

Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
306	206	301	305

Well done Jaguars!

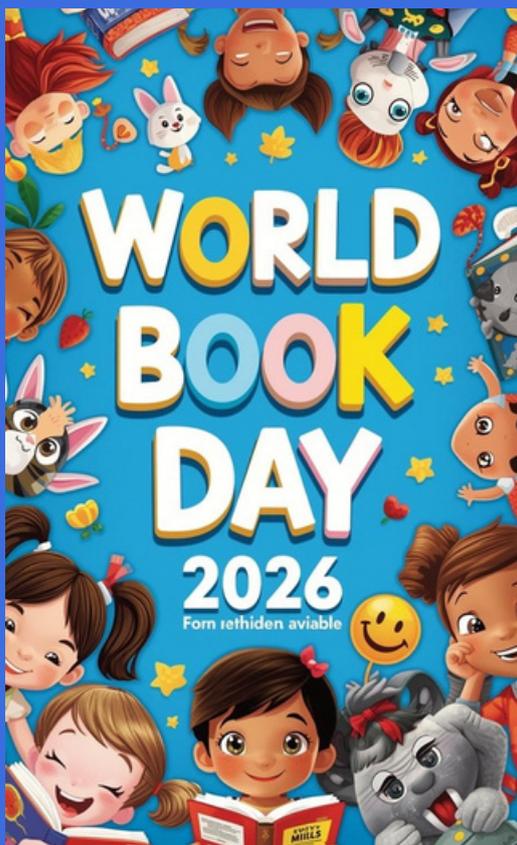
Quote of the week

Teacher to Chestnut class child:

“Did you push in the lunch queue?”

Child:

“No, my legs just moved quicker!”



World Book Day

World Book Day is on **Thursday 5th March 2026.**

This year, we are asking children and staff to dress up as a word, or a character from a story.

As always we look forward to seeing the ideas the children come up with – the best costumes are often the simplest!

Wear Your Scarf Day -Friday 13th February

SCARF - Safety Caring Achievement Resilience Friendship

The five essential values that support mental health and wellbeing!

THIS IS MY PLACE



Children's Mental Health Week 9 -15th February

The theme this year for Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week is **'This is My Place'** which is based around belonging and how we can feel a sense of belonging and help others feel like they belong. We have already started this term thinking about what belonging means to us. What does it mean for you?

Check out the [2025 Earthshot Prize winner: Lagos Fashion Week!](#)

Clothing is currently responsible for 9% of global carbon emissions ... and increasing each year.

Choosing an 'organic' cotton T-shirt, is said to create 40% less carbon emissions than a 'regular' T-shirt.

This [TED-ed talk](#) 'lifecycle of a T-shirt' explains how T-shirts are made, and their impact on our environment.

'We need to move away from our 'take-make-waste' system 'to build a circular fashion industry... what could you design differently?'

An infographic with a green background. At the top, it lists actions: 'Swapping, patching, borrowing, altering, mending, re-designing, dyeing'. Below this, it states 'A 1/4 of clothes in UK wardrobes haven't been worn in the last year!' and 'Dig deep, rummage around, and maybe you'll find some surprises!'. It then says 'It's time to tidy your cupboard ... help tackle fast fashion ... and climate change.' and 'If it still fits - great!! If there's a tear or a stain - can you mend it, patch it or even tie-dye it? If it's too small, pass it on - to a cousin, neighbour, friend?'. On the right, there is a photo of a protest with a blue t-shirt that says 'WHO MADE ME?' and a white t-shirt that says 'LOVE ME LONGER'. At the bottom right is the 'YOUNG CLIMATE WARRIORS' logo. At the bottom, a dark purple banner says 'When you've completed this challenge ... Remember to hit the red button!' with a red button icon.



100 billion items of clothing are produced every year – nearly 14 items for every human on the planet!



Chestnut Class



Chestnut class have had a fabulous time learning how to look after animals in their veterinary surgery.

Parent Meetings



What: Parents' meetings and optional SEND appts

When: Tuesday 3rd March 2026 1.30-7.30pm

Where: school hall

Booking opens via Arbor on Monday 9th February at 8am

Bookings close on Sunday 1st March

Birthday Books



Thank you for the birthday books for the library! Purchasing a book for your child's birthday means a special sticker goes inside the book with your child's name on. Their birthday is also shared in assembly with the book being shown to the school. I can't tell you how excited the children are when they see another child taking out their book! Our birthday book wishlist can be found on our English page of the school website <https://www.stnicolastaplow.com/birthday-book-list/> The photo is just a few of the books we have had so far this year.

Football news



On Thursday the U11 boys played a very cold match against Iver Village in muddy, sticky conditions! Although they were the better team for most of the game they did unfortunately lose 2-1 but represented the school fantastically and played some great football.

Headteacher's Awards



Well done to everyone who received an award in celebration assembly today!

Chestnut: **Tommie** for showing respect and being an excellent role model whilst tidying up the role play area. **Sienna** for her wonderful ideas and use of language in our veterinary surgery.

Elm: **Macie** for putting a huge amount of effort into her learning and always trying her best. **Leo** for calm sensible behaviour and always being quick to respond to the stop sign and listen well.

Ash: **Elodie** for demonstrating a super understanding of finding different ways to show the same amount of money in maths. **Aidan** for his amazing vocabulary choices when writing about our favourite moon character: Bob!

Oak: **Max** for showing clear working out to demonstrate his thinking when solving word problems in maths. **Betsy** for showing increased resilience and using check lists to help her to include all required features in her writing.

Pine: **Harry** for for being a supportive peer, not only to his class but to younger children in the school. **Akaal** for a super explanation of how to do basic division in maths.

Willow: **Nikolas** for being a critical thinker across the curriculum and offering answers in assembly.

Harry for showing dedication to the library and respect for every aspect of school life.

Fir: **Oliver** for superb, well-structured, home learning spelling sentences, full of interesting vocabulary. **James** for well-considered, effective vocabulary and sentence structure when writing about 'The Piano'.

And finally...

We are all excited to be moving into February, with it's lighter mornings and the first signs of spring. We hope you can enjoy some time outdoors this weekend,

Ms Holmes and the staff



PTA and community news

Quiz Night is back!

After such a brilliant night last time, we're doing it all again — expect laughs, friendly competition, and a great excuse for a fun night out with friends. No quiz expertise required, just come along and enjoy!

Book your place here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/quiz-night-2026-tickets-1977607221435>



St Nics' Quiz Night

**Friday
27th February**

at St Nicolas' School Hall
Doors open at: 7pm
Quiz starts at: 7:30pm

Drinks bar available

Quiz Host - Danny O'Reilly

For tickets & further
information scan the QR code!



Over 18s only

£5 per person

6 people per team. If you have a
set team please book 6 at 1 time.

Why not order yourself a pizza?

Our amazing friends over at

PAPA JOHNS®

will be available to deliver you
a tasty pizza whilst you quiz
the night away!

PIZZAS need to be pre ordered via our eventbrite link

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're reaching out as the PTA to ask for your support with our school lottery, which plays an important role in helping fund activities, resources, and opportunities for our children.

Since its launched in 2022 its raised over £6,000 for the school AND we have had a weekly winner! That's pretty amazing!

At the moment, ticket numbers are very low, and unfortunately this means we may have to close the lottery altogether if numbers don't increase.

The great news is that the lottery really is a win-win:

It takes no effort at all to take part

You're entered into a weekly £25,000 draw

Every week, someone connected to our school is guaranteed to win

There are also fantastic Super Draw prizes

Most importantly, it directly supports our school and our children

You can sign up yourself or share the lottery with friends and family — every ticket helps keep it running and supporting our children.

If you're able to join, we'd be extremely grateful. Your support truly makes a difference.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-nicolas-church-of-england-combined-school>

Thank you for taking the time to read this and for supporting our school community.

Warm wishes,

The PTA Team

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Super Draw
Win a £1,000 Aldi Gift Card
OR £1,000 CASH PRIZE

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YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY



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Discover our FREE rail safety videos and keep your children safe by visiting railsafefriendly.com

THE RAIL SAFE FRIENDLY PROGRAMME

The Rail Safe Friendly programme has educated over **3 million young people** on the dangers of the railways.



DON'T LET YOUR CHILDREN BECOME THE NEXT STATISTIC



"I implore you to listen to Harrison's story"

Simon Frazer, Principal, Guilsborough Academy

According to the **ORR Report**, April 23 – March 24 on UK railways:

12

people died in accidents while trespassing

58%

were struck by a train or tram

42%

were electrocuted

According to **Rail Safe Friendly**, July 25:

120+

companies support the programme

11,000+

schools in the UK have engaged

20,000+

UK schools still need to be reached

BASKETBALL CLUB



*£7 per session
First one FREE!*

Boys & girls | All abilities welcome

Tuesdays (term-time only)

Year 3&4 5-6pm **Year 5&6** 6-7pm

Year 7-11 7-8pm

Beechwood School, Long Readings Lane, Slough SL2 1QE

**For information call Lorien on 07703 056303
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BOYS & GIRLS AGES 7-17
SATURDAYS 1-2.30PM
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME! £7 PER SESSION



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