



St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

Living and learning together with God

Friday 6th February 2026



Year 5 visit Maidenhead Mosque - see p6



2026 Year of Reading

Why do we want our children to read for pleasure?

When I read for 'pleasure':

- my comprehension skills improve
- my ability to think critically improves
- my vocabulary is richer
- my social interactions improve
- my emotional wellbeing is enhanced
- my behaviour can improve
- I learn more about the world and about myself.

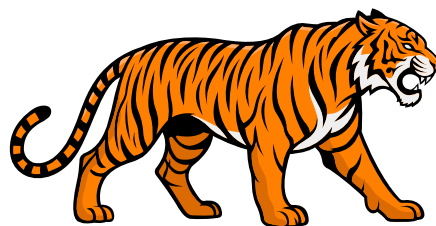




House Points

Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
201	183	185	218

Well done Tigers!



Overheard this week...

Year 1 to Mrs Shephard and Mrs Malynn on returning from Chertsey Museum:

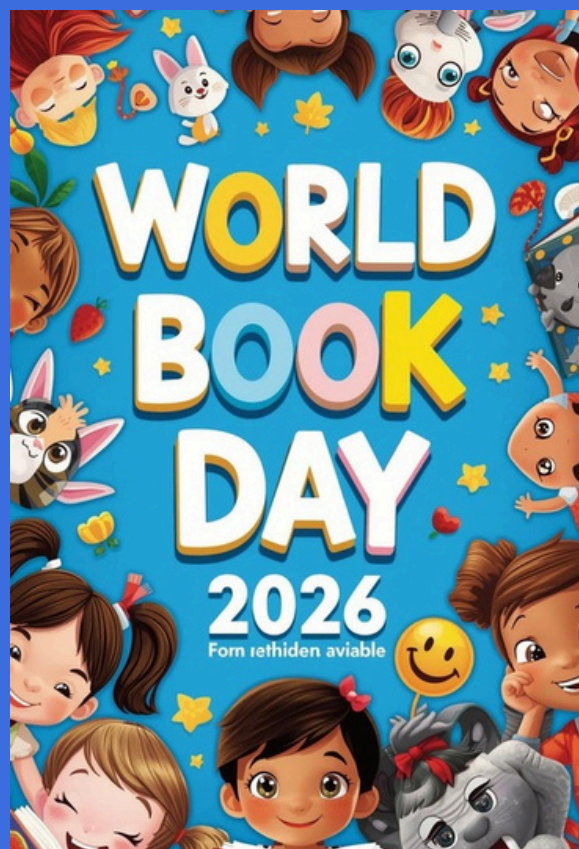
"When can we go on our next trip?"

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!



Year 1 Visit Chertsey Toy Museum



Elm class had a fabulous day exploring toys from the past at Chertsey Toy Museum.



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?



Autism support

No parent needs to walk alone in their autism parenting journey.

If you are a parent or carer who has had a child diagnosed (or suspected) with autism or PDA, please look at

www.autismfamilysupportservice.com

where you can sign up to join the FREE monthly online You Are Not Alone drop-in sessions.

They take place every 1st Tuesday of the month from 7pm - 8.30pm via Zoom.

Arbor

We kindly ask you to take a moment to log in to your child's Arbor details and review the information we have on file, particularly the contact numbers. It's essential that we have the correct details for smooth communication regarding your child.

If you notice any discrepancies or need to make updates, please ensure you do so at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.



Parent Meetings

What: Parents' meetings and optional SEND appts

When: Tuesday 3rd March 2026 1.30-7.30pm

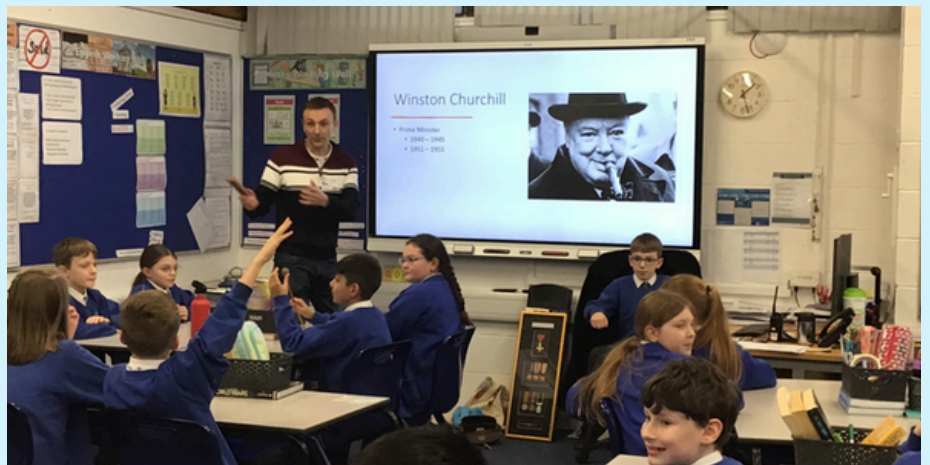
Where: school hall

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

Bookings close on Sunday 1st March

Fir Class

On Tuesday Mr Knowles kindly visited year 6 to talk about his father's experiences in WW2 and to show the children some fascinating artefacts. Matthew's Grandpa was awarded the OBE for services in Trieste.



CERTIFICATE OF SUPPORT

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

St Nicolas' CE Combined School

Supports Safer Internet Day

10th February 2026

#SaferInternetDay



saferinternetday.org.uk

Willow Class

Willow class enjoyed a trip to Maidenhead Mosque on Thursday, where they were treated to a tour of the building, some learning about Islamic culture and a Q&A session. The children asked some fantastic questions and Enes even got to read a passage from the Qur'an in Arabic. The feedback from staff was that year 5 were "some of the best behaved children with the best questions!"

"I learnt that there is a special chair called the Minbar where the Imam sits." **Aliza**

"A lot more people than I expected attend the mosque every day - more than 200!" **Dolly-Belle**

"I learned that the tiles around the Qiblah wall and some other materials were sourced and brought over from Muslim countries such as Turkey." **Grayson**

"I didn't know that the first prayer of the day was so early!" **Humza**



Headteacher's Awards

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

Chestnut: **Rosie** for fantastic use of her phonics to carefully write letters. **Max A** for super progress in phonics.



Elm: **Jayden** for care and attention when writing a letter of apology from the Big Bad Wolf and using his phonics words in his writing. **River** for engaging well in science this week and talking confidently about different materials.

Ash: **Rudi** for being inspired by our author visit to write his own story which he brought in to share with the class. **Max** for his diligent work in maths: using number lines to work out how to find the correct change in money problems.

Oak: **Archie** for perseverance and increased confidence with showing his comprehension skills when reading;

Bobby for thinking outside the box when it came to designing his own magnetic game and then making it come to life.

Pine: **Violet** for her effort in all aspects of her work this week and also for showing kindness to others on the playground. **Jimmy** for excellent use of punctuation in his non-fiction writing.

Willow: **Harley** for producing an excellently written diary entry for home learning this week. **Jakob** for working hard on his presentation and writing skills across all subjects.

Fir: **Bella** for fantastic home reading, which is helping her to develop good writing skills. **Dara** for developing a super attitude to learning and for taking a more active role in class discussions

And finally, we celebrated Candlemas with a new prayer:

It's a new day, 24 hours of it.

Time to go for a walk, time to play with our friends, time to ask questions, time to think and be quiet.

Time to try something new.

It's a new day, walk beside us God.

Enjoy the day with us, we want to share it with you.

Happy weekend from all of us at St Nic's





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:

[ps://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/quiz-night-2026-tickets-1977607221435](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/quiz-night-2026-tickets-1977607221435)

Trivia & Toppings
Quiz night

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 JOHN'S** 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.

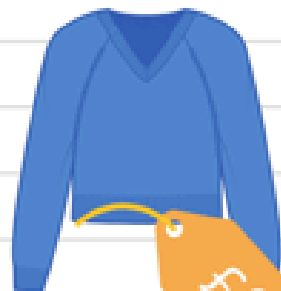
Warm wishes,

The PTA Team





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View live stock and order online

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<https://stnicolaspta.sumupstore.com/products?category=c53ae07f-9352-4172-b631-1cce1725c074&page=1>



**PLEASE ONLY DONATE
ITEMS ON THIS LIST!**

Preloved Uniform - Items we need:



School V-Neck Jumpers (with any vine logo)

- 3-4y, 7-8y, 9-10y, XXS (11-12y) & XS (13-14y)



School Cardigans (with any vine logo)

- 3-4y, 5-6y, 9-10y XXS (11-12y) & XS (13-14y)



School Polo Shirts (with logo)

- All Sizes



PE Joggers

- 5-6y, 7-8y, 9-10y, XXS (11-12y), XS (13-14y)



PE Shorts

- 3-4y, 9-10y, XS (13-14y)



Summer Dresses

- All Sizes **EXCEPT** 6-7y, 9-10y, 12-13y



Grey School Trousers

- All Sizes **EXCEPT** 6-7y & 7-8y



Grey School Skirts & Shorts

- All Sizes



Grey School Dresses

- 3-4y, 10-11y, 12-13y



School Book Bags

Please ensure items are:

- ✓ Clean (washed with no stains)
- ✓ In good condition (no chewed cuffs, worn knees/elbows etc)
- ✓ Complete (all buttons & zips!)