



# St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

Living and learning together with God

Friday 13th February 2026



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## Y6 WWII Week

Year 6 have been immersed in WW2 this week. We were fortunate to have a guest speaker from Generation2Generation, a Holocaust Education Charity, to share the story of her incredibly brave Jewish mother, who by sheer determination, managed to come to Taplow to escape the alternative of staying in Nazi Germany.

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# House Points

## Year 2 Assembly

We are excited to invite Ash class parents and carers to join us on Tues 10th March at 9.00am

Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
207	202	173	259

Well done Tigers!

## World Book Day voucher

Your child will bring home a £1 World Book Day voucher today. These are available to spend from Thursday 12th February. They can be spent in Asda, Sainsburys, Tesco, Waterstones, The Works – to name a few!



**WORLD BOOK DAY™**  
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All freebies up for grabs! See website for entry.

## Threadworms

We have been made aware of cases of threadworm in the school. Please check and treat your child as soon as possible to prevent further spread. We are encouraging the children to wash their hands regularly and not put their hands in their mouths.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/#:~:text=If%20you%20or%20your%20child,off%20nursery%2C%20school%20or%20work> 2



## TOP TIPS FROM OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ON HOW TO HELP THEM FEEL A SENSE OF BELONGING

- Parents, Carers or Community Groups can help belonging by asking questions about things they see us becoming passionate about.
- By checking in with you, providing support and making you feel safe and important.
- By being there and being happy
- By doing things that make you feel happy and safe
- Letting us choose our likes and interests and letting us explore new things.
- Parents taking time to listen and speak to us, reassure us.
- Making a comfortable, welcoming place for us.



## A FEW MORE FROM US:

Parents and carers can foster belonging by **providing a loving and consistent family environment**, encouraging strong connections with peers and other trusted adults, and collaborating with school. A child's sense of belonging starts at home and expands to include the wider community.

**Emphasise positive, trusting relationships.** Create a loving, secure base by being available, emotionally supportive, and consistent. Simple acts, like listening without judgment, sharing smiles, or offering hugs, help build trust and intimacy.

### **Show them you know and value them.**

Notice your child's personality and unique talents, and cheer for their achievements, no matter how small. This boosts their confidence and sense of self-worth.

**Establish family rituals.** Create a sense of security and connection through routines and traditions. These can be as simple as making a favourite meal, sharing stories in the evening, or having a special way of saying goodbye.

### **Encourage open communication.**

Create a safe space where our children and young people can share their thoughts and feelings without fear of judgment. Talk to them about what belonging means and encourage them to explore their feelings when they feel included or excluded, using curiosity and open questions.

### **Embrace and celebrate heritage**

to keep our children connected to their roots. This is a powerful way to strengthen their sense of self and belonging.



# Wear Your Scarf Day -Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

**SCARF** - Safety Caring Achievement Resilience Friendship

The five essential values that support mental health and wellbeing!



## *Chestnut Class*

Happy Lunar New Year from Chestnut class.



# Reward Afternoon Tea





An afternoon tea at Taplow House was a fabulous reward for seven children from year 6 for their effort, focus and attitude in running the games at the Christmas fair. A big thank you to Taplow House and the PTA, the children had an amazing time!

A snowdrop's scientific name is Galanthus, which translates as 'milk flower'. Left undisturbed - preferably in light soil and partial shade - a single snowdrop bulb can multiply to many hundreds within ten years.

**Climate change is lengthening the 'growing season'. In many regions, Spring now arrives around two weeks earlier, and autumn two weeks later than a few decades ago.**

[#ShowTheLove2026](#) is organised by The Climate Coalition - representing over 100 organisations, and over 22 million individuals. Young Climate Warriors is proud to be a member!



**#ShowTheLove2026 throughout February: add your own  green heart  to the heart of this UK-wide wave of hope and connection.**



## Let's go on a treasure hunt ... 'X marks the spot'

'X marks the spot!' Find these stashes of treasure, buried underground since last Spring (leave for others to enjoy!).

- X - dainty dancing snowdrops
  - X - gold or amethyst crocuses
  - X - bluebell shoots just emerging
  - X - daffodil green leaves, and maybe the odd trumpet in bloom
- Draw a treasure map giving clues as to where you can find them?

♥#ShowTheLove2026♥ - create a 'green heart', take a photo and share it with others.

When you've completed this challenge ... email [hello@youngclimatewarriors.org](mailto:hello@youngclimatewarriors.org)



## Fir Class - WW2 week

' Learning about the Holocaust taught me a lot about accepting people's different beliefs and ethnicities. I feel I have learned a lot about how it is important to make sure it never happens again.' **Theo**

After a learning about WW2 this half term, Y6 spent the day as evacuees. They looked fantastic and got into role very quickly. We really enjoyed spending Thursday 12th February 1940 with them. This is what they had to say.

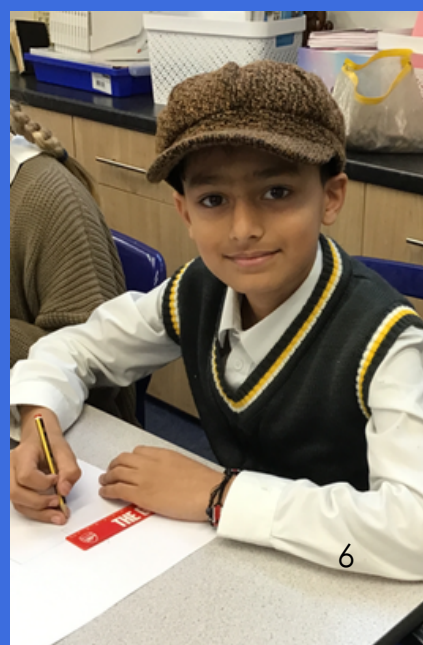
'I really enjoyed everything about WW2 day: the dressing up, the code breaking and the fun art. Overall it was a lovely day and I enjoyed all the facts.' **Maahi**

' It was incredibly realistic and quite surprising at times due to the air raids. I loved it from the assigned housing, to the fantastic code breaking. I won't forget the advert we made for what to do in an air raid.' **Orla**

'Today helped me to see things differently and learned a lot about how people would have felt being treated differently.' **Emmie**

'It was a really fun day; from dressing up, to code cracking and going to our new homes.' **Azalea**

'Acting and pretending to be in an air raid was really fun and I learned a lot of facts in codebreaking.' **Maia**



# Year 2 Assembly

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## Busy Bunch

Busy Bunch had a wonderful morning on Thursday using the new Kurling set. Even Halle joined in!



## Parents meetings

What: Parents' meetings and optional SEND appts

When: Tuesday 3rd March 2026 1.30-7.30pm

Where: school hall

Booking now open on Arbor

Bookings close on Sunday 1st March

# Headteacher's Awards

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

Chestnut: **Olivia** for working so hard to make a Chinese lantern and helping others. **Ethan** for great concentration whilst making his Chinese dragon.



Elm: **Ammar S** for improved focus in class and a wonderful effort this week across all subjects. **Caleb** for having a wonderful attitude to learning and being a fantastic role model in Elm class with his wonderful manners.

Ash: **Harry** for always demonstrating kindness towards others. **Finn C** for his wonderful sentences he created when describing Amelia Earhart's journey.

Oak: **Jessica** for using scientific language to explain how the poles of a magnet attract and repel each other. **Tilly** for great partner work on solving riddles in English and coming up with some great ideas for creating her own riddles.

Pine: **Ronan** for his concentration in art to produce a wonderful landscape background. **Hugo** for his work in History explaining who Boudicca was.

Willow: **Grayson** for creating an excellent madrigal in music this week and asking very thoughtful questions on our trip to Maidenhead Mosque. **George** for showing a strong growth mindset, bringing him excellent outcomes in maths and spellings.

Fir: **Joshua** for thoughtful contributions when our guest speaker visited from The Holocaust Foundation. **Matthew** for consistently excellent home reading since the start of Year 6, which has had a positive impact on his writing.

*And finally..*

Have a lovely half term! Tuesday brings the Lunar New Year, the start of Ramadan and Shrove Tuesday. Hopefully followed by some sunshine!

*Ms Holmes and the team*



## 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