

# St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

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## Friday 14th March 2025

**A HUGE 'thank you' to the PTA for our wonderful new computers.** The first classes have used them today and can't believe how fast they are!



### Pupil quote of the week

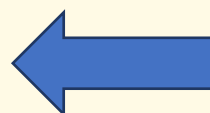
In tennis!

I don't have a partner and neither does J. !!!

|      |                  |
|------|------------------|
| 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 needs to improve **94.5%**



### Year 2 assembly

We are excited to invite year 2 parents and carers to join us on

**Tuesday 25th March  
at 9.00am**

### Lent Project 2025

Please use the following link to see our Lent project:

[Spirituality and wellbeing | St Nicolas' Church of England Combined School](#)

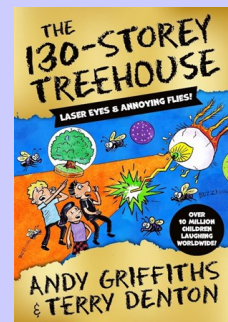
### Reading at St Nic's

**'The 130-Storey Treehouse'** by Andy Griffiths

*'It's about three boys living in a treehouse and doing super crazy things.'*

Reviewed by Kamran, Willow Class

Suitable for ages 7+



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## House Points

| Jaguars | Pumas | Lions | Tigers |
|---------|-------|-------|--------|
| 365     | 385   | 364   | 312    |

Congratulations to the Pumas

## Busy Bunch

This week at Busy Bunch we made sun catchers.



### Coming up:

Next week's theme is Red Nose Day.

## Water Safety

PCSO Angela O'Connell came in to speak to the year 5 & 6 children regarding water safety and asked that we share the following information with you

[Be #Waterwise this Summer](#)

## Keeping Children Safe

We have updated the curriculum computing page of our website with more [online safety guides](#) for gaming and social media platforms.

## Young Climate Warriors

Oceans have absorbed 90% of the heat caused by climate change since the 1970s.

Check out these 'UK Ocean Entrepreneur' projects:

[Notpla](#) - packaging from seaweed

[Aird Fada](#) - seaweed farming

[Odyssey Innovations](#) - recycles retrieved marine plastics.

[UK Seagrass project](#) (scroll down for video)

Over 14 million tons of plastic end up in the ocean every year. Check out [The Ocean Cleanup](#) - who are developing and scaling technologies to rid the oceans of plastic.

Magnificent, mighty and marvellous!

Our oceans are suffering from climate change - they are warming, becoming more acidic, and sea ice is melting - in addition to overfishing and plastic pollution. Our oceans also offer MANY SOLUTIONS.

Check out some pioneering, entrepreneurial projects - recycling retrieved marine plastic, making plastic alternatives from seaweed, restoring UK seagrass, seaweed farming ...

Help our oceans by helping your family to reduce your household plastics this week!

YOUNG CLIMATE WARRIORS

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



Seagrass meadows, salt marshes, and mangrove swamps absorb more carbon per hectare than the Amazon rainforest - this is referred to as ['Blue Carbon'](#).



[www.youngclimatewarriors.org](http://www.youngclimatewarriors.org)

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## Year 5 Assembly

Willow Class thoroughly enjoyed presenting their assembly to everyone this week, showcasing all the hard work they have put in this year so far. Thank you for attending if you made it and thank you all for your support and encouragement - what a team!



## BBC 500 Words

The children and staff have been celebrating a huge delivery of 500 beautiful books as a prize in the BBC500 Words story-writing competition. Each class had a chance to browse some of the books and everyone is looking forward to being able to borrow them from the library. Well done!!!



## Superstars Day at Davenies



"I liked how we had to work together to get points." Charlie

"I enjoyed racing Charlie in the snake slalom and basket ball, I basically enjoyed everything!"  
Hazel C



Well done to the whole team!

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## Comic Relief – Red Nose Day Friday 21st March



At St Nics' on Friday you will be allowed to wear or have **One** item that is red with your school uniform. You do not need to buy anything.

It could be a **red** hair band, a **red** nose that's painted/make up, a **red** hat/scarf, **red** socks, a **red** painted finger nail, or other fun ideas you may have.

**Donate** coins you would like to go to Comic Relief on the school gate on the day.

## Play leaders in action!





## Headteacher Awards



**Chestnut: Sohn** for being so helpful this week, especially when tidying up the paints. **Carter** for his wonderful ideas and use of imagination in his version of the story 'Tiddler'.

**Elm: Evie H** for showing initiative to help others and helping to keep the classroom tidy and organised. **Aidan** for great focus with his learning and always trying his best.

**Ash: Oliver** for spotting patterns and related number sentences when learning about the 2, 5 and 10 tables over the week and being able to explain his thinking to the class. **Billy** for writing a letter in role as a very grumpy chair to Ash Class! He was very persuasive with his ideas.

**Oak: Oliver** for his excellent performance skills during our poetry competition rehearsals. **Rafe** for his dedication to learning his number bonds and persevering successfully with fractions

**Pine: Enes** for confidence when identifying equivalent fractions and noticing links between fractions. **Jakob C** for working hard on his atlas skills to find mountain ranges in geography.

**Willow: Josh** for learning his lines for our class assembly and delivering them with confidence and precision. **Thea** for demonstrating resilience, working through illness to maintain her high standards in everything.

**Fir: Max** for giving 100% attention and effort in lessons and for careful presentation. **Louis** for being a responsible member of Year 6 in work and attitude, always going the extra mile.

## And finally...

Key stage 2 have been practising their performances for the Poetry by Heart competition. They are all very competitive—please ask your child all about their poem!

Enjoy the weekend,

*Ms Holmes and the team*



## PTA and Community News

✨ Only 8 tickets left! ✨

Looking for the perfect treat for yourself or a loved one? Our Wellness Night on March 21st is the ultimate way to unwind, refresh, and recharge!

- A Thoughtful Gift for Mother's Day – Show someone you care with an evening of relaxation and self-care.
- New Year, New Energy – Start 2025 feeling your best with a night designed to nourish your mind and body.
- Supporting a Great Cause – Your ticket helps raise funds for the school PTA!
- Date: **Friday, 21st March 2025**
- Location: **St Nicolas's School Hall**
- Tickets: **£20pp**

Bring a friend, treat a loved one, or enjoy some well deserved 'me time'. Don't miss out - secure your spot today!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-nicolas-pta-wellness-workshop-tickets-1219094567669>

**WELLNESS WORKSHOP**

Relax, Recharge, and Renew with

REKINDLE WELLNESS

Join us for a peaceful two-hour wellness experience designed to calm your mind and rejuvenate your spirit. Immerse yourself in the soothing vibrations of a sound bath and the heart-opening warmth of a cacao ceremony.

For a truly transformative experience, 9 guests will also have the opportunity to participate in a powerful 9D breathing exercise with **Kelly @ Healing Healers** —an energizing journey for body and mind. Look out for the special 9D tickets!

Spaces are limited to 30 guests, so don't miss your chance to unwind in a serene, supportive space.

Where possible, please bring a mat, pillow and blanket to use during the soundbath ceremony

FRIDAY 21ST MARCH  
6:30PM-8:30PM

**£20 pp\***

St Nicolas' School Hall  
Rectory Road, Taplow, SL6 0ET  
Parking available in village hall car park

\*In order to create a more relaxing atmosphere, we will be implementing an age restriction of 16 and older for this event.