

St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

Jesus said, 'I am the vine and you are the branches'



Friday 7th March 2025

A huge thank you to Mrs Mills for knitting EVERY child in the school a bookmark to take home. They were gratefully received by the children on World Book Day!

Children in Y1-6 have all brought home a copy of the updated home-school agreement. They have been asked to read through their section with their parent or carer and give it their best signature, along with yours once you have read the rest of the agreement. This replaces the previous version in the planners. Please return the slip on Monday for our records. Thank you.

First class to return all slips wins an extra playtime!

<https://www.stnicolastaplow.com/home-school-agreement/>

Pupil quote of the week

A year 2 pupil when talking about Lent.

"We've got to give things up for Lent, I'm thinking cabbage, broccoli and school!"

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 good **96.3%**

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.

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House Points

Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
327	275	224	224

Congratulations Jaguars!

Busy Bunch

This week at Busy Bunch we decorated pancakes.



Coming up:

Next week's theme is Spring.

Year 1 phonics screening check information session

Parents and carers of Elm class pupils are invited to attend a phonics information session in the Year 1 classroom on

**Wednesday 12th March
3.30pm — 3.50pm**

Year 5 assembly

We are excited to invite year 5 parents and carers to join us on

Tuesday 11th March at 9.00am

Young Climate Warriors

Every 1.5 millionths of a second, the sun releases more energy than all humans consume in an entire year.

600 million people in Africa don't yet have access to electricity in their homes. There's a huge potential for solar energy to help improve living standards. Check out this [SolarAid](#) project.

There are many amazing solar projects – here are a few of the more unusual ones:

[India – solar-powered ironing cart](#)
[UK – street turns into a power station](#)
[Thailand – one of the world's largest floating solar farms.](#)



Light zapper challenge!

It takes 8.3 minutes ... what could you do in that time?

It takes 8.3 minutes for the sun's light to reach our earth – that is a long time, it is a long way away – yet provides us with light and heat – perfect for life on EARTH.

This week become the family 'light zapper' – rely on the sun's light in the morning, instead of the electric lights? And 'zap' the lights that get left on even when they're not needed. Cut carbon emissions by cutting electricity use!

Check out some solar energy projects?



YOUNG CLIMATE WARRIORS

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



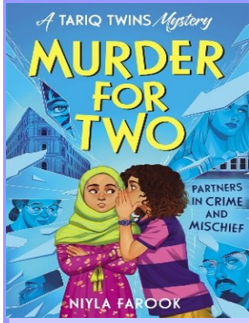
Lighting accounts for nearly 5% of global carbon emissions – LEDs can achieve 50-70% savings.



www.youngclimatewarriors.org

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Reading at St Nic's

'Murder for Two' by Niyla Farook

Recommended by Mrs Warrington.
Suitable for ages 9+



Year 5 & 6 choir

Well done to the Year 5 & 6 choir for reaching the finals of the Bucks and Oxon choir of the year. The competition takes place in Aylesbury on the 31st March .

Ash Class visits Priory Gardens

This week, Ash Class visited Priory Gardens to spot signs of spring and to signal Easter is approaching.

"I saw a caterpillar," **Freddie**

"We saw daffodils," **Grace**

"There were buds on trees,"
Max

"We saw a bee," **Dennis**

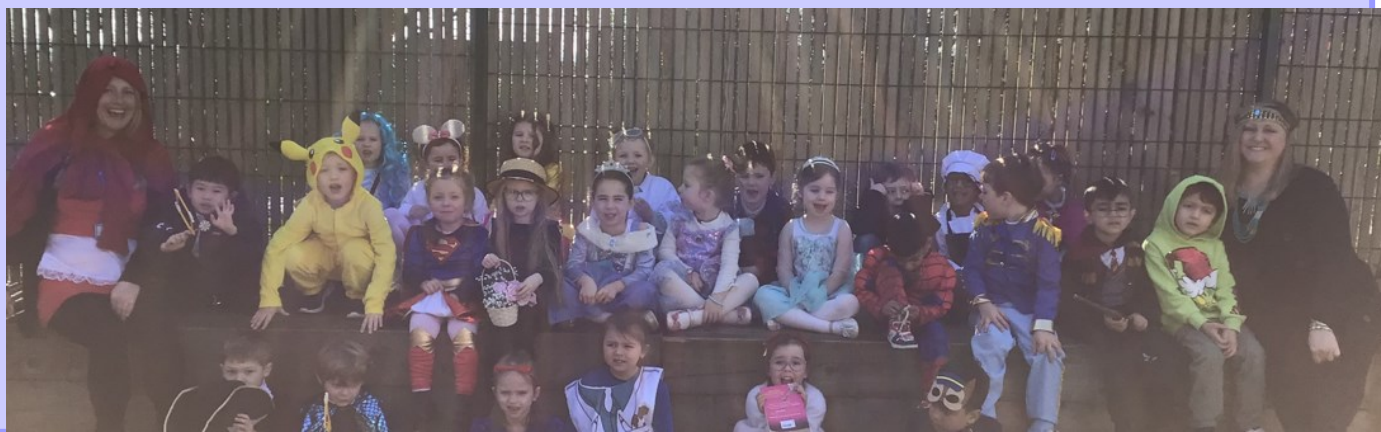


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World Book Day in pictures



Long Jump Sponsorship



Here at St Nics we are very lucky to have lots of aspiring, talented athletes amongst us!

We are always keen to give the children lots of opportunities to try out new sports and experience new things.

With this in mind, we are looking to refresh our long jump pit so it can continue to be enjoyed by the children for many years to come. If anyone feels they are able to suggest or put forward ideas for sponsorship for this project, we would love to hear from you!

Thank you for your continued support.



Headteacher Awards



Chestnut: Mia for retelling her book to the class confidently using lots of different story language. **Arabella** for amazing responses to the interview questions about her World Book Day character.

Elm: Max for applying his phonics knowledge to read alien words and for some wonderful geography work learning about the UK. **Megan** for following instructions and listening carefully when programming a Beebot In computing.

Ash: Dillon for working super hard on his presentation of work in all his lessons. **Beatrix** for showing her super listening skills in class this week.

Oak: Matilda for her beautifully detailed drawing of an insect in art this week. **Param** for his enthusiasm and participation when learning our poem for the competition.

Pine: Thinula for settling in so well to Pine Class and quickly becoming a valued member of the class. **Jacob B** for improved focus and showing increasing respect for his peers and the adults in the classroom.

Willow: Ivy for demonstrating courage and resilience this week during a range of activities. **Kieran** for his continued efforts in all subjects but most notably striving to be a master mathematician. **Eleanor** for demonstrating an upper key stage two level of drive, resilience and independence.

Fir: Chester for focussed and mature collaboration during paired learning. **Olivia** for excellent effort with her spelling home learning, creating super sentences.

And finally...

We have noticed an improvement in punctuality, which means children are happier and ready to learn. Thank you!

Enjoy the first weekend of spring, **Ms Holmes and the staff team**



PTA and Community News

You can now order
Preloved Uniform Online!

Orders will be sent home with your child within 5 school days

- No more forms
- Check stock
- Pay online
- Prices from £1

Shop online at:
<https://tinyurl.com/stnicsuniformshop>



PTA and Community News

DONATION DROP OFF

Friday 21st March
Drop Off & Pick Up



Preloved Uniform - Items we need:



School V-Neck Jumpers (New logo)

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



School Cardigans (New logo)

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



School Polo Shirts (with logo)

- All Sizes



School PE T-Shirts (with logo)

- All Houses & 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

- All Sizes



School Ties

Please ensure items are:

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