



# St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

Living and learning together with God

Friday 17th April 2026



**POETRY BY HEART - WINNING CLASS ANNOUNCED NEXT WEEK!**





## House Points

Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
515	389	486	439

Well done Jaguars!

Teaching assistant:  
What do we keep in a  
shed?

Chestnut class child:  
Ours has got rats and  
spiders in it!

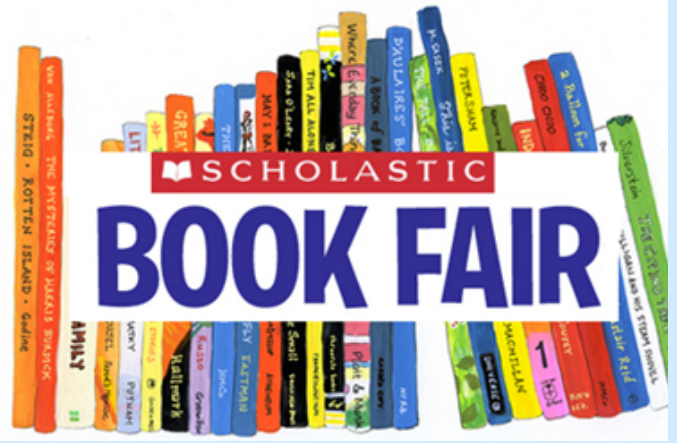
## Sports News



Well done to our netball and football teams, despite not winning excellent team work was demonstrated in both games this week. 2

# Book Fair

Tuesday 21st and  
Wednesday 22nd April -  
3:30 - 4pm  
after school



## Year 5 assembly

We are excited to invite Willow Class  
parents and carers to join us on  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 9.00am

## Year 1 assembly

We are excited to invite Elm  
class parents and carers to  
join us on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at  
9.00am

# Happy Bags

The next Happy Bag collection is  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.



## Friendly Reminder

Hoppy wants to remind you, your school's clothing  
collection is soon! Get your bags ready. Bring as much as  
you can, even use extra bags if needed. More donations  
mean more funds for the school's reinvestment!

Let's make it count!



Your Collection Date is:

22nd April



# Wellbeing Update April 2026

Every day, children and young people across the UK struggle with their mental health.

Place2be is a charity who are committed to helping children and young people with their mental health, and the need for their services grows daily. 1 in 5 children and young people experience mental health difficulties. Half of all mental health problems are established by age 14.



Their approach to children's and young people's mental health is to intervene early to prevent life-long mental health issues. Please see an update from Place2be below

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**When big world events are in the news, children often notice more than we realise.**

**They might overhear conversations, catch headlines, or see things online. It's completely natural for them to feel confused, curious, or even worried. Because it's not always easy to know what to say in those moments, we've pulled together a few practical resources to help you approach these conversations with confidence.**

**We hope you will find these resources helpful in supporting children through whatever questions or feelings they may be carrying.**

**Coping with uncertainty**

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/news-and-blogs/2026/april/coping-with-uncertainty/>

**My child is worried about the news**

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/article/my-child-is-worried-about-the-news>

**How can I support my child after a traumatic event?**

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/article/how-can-i-support-my-child-after-a-traumatic-event>

**Calm: Soothing Worries**

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/search/?query=Calm%3A+Soothing+Worries&page=1>

# Headteacher's Awards

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

Chestnut: **Scarlett** for excellent concentration whilst drawing houses in Taplow. **Kabir** for trying so hard in phonics and making good progress with his reading.



Elm: **Dylan** for a calm, sensible focussed week of learning. **Connie** for being a great role model upholding our school value of respect and showing a lovely attitude to her learning.

Ash: **Yuvraj** for demonstrating brilliant manners in class this week and having a great attitude towards all areas of his learning. **Hannah** for working collaboratively in a team when discussing and choosing the most effective adjectives.

Oak: **Rosie** for suggesting some great fronted adverbials to be used to begin sentences when writing a setting description.

**Arabelle** for her increased confidence in explaining strategies used and how she built on what she already knows to find answers in maths

Pine: **Jacob** for a showing a massive improvement in his approach to his learning. **Yash** for his work and class contribution in our French topic Where in the World?.

Willow: **Thomas** for excellent enthusiasm and consideration in our Poetry by Heart performance and for being fantastic traffic lights!

**Dolly-Belle** for her excellent acting skills as Gran (and as a rapper) in our Poetry by Heart performance.

Fir: **Harley** for developing his growth mindset and his commitment to learning. **Orla** for exceptional holiday home learning and always striving for excellence.

## And finally...

The Poetry by Heart competition this week was amazing, with all of KS2 performing brilliantly and the whole school watching.

We tried really hard to do our best performance.' **Ava**

'At first it was scary but once we'd finished it, I felt quite proud.' **James**

Well done to you all,

*Ms Holmes and the team*



# PTA and community news

**Health  
for Kids!**



Buckinghamshire Healthcare  
NHS Trust

## Parent and Carers

Our School Nursing Team can help with things like:

Behaviour management    Development

Wellbeing    Healthy eating    Sleep

Emotional health    Toileting

Find advice on supporting your  
child's health and wellbeing.

 [healthforkids.co.uk/buckinghamshire](https://healthforkids.co.uk/buckinghamshire)

Follow us:  Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust  @BucksHealthcare

Message your local school nursing team:

**07312 263 175**

Or scan the  
QR code to  
start a chat:



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# ST NICOLAS LUNCHTIME & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

## UNITED AS ONE



DAY	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL
Monday 13th April - 6th July	CHESS YR 3-6	FOOTBALL YRS R, 1 & 2	
Thursday 16th April - 9th July	LEGO YRS R, 1 & 2	NETBALL YR 3-6	FOOTBALL YR 3-6
Friday 17th April - 10th July	GIRLS FOOTBALL YR 3-6	BASKETBALL YRS R-6	

**BOOK  
HERE!**



**BOOK ONLINE THROUGH OUR WEBSITE  
WWW.MAIDENHEADUNITEDFC.ORG OR THE  
QR CODES AND TYPE ST NICOLAS FOR  
FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT: MARK NISBET -  
MARK.NISBET@MAIDENHEADUNITEDFC.ORG**

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*Have you thought of joining a lively choir?  
We need new members for September!*

**Making music with us is fun and rewarding**

**GIRLS' CHOIR**

(meets alternate Saturdays  
in termtime 2.00-4.00 pm)

Girls Year 5 to Year 10

Visit an open rehearsal:  
2nd, 16th, 30th May



**MIXED YOUTH  
CHOIR** (meets  
alternate  
Saturdays in  
termtime from  
4:30-7:00pm)

Girls Year 11  
upwards; Boys with  
changing voices  
earlier

Contact Gillian Dibden:  
gillian.dibden@gmail.com  
07799 413746

Find us on social media:



@taplowchoirs @Taplow Choirs

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*Well known in the area for high standards and excellent performances*

**For children from 7 years old upwards**

**Children's  
Choir**  
(meets Saturday  
mornings  
in termtime  
10.00-11.00)



**Boys' Choir**  
(meets Saturday  
mornings in  
termtime 11.15-  
12.15)

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