



St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

Living and learning together with God

Friday 24th April 2026



Willow Class celebrate Poetry by Heart win!



Congratulations to Year 5, whose sparkling performance of 'Gran Can You Rap?' by Jack Ousbey was voted the winner of our Poetry by Heart competition by the rest of the school. This is their third win in four years!

Meanwhile in EYFS, Chestnut Class tried their hands (and their arms, elbows and hair) at making their own playdough...

SEND update

Mrs Birch has updated all provision maps and they are available to view online.

House Points

Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
285	270	249	241

Well done Jaguars!

EYFS celebrated St George's Day by making flags



Year 1 assembly

We are excited to invite Elm Class parents and carers to join us on Tuesday 28th April at 9.00am

Pupil quote of the week

Year 5 child after Willow class assembly:

"I enjoyed sharing the ways we showed belonging - feeling part of St. Nicolas'.

Ash Class visit to Windsor Castle



Ash Class thoroughly enjoyed visiting Windsor Castle this week and it was a brilliant start to our history topic on homes in the past!

"Windsor Castle was magical." **Millie**

"I loved the room that had all the different shields on the ceiling."

Dhaani

"I didn't like being put in the stock!"

Evelyn

"I learnt that Windsor Castle is the oldest working castle in the world,"

Finn O



Book Fair

Thank you for all your spending at our Scholastic School Book Fair this week. All money raised will be spent on the purchasing of books to support learning in the classroom.

Many thanks
Mrs Anderson



Sunny Weather

When we are having warmer weather, please apply a long lasting sun cream on your child every morning before school and ensure your child has a hat and water bottle. Please do not send your child into school with bottles of sun cream as we are unable to apply it. Sun glasses should only be brought into school if your child requires them for medical reasons. Please let us know if this is the case.



Happy Bags



A huge thank you for all the Happy Bag donations you raised £219.15 !! It was a huge mountain of bags! Look out for our next collection Wednesday 15th July!

Willow Class assembly



Willow Class presented their class assembly on Tuesday to the school and parents - thank you for coming. The children had some comments about how it went:

'I enjoyed sharing the ways we showed belonging - feeling part of St. Nicolas.' **Vincent**

"At first I was nervous, but I knew I could represent St. Nicolas'. I enjoyed talking and singing with confidence. (Plus, my dad cried.)" **Enes**

"I liked rehearsing it because we could wear different clothes, sing funny songs and borrow Mr M's sunglasses." **Harley**

"I am really happy that our class assembly went well, especially our Poetry by Heart rap. I enjoyed rehearsing all our songs and lines, but I also did some acting too. I feel proud that we went from writing our lines to acting them." **Oscar**

UK households throw away 4.4 million tonnes of **EDIBLE** food each year ... equivalent to cramming 88 Albert Hall's full of food waste!!!

Worms love eating food waste - enjoy watching this banana disappear - ['worm vs banana' time-lapse video!](#)

8.2 million potatoes are wasted every single day - that's 41% of the potatoes we buy!

[Wednesday 29th April is STOP FOOD WASTE DAY](#) - can you try and 'buy loose' so you waste less? Check out their website for recipe tips and ideas.



Have you ever looked inside your food waste bin ...

It's time for some detective work ... have you ever looked inside your food waste bin - urgh!

With your wits about you, and notepad in hand, can you investigate which food type is most often added to your bin?

How can you reduce the main offenders - after 'careful analysis' make some family suggestions?

Food thrown into landfill produces methane - which has a powerful impact on climate change.

Food waste challenge!



YOUNG CLIMATE WARRIORS

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



A third of food produced globally is wasted!



Headteacher's Awards

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



Chestnut: Milo for his amazing painting and speaking confidently about it during show and tell. **Emilia** for super focus and working so hard during phonics sessions.

Elm: Figgy for working hard to improve her handwriting and presentation. **Alice** for her fabulous sewing skills making a puppet in DT.

Ash: Edwin for identifying the whole when given part of a fraction and then explaining it to others. **Millie** for her amazing questions and discussions at Windsor Castle on our school trip.

Oak: Jessica for her confidence with applying her prior learning to be able to solve problems involving adding and subtracting fractions. **Dennis** for taking on feedback during our skateboarding festival to be able to master skills he had initially found challenging.

Pine: Ivy for her excellent work both adding and subtracting fractions in maths. **Niall** for a fantastic pop art picture in the style of Roy Lichtenstein.

Willow: Josh for sharing great ideas in class this week and for his fantastic performance in the class assembly. **Saha** for speaking confidently about her learning and her Big Science project in the class assembly.

Fir: Ava for maturely and independently seeking to maximise her learning. **Matilda** for being conscientious, responsible, kind and positive.

And finally...

The summer term is in full swing and as always it is packed with events! Please check the website calendar for dates and times and add them to your diary <https://www.stnicolastaplow.com/>

Enjoy your weekend,

Ms Holmes and the staff



PTA and community news

Free Child Car Seat Checks June 2026

We will be holding FREE car seat checks at Broadfields Retail Park near Smyths Toys, Aylesbury, on Tuesday, 2nd June and at Asda Superstore, Cressex High Wycombe, on Wednesday, the 3rd June, between 10 am and 3 pm. Please share this Important information with your parents, carers and grandparents.

A Reminder for Grandparents and Occasional Drivers

With more grandparents and carers helping with the school run, it's vital that everyone understands current child seat laws. Using the correct seat for a child's age, height and weight can be the difference between a life-changing injury and walking away unharmed — even on short journeys.

Using the correct child car seat is one of the most effective ways to keep children safe when travelling by car. Research shows that when used correctly, child car seats can reduce the risk of serious injury or death by around 70% in the event of a collision.

Child Car Seat Check Event

Wednesday 3 June 2026

Asda Superstore,
Holmers Farm Way, High Wycombe
HP12 4NU
10am – 3pm

Did you know?

- **37%** of all children are in the wrong seat for their height, weight and age.
- **96%** of all faults can be rectified easily.

Pop along for **FREE** advice
and an independent check!



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