

Friday 28th February 2025

What is bullying?

What is bullying? What is a friendship issue? Children are still developing their social skills and their friendships have all the ups and downs you might expect. In school, we work hard to teach the children how to manage their friendships, and how to resolve conflict. We use the Anti-Bullying Alliance definition of bullying to avoid misidentifying it:



'The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or online.'

[Video: Anti-Bullying Alliance definition of bullying](#)

There are four key elements to this definition:

- hurtful
- repetition
- power imbalance
- intentional

In this short video you will hear about what we mean by a **'power imbalance'**:



What does ABA mean by an imbalance of power in bullying?

For more information please visit

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/all-about-bullying/understanding-bullying/definition>

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Home learning

A reminder that our new home learning schedule begins next week, with **key home learning** in the home learning books, and optional '**Going the Extra Mile**' resources for parents on the class pages. GtEM resources will remain posted until the end of the year so you can go back to them as needed. Teachers will not be expecting GtEM home learning to be handed in.

We will, however, be expecting full effort to the best of your child's ability on the key home learning, now that we are setting less. These skills of reading, number facts/times table recall, handwriting and spelling are vital for your child's progress and a smoother experience of education! We hope you enjoy having more time to practise and master them.

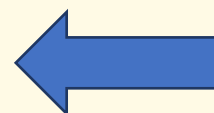
Pupil quote of the week

When shown a photograph of the Prime Minister a year 1 child said
"Is that Mr M?"

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 poor **93.8%**



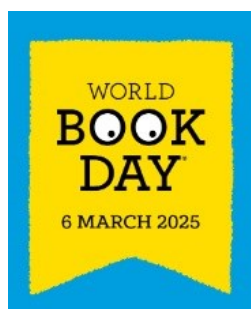
World Book Day

Thursday 6th March

Our theme at St Nicolas' School this year is 'enjoyment of reading.' To support this, please can children dress up as a character or a word from a book that they have enjoyed.

Children will have opportunities to discuss with their class teacher in school.

We look forward to celebrating their books!



Year 5 Assembly

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

Tuesday 11th March at 9.00am

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House Points

Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
112	324	174	324

Congratulations to the Tigers and Pumas— what mammoth scores!

Busy Bunch

This week at Busy Bunch we have enjoyed playing with the new toys.



Coming up: pancake day

Reading at St Nics



'Weird but true 2025' National Geographic Kids.

'I enjoyed reading all the different facts in this book.'

Reviewed by Maia, Willow Class

PE in the sunshine



Young Climate Warriors

Many people boil several times more water than they need for each cup of tea. (3/4s of us according to a 2021 government study!)

World Book Day ... **please can you spend a couple of minutes helping us build our Young Climate Warriors STORY** ... after all it is World Book Day this week ... and YOU are a key part of our story!

During the 2020 England vs Germany UEFA EURO match, the IGW 'pick-up' at half-time was equivalent to around 200m lightbulbs and 555,000 kettles!



Kettles and 'feedback' challenge:



Brrr ... it's cold outside ... time for a nice hot drink ... and chance to tell us what you think!!

Whilst you're sipping or supping, please can you spare 1 minute to give us some feedback via our short, quick questionnaire.

Your challenge - can you help make your parent or carer a hot drink (ask them first!) - but only boiling as much water as you need!

Time for experimenting ... how big are your mugs? Is there a measuring gauge on your kettle?

Kettles are 'energy guzzlers' and need a strong 'blast of energy' - reduce carbon emissions by reducing the amount of water boiled.



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



Your feedback is super important to us ... please take 1 minute to fill in our **annual questionnaire**. THANK YOU!



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Headteacher Awards



Chestnut: **Connie** for looking carefully at a photograph of a koala then drawing a very detailed picture of it. **Sienna** for great concentration and perseverance whilst drawing a kangaroo.

Elm: **Finn C** for a huge improvement in his focus in lessons. **Imogen** for fantastic work in maths counting in 10s.

Ash: **Thea** for showing great resilience when learning to divide. **Riley** for trying super hard to learn where apostrophes go in our sentences.

Oak: **Jimmy** for an excellent attitude to our tennis lesson in PE this week. **Ayva** for excellent contributions in class and always having a smile on her face.

Pine: **Tamanna** for working hard to present her writing beautifully and make her sentences interesting. **James** for working hard to apply our learning on sentence openers to ensure his writing is varied, descriptive and interesting to read.

Willow: **Aston** for producing some excellent writing recently and striving to be the best that he can be. **Matilda** for having her hand up ready to answer anything, showing an eagerness to learn and a growth mindset.

Fir: **Chloe** for always giving 100% effort and attention, with positivity and a smile. **Keira** for mature, focussed behaviour when discussing and co-operating in a small group.

And finally...

It was lovely to see so many of you at Wednesday's parent consultations - thank you for your positive engagement and for a super turnout of 99.07%!

Have a happy weekend, **Ms Holmes and the 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>





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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!)



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WELLNESS WORKSHOP

Relax, Recharge, and Renew
with



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.

Wellness Workshop

To book your space please use the link below:

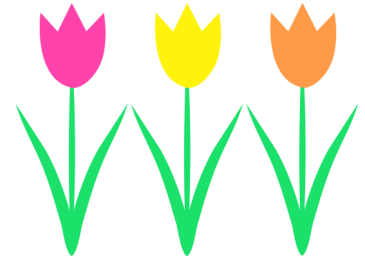
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-nicolas-pta-wellness-workshop-tickets-1219094567669>



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PTA REMINDER

All Fabulous Female gifts need to be ordered by
Thursday 6th March



YEAR 3-6 NETBALL SESSION FREE BLOCK



YEAR 3-6 Netball @ Braywick Leisure Centre

Every Thursday Term Time Only

5-6pm

5 Week Block FREE!!

Our Netball centre is for children in school year 3-6. Sessions will be more focused and dedicated to providing young Netball players with fun coaching sessions to build techniques and understanding of the game in a safe environment.

All session will be delivered by Netball coaches with the goal the long term development of the children

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

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