

St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

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



Friday 31st January 2025



Oak class entertained the school and their families with their fabulous assembly this week, including their letters to the Fleshlumpeter from the BFG and their work on Stone Age cave paintings (above). We were all impressed by their confidence, maturity and teamwork and especially enjoyed their song... 'we're living in the Stone Age, baby!' Well done.

Pupil quote of the week

When discussing the Year 4 residential trip to Ufton Court.

"Will I be able to take my eyelash curlers?"

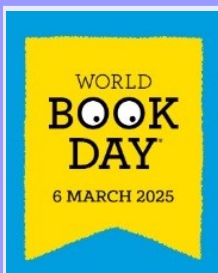
Pine class pupil

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 nearly there **95.3%**



World Book Day Thursday 8th 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!

Mrs Anderson



Calendar dates

Our website calendar is regularly updated with important dates. Did you know you have the option of subscribing to this? Please follow the link below to find out how.

How to subscribe to the calendar:

<https://www.stnicolastaplow.com/diary/subscribe/>

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House Points

Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
193	206	90	233

Congratulations to the Tigers

Busy Bunch

This week at Busy Bunch we made paper snakes.



Coming up:

Next week's theme is Healthy Minds.

Reading at St Nic's

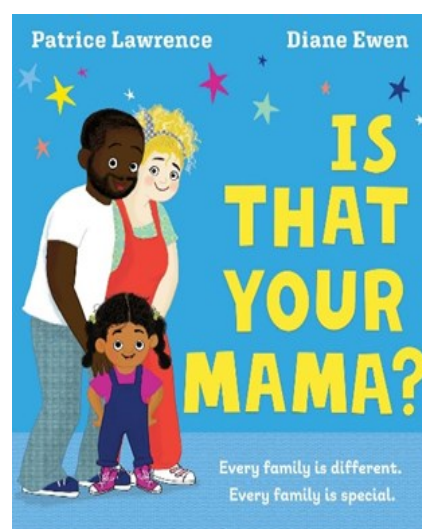
'Is That Your Mama?' by Patrice Lawrence

Every family is different. Every family is special. Josie loves her family. Her mum, dad, brothers and sister – they're all the best and they all look different.

But people always seem to ask Josie "Is that YOUR mama?", and soon she starts to wonder if her family are actually supposed to look the same.

When Josie shares her worries with her family, they find a way to help her see what truly matters.

Suitable for ages 5+

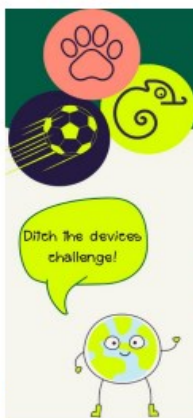


Young Climate Warriors

The global football industry produces 30m tonnes of CO₂ - the equivalent of the total emissions from Denmark. It mainly relates to travel and hotels of footballers, their teams, and their fans.

Digital technology and the IT sector continue to grow, they are currently responsible for 2-3% of global carbon emissions – approximately the same impact as aviation.

Over 5 billion people are football fans – think of the influence footballers, and football clubs could have on helping us take care of our planet.



Ditch the devices, and head outside!

It's time to get outside - games in the park, instead of games on devices.

Our increasing use of digital technology isn't good for climate change - related carbon emissions are growing year-on-year. Have you ever thought about the energy needed to power the cloud, stream a film, or play a video game?

Get outside and kick around a football, practice your 'keepie-uppies', design an obstacle course, sip hot chocolate under a tree, spot animal prints in the mud?

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



17-year-old Innes FitzGerald, cross-country running champion, turned down a race in Australia – saying she can't justify flying there given our climate crisis.



www.youngclimatewarriors.org

Children's Mental Health Week 3-9th February

SCARF - **S**afety **C**aring **A**chievement **R**esilience **F**riendship

Wear a scarf to school on Friday 7th February at the end of our children's mental health week. Think about how we have kept ourselves safe, cared for ourselves and others, one thing that we have achieved and how we have shown resilience. Have you noticed the friendship skills used across the week?

Be Active with our Play Leaders!

Our newly introduced playleaders have been organising games with key stage 1 children at lunchtimes. Beatrix enjoyed the French skipping, 'I just liked jumping sideways into it and out!'



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Parents' Evening

Parent consultations will be on Wednesday 26th February from 1:30-7.30pm, in the hall. School and Busy Bunch will be open for children as usual. Spring reports will be sent home on Tuesday 25th in bookbags.

Bookings are open and will close on Monday 24th February:

[SchoolCloud - St Nicolas' CE Combined School, Taplow](#)

Chestnut Class – Chinese New Year

Chestnut class have been celebrating the year of the snake. They have had fun making a Chinese dragon.



Headteacher Awards



Chestnut: Jensen for listening so carefully to the veterinary nurse who visited us. **Dylan** for thinking of and asking very interesting questions to our visiting veterinary nurse.

Elm: Elodie for her wonderful manners and always being polite. **Evie T** for a huge improvement in her focus in class and a lovely attitude to learning.

Ash: Fred for demonstrating his super knowledge of 'greater than' and 'less than' when comparing amounts of money. **Rosie** for applying her knowledge of using commas in a list to write some interesting lunches for Bob!

Oak: Sophie for her growing confidence and mature learning attitude in class. **Niall** for an exceptional piece of narrative writing.

Pine: Naanaki for always having impeccable manners and showing respect. **Joshua** for great teamwork during our science learning on making switches to complete electrical circuits.

Willow: Kareem for asking pertinent questions and contributing positively to our spirituality journal this week. **Kamran** for demonstrating good manners, good choices, independence and writing self-correction

Fir: Aida for unswerving commitment to learning and her well-mannered cheerfulness. **Molly** for superb focus in all lessons and high quality homework, showing her desire to learn.

And finally...

Year 5 led collective worship in classrooms on Tuesday on the topic 'Who should be involved in key decisions for the world?'

The children enjoyed the opportunity to share and discuss their ideas. Well done Year 5!



Have a good weekend,

Ms Holmes and the team



PTA and Community News

Gift Amnesty

If you received any gifts at Christmas that aren't quite to your taste (or got two of the same), please recycle as a kind donation to the PTA. All we ask is that items are NEW & UNUSED and would make a good prize!

Please drop any gift donations into the school office.

Please don't buy anything to donate; this is simply a request for anything you already have but don't want!

Lottery

Are you registered with our school lottery? Support our school and buy a ticket for your chance to win!

£1 a ticket

Winner from our school every week!

Weekly chance to win £25,000!

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-nicolas-church-of-england-combined-school>



Win a £1,000 Aldi Gift Card

You will receive one entry into this draw for each weekly ticket that you have. Buy more tickets for more entries!

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.

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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who can
she tell?

If you need help or think someone could be a victim of modern slavery, call the free and confidential **Modern Slavery & Exploitation Helpline**

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Enjoy a walk in beautiful scenery and plant snowdrops in support of Child Bereavement UK, then join us for refreshments in West Wycombe village hall.

West Wycombe Park, Bucks

Sunday 2 February 2025 10:30am - 4pm

Last entry at 3:30pm

Only guide and hearing dogs permitted

Advance tickets purchased from our website:

£5 adults, concessions £3 (under 2s free)

Tickets purchased on the gate:

£7 adults, concessions £5 (under 2s free)



childbereavementuk.org/snowdrop

Charity No in England and Wales 1040419 and Scotland SCO42910

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