

St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

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



Friday 24th January 2025

There's been so much exciting learning in school this week, and a real buzz in the classrooms. Science topics are well underway and on my travels I found Ash class exploring different types of materials and Willow class



testing their permeability. Meanwhile, Fir class have been under their desks again! Read on to find out why...

Pupil quote of the week

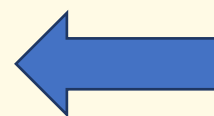
"Who made it so cold out here?"

Reception child's reply

"God did"

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 very good **97.1%**

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.

Bookings open today at 6pm and will close on Monday 24th February.

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

Reading at St Nics

To the children at St Nics



If you have enjoyed reading a book and want to share it in the newsletter, then please write a short book review. You will need to include:

- Name of the book and author
- Your name and class
- A brief description of your favourite part and why others should read it.

Please hand your book review to Mrs Anderson

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House Points

Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
175	246	177	215

Congratulations to the Pumas

Busy Bunch

This week at Busy Bunch we played with the new toys



Coming up:

Next week's theme is Chinese New Year

Threadworms

We have been made aware of cases of threadworm in the school. Please check and treat your child as soon as possible to prevent further spread. Treatment is available from a pharmacy.

We are encouraging the children to wash their hands regularly and not put their hands in their mouths.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/#:~:text=If%20you%20or%20your%20child,off%20nursery%2C%20school%20or%20work>

Young Climate Warriors

More and more electric vehicles are being driven. Road transport-related petrol and diesel demand is projected to peak this year!

Idling for just 30 seconds produces twice as much air pollution and wastes more fuel than switching off and restarting your engine.

It's national puzzle day – 29th Jan – check out the challenge on our website for a [Climate Change Crossword](#) and [Word Search](#)!

Birds, and insects which they feed on, are particularly sensitive to air pollution. Join The [2025 Big Garden Birdwatch](#) this weekend!

A guzzle-busting jigsaw puzzle!

Walk, scoot, cycle. Lift share?

No idling! Check tyre pressure.

Guzzle-busting challenge!

YOUNG CLIMATE WARRIORS

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



Cars and vans are responsible for about 12% of ALL European greenhouse gas emissions.



www.youngclimatewarriors.org

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Year 6 World War 2 Day



Year 6 looked fantastic today, dressed as evacuees. They arrived in the village this morning and were allocated their new foster families by the billeting officer. As all the families were at work, the children were accompanied to the village school by their teacher and Air Raid Warden Warrington, where classes began.

The children learned what precautions to take during an air raid and created some helpful adverts through drama. After break, the children were taught some skills required to crack codes, along with some new cipher types: pig cipher, numeric cipher and shift cipher. They enjoyed an art activity - St Paul's In The Blitz- and reflected on how children might have felt as evacuees. They spent some time under their desks as the air raid siren kept sounding throughout the day. We apologise in advance if your child wishes to seek cover when a plane flies overhead!





Headteacher Awards



Chestnut: **Jayden** for listening very carefully to instructions when drawing a picture of an owl. **Livia** for including lots of detail in her owl picture.

Elm: **Hugo** for his enthusiasm in science investigating different materials.

Sebby for his outstanding behaviour and hard work.

Ash: **Dennis** for always demonstrating excellent manners. **Hadi** for showing super listening and trying hard in all his lessons this week.

Oak: **Hugo** for excellent use of 'sentences of 3' in English, creating lots of varied and interesting examples. **Yash** for listening carefully and following instructions when programming his sprites in Scratch; very impressive computing skills.

Pine: **George** for confidence in explaining division to his partner to help them to complete their tasks. **Thomas** for the amazing improvement in his handwriting and remembering to now join his letters.

Willow: **Ivy** for contributing well in class this week, with a hand up ready to share. **Emmie S** for going above and beyond in foundation subject this week, demonstrating a wealth of knowledge.

Fir: **Zain** for his commitment to improving his SPAG skills and knowledge

Ellie for excellent focus in all lessons, showing her desire to understand and achieve .

And finally...

Thank you for supporting us with your Happy Bags; that was an impressive collection. Please see the next page where the PTA reveal the amount raised. Have a good weekend, **Ms Holmes**



PTA and Community News

Gift Amnesty

If you received any gifts at Christmas that aren't quite to your taste (or got two 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!

Happy bags – Thank you

A huge **£269.10** raised from Happy Bags – thank you.

If you are having a spring clear out - next collection is

29th April.





PTA and Community News

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.

To book your space please use the link below:

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



PTA and Community News



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

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Child
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YOU'RE A KEEPER



Happy Valentine's

Netball Camp

Wed 19th & Thur 20th

Feb

9am-1pm

Years 3-6

Newlands School

<https://readynetgo.co.uk/camp>