

# St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

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## Friday 10th January 2025



Thank you to all the children who have entered our Planner Design Competition. The standard of entries was exceptional and illustrated the children's understanding of our school vision as well as the many aspects of school life they enjoy. The staff have got their work cut out with so many wonderful designs to choose from! The results will be shared with the children in next week's celebration assembly.



### Quote of the week

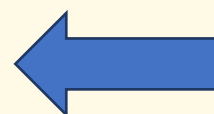
Prospective parent on a school tour when leaving early:

"I've seen happy kids, that is enough!"

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 **95.1%**



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## House Points

Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
282	199	247	309

Congratulations to the Tigers

## Busy Bunch

This week at Busy Bunch our theme was 2025.



### Coming up:

Next week's theme is Disney.

## Near misses on the road up to school

We are still concerned by the dangerous choices of a small minority of parents outside school. We still have some drivers

- stopping in the road or layby to let their children out;
- parking on the footpath along the side of the green or on the white lines (and blocking two-way traffic)
- executing three-point turns right by the main gates where children cross the road.

There has been another near miss this week.

Please help by politely calling out these risky behaviours when you see them. It may be that the adults driving have not read the newsletter. **The safety of the children is everyone's responsibility.**

## Year 5 visit from Peter Auty

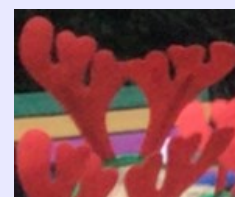
"Peter Auty came in to tell us the story of how he was chosen to be the boy who sang 'Walking in the Air' in the movie *The Snowman*. It was fascinating to hear how he did it, we couldn't believe how young he was!" **Evelyn**

"Peter Auty was spectacular. When he told his story it inspired me, so I decided to let my singing shine when we sang 'Walking in the Air.'" **Millie**

## Thames Hospice Reindeer Run update!

Thames Hospice are absolutely thrilled at the £3,476 pounds you have all raised taking part in the Reindeer Run at the end of last term. A huge thanks to you and your families for being so generous in supporting and sharing this opportunity.

This is such a positive start to the new year for the charity. The amount raised could fund a nurse for 139 hours making a difference to so many.



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## Y4 Upton Court Residential parent information meeting

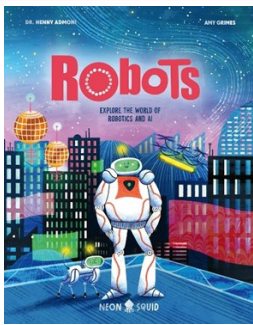
**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 3.30 – 4pm**

Y4 parents and carers are invited to a presentation about our trip to Upton Court in March. This will include information about the activities, kit list, food, the cabins and preparation for the trip. There will be an opportunity to ask any questions.

## Year 3 Assembly

We are excited to invite year 3 parents and carers to join us on

**Wednesday 29th  
January at  
9.00am**



## Reading at St Nic's

### 'Robots' by Dr Henny Admoni

A great non-fiction book that provides answers to questions kids have about robotics and AI.

Suitable for ages 8+

## Young Climate Warriors

2025 ... filled with optimism and hope – how will the story unfold ...

**Mission 2025:** Working with the world's most influential businesses to take action on climate change. The technology is in place, investment is scaling, business appetite is rife, and public support is building.

**Power of 'renewables':** Globally we installed 29% more solar in 2024 than in 2023, and in 2025, renewables are expected to surpass coal to become the largest source of electricity generation.

**Brazil:** Hosting COP30 in Nov 2025, and with Amazon deforestation rates at a nine-year low... watch this space?



'Stubborn optimism is a deliberate mindset'

[globaloptimism.com](http://globaloptimism.com)



[www.youngclimatewarriors.org](http://www.youngclimatewarriors.org)

**2025 ... the great 'unfolding'**

A new year ... how would YOU choose for your 2025 story to unfold?

Have you ever done any origami?

Join us making a 2025 'fortune-teller' or 'chatterbox' - on the theme of 'protecting our natural world'.

Launch the 'great unfolding' by playing the game with your family or friends. Ask them to join you as part of your 2025 story - and help you take action this year.

When you've completed this challenge ... let us know ... [hello@youngclimatewarriors.org](mailto:hello@youngclimatewarriors.org)



## Headteacher Awards



**Chestnut: Winston** for using lots of detail when speaking about his visit to Hong Kong. **Ella** for listening very carefully during teaching sessions.

**Elm: Yuvraj** for great focus across all subjects and always giving maximum effort to his work. **Teddy** for settling into Year 1 quickly and making a great effort in all his work.

**Ash: Tilly** for her carefully controlled balances and jumps in gymnastics. **Tristan** for using his knowledge of vertices to draw shapes accurately in his math book.

**Oak: Lola B** for being engaged and enthusiastic about her phonics. **Mia** for starting the new year with a mature and positive learning attitude.

**Pine: Aayana** for suggesting some great clues to show a story is set in a different culture. **Jacob B** for confident sorting of appliances that were non-electrical, mains and battery powered, and explaining the reasons for this.

**Willow: Arjun** for being a strong independent learner, especially showing his skills as a mathematician this week. **Ruby** for starting 2025 with confidence and showing excellent effort in all subjects.

**Fir: Eliza** for outstanding focus and pride in her work: always striving to do her best. **Olivia** for active participation and genuine interest in discussions about World War 2.

### And finally...

Curriculum newsletters have been sent out from teachers today and will be posted on the website. These contain information and tips about spring term routines and expectations, as well as an overview of topics.

Stay warm this weekend,

*Ms Holmes and the staff team*



## PTA and Community News

### Little Tanks Drama Club **\*\*The new term starts Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of January\*\***

We are now taking final bookings for Little Tanks after school drama club for the spring term 2025.

There are now **only limited spaces available!** Therefore, please see the attached flyer and details below to secure your child's space as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Application form, including term dates – [Click here to complete](#)

- Day – Monday
- Account Name: Little Tanks Ltd
- Account Number: 9949 3876
- Sort Code: 60-83-71
- Reference: SN followed by your child's name
- Amount: £75.00
- Both the form & fee via bank transfer are required to be submitted to secure your child's space

We look forward to welcoming your child to Little Tanks for the spring term to work on developing their confidence skills. We will also be working on a new theme and plan to invite parents to the last session to share what the children have been learning.

If you have any queries, please contact me at: [debi@littletanks.co.uk](mailto:debi@littletanks.co.uk)



## PTA and Community News

### Happy School Bags

**\*\*Great news, the next collection of Happy School Bags is  
Tuesday 21st January.**

They will collect from St Nic's so take this fantastic opportunity to throw in a black bag all those worn or outgrown clothes, declutter & sort through those wardrobes making room for new clothes! Include any school shoes too small from last term, high heels you will never wear again after years in trainers, worn or too small clothes no longer required. Fill as many black bags as you can and drop to the school

Reminder: they re-use all items and pay us per kilo - so the heavier the items, the more our School will get paid.

The School cannot accept bags before Collection day but PTA members will be at the school gates that morning from 8.15am to receive your bags.

Items accepted:

- clothing (not badged uniform or underwear)
- paired shoes
- console games
- souvenirs
- handbags
- belts
- hats
- accessories
- jewellery
- toiletries
- perfume





# PTA and Community News

AARDMAN

carrot productions

## Wallace & Gromit THE WRONG TROUSERS With Live Orchestra

A cracking **LIVE** Orchestral show  
For the whole family

Saturday 11th Jan 2025 3:30 & 5:30pm  
Borlase's Grammar School  
West St, Marlow, SL7 2BR

TICKETS: £12 adult, £8 child. Tickets limited.  
[www.marloworchestra.org](http://www.marloworchestra.org)

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"Absolutely perfect in every way... Highly recommend for all ages"

"A great way to introduce children to a live orchestra"