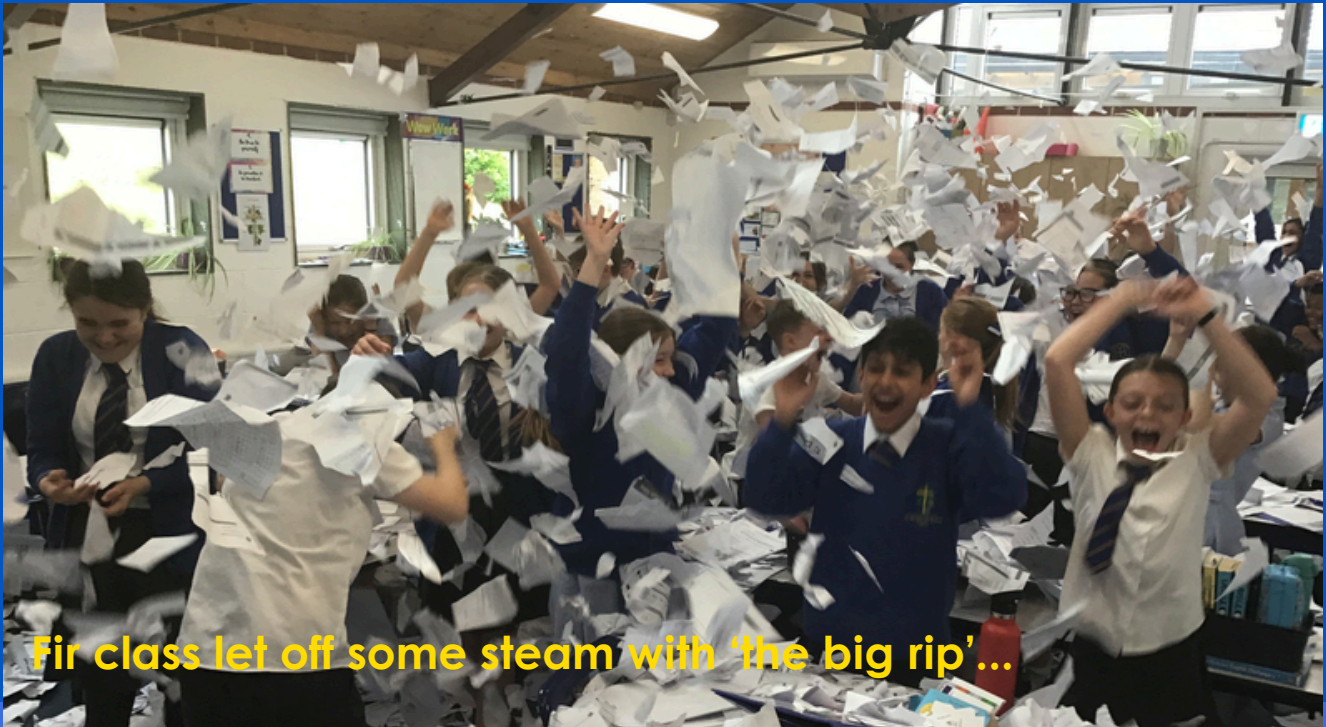




St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

Living and learning together with God

Friday 15th May 2026



Fir class let off some steam with 'the big rip'...

Well done to Year 6, who completed their KS2 tests this week with determination and resilience. They have worked so hard this year and we are proud of their achievements!



...and celebrated by leading a giant conga in the playground

Whole school singing competition

This was our 20th annual singing competition and hotly contested between classes. The standard was very high and the children were both nervous and excited. Our guest judge, Verity Auty, gave positive feedback to every class, before announcing the winners. Thank you to Mrs Dobson for teaching the songs and inspiring the children!



KS2 winners Oak class



EYFS/KS1 winners Ash class

RE Survey

Dear parents/carers,

We want to hear your views on RE at St Nics. Please take a few minutes to complete our short three question survey. Your feedback helps us shape a meaningful curriculum for our children. Thank you for your continuous support.

Mrs Barnes

[RE Parent Voice - May 2026](#)



School Council

Last week the school council met, it was a very productive meeting sharing feedback from their classes about lunchtimes.



In the KwaZulu-Natal province of South Africa, some children walk 6 miles to school every single day – and then 6 miles home again! Check out these 'epic journeys to school'.

Over half of children in the UK are not meeting the NHS-recommended 60 minutes of physical activity a day.

It's 'Walk to school' week (18th-22nd May), and 'outdoor classroom day' on Thursday 21st - lots of scope for fun and learning outside!



Walk to school week ...

Cats have 4, beetles have 6, spiders have 8 – how many do you have? Make more journeys 'on foot', tackling climate change and having some fun along the way.



Cloud-spotting - what shapes and images can you see - are they moving or changing?
Whistling - try whistling an easy well-known tune, or try to copy a bird's song that you hear - keep practising it takes time!
A funny faces trail - find twigs or stones and leave them along your journey for others to find?
Dew-bathing - wake up your feet on some dewy grass?



YOUNG CLIMATE WARRIORS

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



A generation ago, 70% of children walked to school – now it's less than half.



www.youngclimatewarriors.org



Sports Day - Friday 19th June

We are looking for artwork for the cover of the Sports Day programme! It needs to be celebrating athletics or sport and it would be great if it could highlight our school sports values such as teamwork and respect. The brighter and bolder, the better!

Please give any artwork to Mrs Ash if you would like to be considered. All artwork must be received by Thursday 4th June.

KS2 summer concert Thursday 21st May 5pm

Our annual concert in the church is coming up and everyone who learns an instrument in school will be taking part along with our KS2 choir and the winning class of our KS2 singing competition.

Tickets cost £5 for adults, children are free.

Please bring some cash with you for the raffle!

To purchase your tickets please send the money to the school bank account:

Bank account: **40221768**

Sort Code: **30-97-73**

Name of account: **St Nicolas' School**

Reference: **KS2/your surname**



New Books!

We are delighted to share that the school has invested £2,600 in replenishing and updating the reading books sent home for EYFS and KS1 children. Both the children and staff have been very excited to explore the new books!

The books are from Oxford Reading Tree and have been carefully selected to support children's reading fluency, vocabulary development and understanding of the world.

Please help us to look after these lovely new books when reading at home so that all children can continue to enjoy them. 5

Mrs Anderson

Year 1



Year 1 are using an exciting short film for their English lesson "A Cloudy Lesson".

Inspired by the cloud blower in the film, they have made their own "cloud blowers"

Science

In science, Year 1 have been looking at how daylight changes and how shadows are formed. They have made shadow puppets and measured their shadows at different times of the day.



Headteacher's Awards

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

Chestnut: **Violet** for trying very hard with her writing and showing progress. **Eloise** for always being polite and being a good friend to others



Elm: **Aoife** For lovely writing in English to create a factual report about tigers and an overall wonderful attitude to her learning.

Betsy

for great work in phonics and wonderful presentation of her work

Ash: **Amelia** for her wonderful castle picture created with oil pastels and water colour. **Sebby** for being able to apply his times table knowledge to work out fractions efficiently.

Oak: **Henry** for his hard work in French on accurately identifying items in a pencil case. **Milana** for confidently translating musical terms from Italian to English.

Pine: **Zofia** for a wonderful narrative recount in English. **Jimmy** for his independent writing using contrasting conjunctions.

Willow: **Nirvan** for outstanding efforts in maths and continuing his streak as TTRS champion all year! **Avleen** for an excellent diary entry as a Victorian child and great work on vector drawings in computing.

Fir: **Maahi** for her positive and engaged approach to learning and for excellent contributions in discussions. **Sya** for her growth mindset, kindness and politeness.

And finally...

We hope you will join us at Thursday's concert and are looking forward to a reprise of Oak Class' winning song.

Celebrate your weekend,

Ms Holmes and the staff