



St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

Living and learning together with God

Friday 22nd May 2026



Yesterday evening's summer concert was a great success! Around 100 key stage 2 children performed as soloists, in duets, ensembles and choirs to a packed church.

We were treated to performances on instruments from recorders to saxophone, and music from Haydn to Billie Eilish. Highlights of the evening were the James Bond Theme on the trumpet; and Sweet Caroline from the ukulele group featuring the combined voices of parents and carers!

Thank you for your support, and to everyone who helped take down and return the staging to school.

House Points



Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
188	227	204	133

Well done Pumas!

Pupil quote of the week

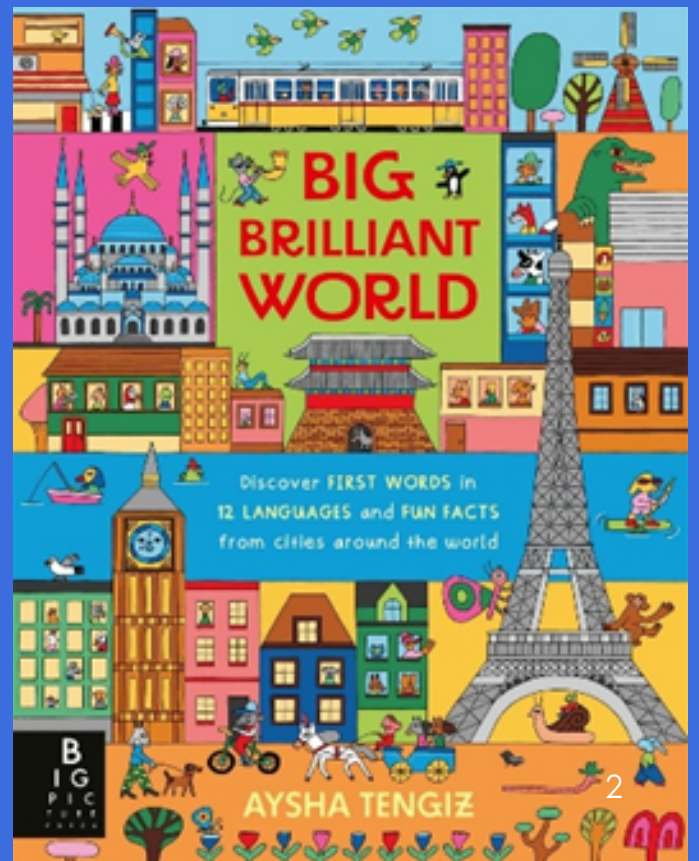
Do you know that Bruno Mars isn't actually from Mars?' yr 3 child

Reading at St Nics

'Big, Brilliant World' by Matt Ralphs

A brilliantly illustrated non-fiction book that takes children to 12 of the world's most exciting cities.

Suitable for EYFS and KS1



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](#)



Lunches

Booking is now open to book lunches to the end of term.

Please note that the usual deadline of Friday 29th May will apply for the following week.



A survey of urban plants revealed the pavements of Sheffield are home to 183 different plants!

Over 700 wildflower species grow on road verges, including 29 types of wild orchid!

We have 1,600+ varieties of wildflower in Britain and Ireland. Wildflowers have evolved alongside our native wildlife, and are particularly attractive to our native pollinators.

For help identifying your wildflowers we recommend www.nativeflower.co.uk.



Wildflowers — a vital source of food and shelter for our pollinators

Time to play, to relax, to let your mind wander, and time to notice the wild flowers?

They brighten the pavement, cheer up the brickwork, provide a splash of colour to the verges.

How many can you spot, what colours are they, how many petals do they have, do they smell nice? Take a photo, find out their names?

Can you grow a wildflower meadow in a pot at home?



YOUNG CLIMATE WARRIORS

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

Enjoy our 'weeds' — that are 'more than weeds' — do you think they're beautiful?



Thank you parents and carers



Thank you to everyone who donates to our Parent Fund: your generosity has enabled us to purchase new furniture for Oak classroom. The children are enjoying their smart and welcoming learning environment.



Open Evening

Wednesday 10th June
4.30-5.45pm

We look forward to welcoming you to our open evening. This is a great opportunity for your child to share their learning and school experience with you, and to see what children in the other classes have been up to as well.

Headteacher's Awards

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

Chestnut: **Annabel** for fantastic focus and progress during writing activities. **Arthur** for brilliant progress in his reading.



Elm: **Samantha** for always settling to work quickly and her dedication to her learning. **Figgy** for being a great and enthusiastic performer in the singing competition.

Ash: Hugo - for his amazing ideas created for Traction Man's next adventure for our stories! Jiya for the beautiful solo she played in her recorder lesson.

Oak: **Tristan** for great observations of the sources and asking relevant questions about them, as well as working really well with his group. **Ava** for a confident explanation of how the Trinity is represented in the story of Jesus' baptism and suggesting why Christians may choose to be baptised today.

Pine: **Tobias** for improved presentation in all his work. **Jagger** for her re-creation of the Bayeux Tapestry.

Willow: **Grayson** for producing excellent writing for a sci-fi narrative this week using an array of year 5 features. **Saha** for following instructions carefully in computing to create an amazing flower vector drawing.

Fir: **Sofia** for empathetic writing as August on his first day at school **Rajan** for his excellent effort with handwriting.

And finally... save the date for our sports day and PTA summer fair on Friday 19th June! A letter with all the details will be sent out after half term. Please volunteer on the next page if you haven't yet donated your 1 hour to the PTA this year. **The more people who sign up in advance, the bigger and more fun we can make the fair!**

Have a great break,

Ms Holmes and the team



PTA and community news



St Nics Volunteer Sign up - Summer Fair 2026

Volunteer signup sheet

 VolunteerSignup

ST NICOLAS' SCHOOL

FAIR



1:00PM - 4:00PM
FRIDAY 19TH JUNE

Maggies Catering | Split Bean Coffee
Fiesty Brew Co | Fair Games
Libre Popstar Academy
External Stalls | PTA Bar
Bouncy Castle | Raffle
Live Entertainment



VOLUNTEER
WITH US NOW!



We're collecting donations for our Summer Fair Mystery Bags! With half term coming up, it's a great chance to clear out any unwanted toys, craft items, stationery or party bag bits that are still in good condition.

Please see the poster for collection dates — thank you for your support!

COUNTDOWN

To the Summer Fair



**MON 1ST JUNE -
ONLINE**

SUMMER FAIR RAFFLE GOES LIVE!

**TUES 2ND JUNE - AM
SCHOOL GATES**

MYSTERY BAG/ PRIZE DONATIONS

**TUES 9TH JUNE - AM
SCHOOL GATES**

MYSTERY BAG/ PRIZE DONATIONS

**FRI 12TH JUNE - PM
PTA SHED**

**HELP THE PTA WITH FAIR PREP -
PRE PICKUP**

**FRI 12TH JUNE - PM
SCHOOL GREEN**

**PRE SALES OF FAIR TOKENS AND
BOUNCY CASTLE WRISTBANDS!**

**THURS 18TH JUNE- AM
SCHOOL GATES**

**BOTTLE TOMBOLA DONATIONS
FOR NON UNIFORM DAY**

**THURS 18TH JUNE - PM
SCHOOL FIELD**

FIELD/GAZEBO SETUP

To sign up to volunteer please scan the QR code!





Taplow Village Open Gardens & Cream Teas

Saturday, 30th May
1:30pm to 6:00pm

Pick up tickets and map at
St Nicolas Church between 1:30 to 4:00pm
Enjoy a stroll around the village
and three very different gardens

£10 including Cream Tea at St Nicolas Church
Children under 10: Free (soft drink and cake provided)

Tickets available online at:
<https://pcc-of-taplow.sumupstore.com/products>





YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO THE

Official Reopening
of
the Pond at Lent Green Lane,
Burnham

ON SATURDAY 13TH JUNE 2026

Tea and coffee will be available from **11am**,
and the formal part of the event will start at **11.30am**.

Cllr Marie Hammon, Chair of Burnham Parish Council,
will formally welcome guests; and the Lord-Lieutenant
of Buckinghamshire, The Countess Howe, will officially
declare the pond re-open and unveil the new
pond information board.

After a few words from the Friends of the Pond
the Vicar of St Peter's Church,
the Reverend Josh Cleaver, will give a blessing.

No RSVP is required





ETON COLLEGE COLLECTIONS



Family Learning Event: Eton's Elephants

Free half-term family activity at Eton's Natural History Museum.

Join us for a fun range of activities themed around 'Eton's Elephants' on Tuesday 26th May. Come along to explore our elephant trail, learn some amazing facts about elephants, and take part in a fun range of craft activities – including making your own elephant mask!

The museum will be open 1 – 4 pm.

Free entry – no need to book.

For more information: [Family Learning Event: Eton's Elephants - Eton College Collections](#)