

# St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

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## Friday 15th November 2024

We had glorious sunshine for our Armistice Day service. Fir class led with confidence and school councillors laid wreaths on behalf of their classes. After the last post and two minutes silence (well, almost!) the choir and



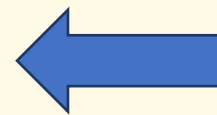
whole school sang 'Turn your thoughts on this occasion...' very beautifully.

## Pupil quote of the week

Year 3 child to parent when seeing Halle at the gate: **"The school is already happy but this will make it even happier!"**

100%	Perfection
98%	Impressive
97%	Very good
96%	Good
95%	Nearly there
94%	Needs to improve
<94%	Poor

## Attendance matters



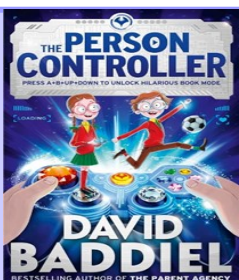
Attendance for this week was a good **96.2%**

## KS2 Carol Service

Over the years we have noticed that a number of children, including disadvantaged children, were missing out on the carol service because their families were unable to bring them in the evening.

By moving the service into the school day this year, we can ensure that all the children can experience this memorable and enriching Christmas tradition.

Dates and times for our community events including the Christmas fair, nativity and more can be found on our website calendar, which is updated regularly.



## Reading at St Nic's

'The Person Controller' by David Baddiel

A book about two twins who love gaming.

Suitable for ages 8+ recommended by Matthew, Y5

## Children In Need



It's been a yellow, spotty sort of a day in school, and we have loved all the innovative yellow and spotty accessorising! We would like to thank you for your support and donations on the gate. The children have enjoyed the fun, including a special Children in Need presentation by the Y6 school council in celebration assembly.



**We are singing 'I wish I was a butterfly'... Can you guess which verse?**

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## House Points

Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
320	231	297	338

Congratulations to the Tigers

## Busy Bunch

This week at Busy Bunch we have painted hand prints.



### Coming up:

Next week's theme is weather



## Thank you

Willow class are proud to have raised £411.10 at this year's Macmillan coffee morning, for which we received our certificate today.

Thank you so much for helping us make it a success. That was a lot of cake!

## Young Climate Warriors

Growing and producing food causes 1/3 of global greenhouse gas emissions – to tackle climate change we ALL need to change how we eat.

Globally, we eat over 200 million chickens, pigs, cows, sheep and goats per DAY!

A plant-based diet reduces animal related methane emissions, as well as enabling higher productivity from agricultural land and reduces water demand.

Eating beef (eg burgers or mince) 1 - 2 times every week for a year results in the equivalent emissions of heating the average UK home for 95 days!

### Little ME ... MEals, MEat, MEthane.

1st December 'COP28' challenge!

World leaders are meeting at the UN Climate Change conference - COP28 in Dubai concluding on 12th December.

What can 'little ME' do to help combat climate change?

Go for as many plant-based meals as possible over the 12 days of COP28... alternative sources of protein include: Chickpeas, lentils, peanuts, almonds, quinoa, wild rice, beans, almonds, peas, chia and hemp seeds, sweetcorn, spirulina, broccoli, kale, mushrooms ...

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



'The most powerful thing you can do to help the environment is change your diet.' Dr Joseph Poore, University of Oxford. Author of the [BBC Climate Change Food Calculator](https://www.bbc.com/news/health-56222222)



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

## Headteacher Awards



**Chestnut: Sohn** for persevering and trying his hardest when making his diva lamp. **Alice** for showing excellent fine motor control and patience when painting her rangoli pattern.

**Elm: Maya** for settling into Year 1 and working hard. **Seamas** for fantastic work in his computing lesson to make a great piece of art.

**Ash: Max** for being able to explain why the Great Fire of London in 1666 spread so quickly. **Leo** for showing his table in maths how to add 10s to a number - with a brilliant demonstration using the dienes and a place value grid!

**Oak: Akaal** for such a positive and mature attitude towards all aspects of his learning. **Lola H** for persevering with the new challenges of using her left hand to write.

**Pine: Christian** for showing resilience this week, and working well within a variety of groups. **Felix** for working hard to complete his portrait in the style of Frida Kahlo and then reflecting carefully to evaluate honestly.

**Willow: Sya** for engaging well with our therapy dog Halle this week, using the dog zones of regulation to support her. **Aston** for asking well-considered questions in lessons and providing great ideas in science when learning about gravity.

**Fir: Ellie** for her amazing, focused attitude to learning and her growth mindset. **Keira** for always striving to learn and improve and for making good contributions in discussions.



### And finally...

Please return your raffle tickets, the prizes are amazing!  
Extra raffle ticket books are available from the office.

Wishing you a happy weekend,

**Ms Holmes**



## PTA and Community News

# ST NICOLAS' SCHOOL & PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR

NOVEMBER 23RD • 12-3PM

Santa's grotto - Beer stall  
BBQ with burgers and sausages  
Hot and cold drinks, cakes & snacks  
Fantastic raffle with amazing prizes  
Bottle tombola - Grinch grab game  
Advent game - Shutdown Snowman  
Adopt a Bear - Letters to Santa  
Biscuit decorating - Pine Pong  
Children's Tombola - Mystery Bags  
The Globe

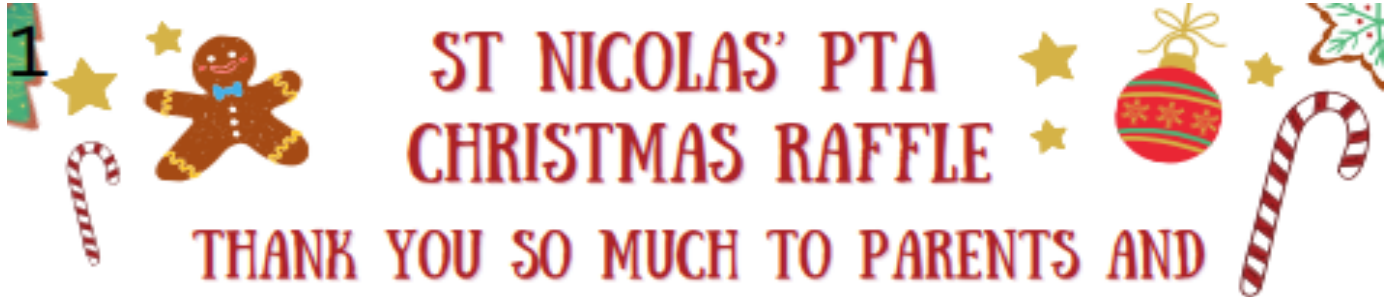
Selection of external stalls &  
much much more...

Cant wait to see you there!

ST NICOLAS' SCHOOL  
TAPLOW, SL6 OET



## PTA and Community News



# ST NICOLAS' PTA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO PARENTS AND  
COMPANIES FOR DONATING PRIZES!

FORTNUM & MASON HAMPER FROM  
THE PORTMAN ESTATE

MARLOW DONKEY £30 VOUCHER

THE CROWN AT BRAY MEAL FOR TWO  
WITH A BOTTLE OF WINE

SOUTH BUCKINGHAMSHIRE GOLF  
CLUB FREE ROUND OF GOLF (18 HOLE)  
FOR 4 PEOPLE WORTH £140

FLIP OUT AYSLEBURY X 2 TICKETS

£50 SWEATY BETTY VOUCHER

HENLEY ADVENTURE GOLF  
FAMILY PASS

DAWS VALLEY WINE TOUR FOR 4

DAWS VALLEY WINE TOUR FOR 2

HURLEY HOUSE AFTERNOON  
TEA FOR 2

HOBBLEDOWN HEATH X 2 TICKETS

CLARA'S CORNER SESSION VOUCHER

SIREN CRAFT BREW BREWERY  
TOUR VOUCHER FOR 2

OAKWOODS TREAT HAMPER

HAIR HAMPER

MAGPIES FREE DAY AT FOOTBALL  
AND MULTISPORTS CAMP

NANDOS CHICKEN CHEQUE -  
TWO MEALS AND DRINKS

NINJA WARRIOR GUILFORD X 2 TICKETS

WINDSOR & ETON BREWERY GIFT PACK

VELOCITY PAINTBALLING TEAM  
TICKET FOR 10 PEOPLE X 2

HENLEY RIVER AND ROWING  
MUSEUM FAMILY ANNUAL PASS

KEW LITTLE PIGS "PIGGY,  
PET AND PLAY" VOUCHER

WHIZZ POP BANG 3 MONTH  
SUBSCRIPTION

EVERYONE ACTIVE ICE RINK  
FAMILY PASS

EVERYONE ACTIVE CLIP & CLIMB  
FAMILY PASS

THAMES RIVER SIGHT SEEING  
FAMILY RIVER PASS

GULLIVER'S WORLD THEME PARK  
TICKETS X 2

BARDO LOUNGE £20 VOUCHER

£200 PUMPKIN AND PIXIES  
PHOTOGRAPHY EXPERIENCE VOUCHER &  
FREE PRINT & £75 GALLERY CREDIT

MAIDENHEAD MAGPIES FAMILY  
TICKET TO MAIDENHEAD FC

MAGPIES SATURDAY SESSION  
BLOCK VOUCHER

BOTTLE OF PROSSECO FROM  
THE OAK AND SAW