



St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

Living and learning together with God

Friday 3rd July 2026



Year 5 playleaders celebrating their final session of the year

A bit about Moving Up

We are delighted to have a full and well-qualified teaching staff in place for September. As a senior leadership team, we take great care to place our teachers and TAs where they can best meet the needs of our different cohorts of children. Decisions around who teaches which year group are also important to the long-term sustainability of the school.

I am confident that we have a strong staff structure for the year ahead; one that will ensure the best possible outcomes for our children.

On Tuesday, children will start in their own classes then spend the day in their new classroom for a day of activities. They will each bring home a welcome letter from their next teacher.

Honesty

Our children are fantastic at showing the school value of honesty and **love** to tell their friends and teachers all about their holidays, days out and illnesses!

We have noticed children really struggling in school if they have been told to say something untrue following an absence, and it puts everyone in an awkward position.

Working in home-school partnership, we ask that you help by modelling honesty to your child. Please bear this in mind on Monday morning!



Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
199	194	189	200

Well done Tigers!

"I'm really excited for this DT lesson because I've read the success criteria!"

Year 2 child

Meet the Teacher - current EYFS-Y5

We would like to invite you to meet your child's new teacher on Wednesday 8th July. Children will find out who their new teachers and TAs are on Move Up Day (Tues 7th July).

We have two sessions available **3.40-4.00pm** and **4.00 - 4.20pm**

We hope to see you then!

Current year 4 meet the teacher is on Thursday 9th July at 3.40pm.

Reading at St Nic's

'Go big: the secondary school survival guide' by Matthew Burton

Suitable for any year six children transitioning to secondary school this September.



Maidenhead Magpies

Maidenhead Magpies clubs finish next week

RE in the spotlight

Last Friday, Year 4 visited St Nicolas' church to sensory map spiritual feelings.

After a tour of the church with Reverend Jane, the children were able to explore where they might experience a spiritual feeling of awe and wonder or quiet reflection. It was a fantastic visit and we are very grateful to Reverend Jane for sharing her time and expertise with us so we could have this learning experience.

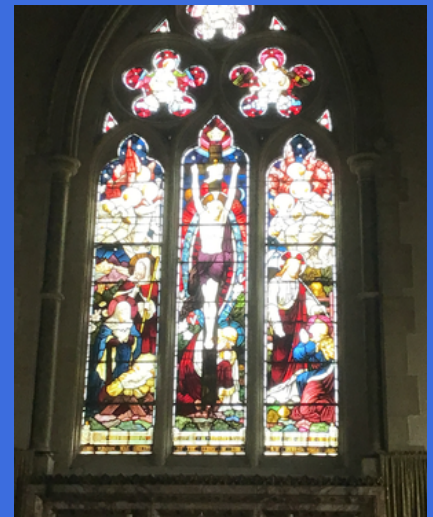


"All my negative thoughts went away." **Akaal**

"I felt really peaceful and closer to God." **Jagger**

"I found it easier to calm down." **Lola H**

"It felt peaceful and quiet, it felt nice." **Jacob**



Summertime choices ...



Summer is here, can you choose to be a Young Climate Warrior when you are out as well as at home?

Summertime choices challenge:

What's best for our planet may not always be the cheapest, easiest, 'coolest' option - what will you choose?

Can you remember the re-usable carrier bags? Fill up your water bottles? Say 'no thank you' to straws, avoid drinks cartons?

Join 'Ali's 1 Million litter pick' ... pick it, map it and snap it ... check out the map - plastic is being rescued across the globe!



Over 400 million tonnes of plastic are produced every year - the weight of every blue whale on Earth... times 150! 14 million tonnes is thought to reach our oceans.

Join in with 'Ali's 1 Million litter pick' organised by Kids Against Plastic ... pick it, map it, snap it!

Learn about nurdles, join the Great Nurdle Hunt and check out 'NURDLE': who's invented a 'vacuum cleaner' to sort nurdles from sand - used at Chessel Bay, Southampton.

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



'It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are', said Dumbledore.



Stem day at Altwood School



Four lucky members of Willow class were invited to attend a STEM day at Altwood School. We were proud of their maturity and how well they represented the school.

"I loved the STEM competition because I got a chance to build on my team working skills and to show different schools what St Nics' students can do."

"I loved the coding of a Lego robot and the making of a model car and also the maths challenge at the end of the day."

"We did a balloon car activity where we were judged on design, speed, teamwork and star pupil."

EYFS and KS1 Concert

Yesterday's concert was a great success! We had a lovely audience of parents and carers, who were treated to songs from each class and the KS1 choir, as well as performances on the toots, ukuleles and the Ash class mass recorder band. Well done to all our young performers!



Headteacher's Awards



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

Chestnut: **Sophie** for amazing progress with her phonics and reading. **Elodie** for always being a good role model and a kind friend.

Elm: **Aoife** for a wonderful week of learning and great contributions in English when planning our writing. **Connie** for demonstrating calm, polite behaviour and always putting in a wonderful effort with her learning.

Ash: **Immy** for creating an amazing story about a mermaid machine (which was adapted from our class reader) and including brilliant vocabulary! **Albie** for showing a super understanding of tally charts in maths!

Oak: **Fred** for impressing the swimming coaches with the progress he has made with his confidence in the water. **Betsy** for a great magazine cover created using Canva, and then helping others.

Pine: **Violet** for using techniques learnt in PE to produce some excellent batting in rounders. **Maia** for her continued focus and hard work in all subjects.

Willow: **Evie** for excellent participation in all subjects and hard work to be an independent mathematician. **Jakob Cu** for fantastic ideas and sharing when writing a river poem this week.

Fir: **Thea** for super choreography for the Food Glorious Food scene. **Rajan** for thoughtful contributions about the positive and negative impact of global supply chains.



And finally...

Enjoy the weekend. We look forward to seeing Y5 complete their Bikeability on Thursday and welcoming you to your child's new classroom at Meet the Teacher.

Ms Holmes and the team



PTA and community news



Friendly Reminder

Hoppy wants to remind you, your school's clothing collection is soon! Get your bags ready. Bring as much as you can, even use extra bags if needed. More donations mean more funds for the school's reinvestment!

Let's make it count!



Your Collection Date is:
Wednesday 15th July



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Dear Parent and Guardian,

We are delighted to announce that our school will be holding a clothing collection with the **Happy School Bag Fundraising Scheme on 15th of July 2026.**

This scheme is designed to help schools to raise needed funds and at the same time to help the environment by keeping textiles away from landfill and giving the clothing a new lease of life. To take part you simply need to fill the bag(s) with your unwanted clothing and bring them to the school by the scheduled collection day.

We accept:

- ✓ Adults and children's clothing
- ✓ Paired Shoes
- ✓ Fashion accessories
- ✓ Handbags, Belts
- ✓ Hats, Scarves
- ✓ Jewellery, Perfumes

We don't accept:

- × Dirty, Damaged, Wet Clothes
- × Uniforms, Underclothing
- × Toys, Books, DVD's, CD's
- × Duvets, Pillows, Household linen
- × Carpets, Blankets, Curtains
- × Bric-a-Brac

More clothing we manage to collect, the more funds our school can raise! The Happy School Bag van will be collecting from our school on **15th of July 2026.**

Many thanks

Kind Regards



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Little Tanks autumn term 2026 - Bookings now Open!!

Bookings are now ****OPEN**** for Little Tanks after school drama club for the autumn term 2026, giving you an opportunity to secure your child's space before the new after school drama club starts on Wednesday the 9th of September.

The start of term normally generates a surge of applications therefore if you are interested, please complete payment to avoid disappointment as there are currently now only limited spaces available.

Application form – [Click here to complete](#)

Day – Wednesday

Account Name: Little Tanks Ltd

Account Number: 9949 3876

Sort Code: 60-83-71

Reference: SN followed by your child's name

Amount: £92.00

Both the form & fee via bank transfer are required to be submitted to secure your child's space

Flyer attached for more information

We look forward to welcoming your child to Little Tanks next term and working on developing their confidence skills.

If you have any queries, please contact: debi@littletanks.co.uk

