

St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

Jesus said, 'I am the vine and you are the branches'



Friday 25th October 2024

It's been a busy half term and the children are tired but still going! We were delighted to welcome Y6 families to an excellent assembly which showcased some of their learning about WW1, poetry and of course, their adventures at the River Dart. It was entertaining and we were impressed with their confident speaking and acting. It was also lovely to see parents at parent consultations. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to discuss your children's learning and next steps with their teachers.

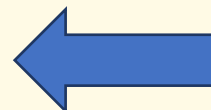
Pupil quote of the week

"Usually we say we are late due to traffic but today we actually were!"

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 needs to improve **94.7%**



Poppies

We will be selling poppies and related remembrance items in school after half term to support the Poppy Appeal. Please send your child in with some coins if they wish to purchase any of these and support this worthwhile cause.



U11 Netball



Well done to our netball team who played against Lent Rise, this week. They worked well as a team and we are proud of you all!

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House Points

Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
279	159	277	239

Congratulations to the Jaguars

Busy Bunch

This week at Busy Bunch we have been decorating bags for the Christmas fair.



Coming up: Half term

Headlice

We have been notified of cases of head lice in several year groups. Please take some time to check and treat all the family over half term.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

SEND

All learning plans have been updated.

Mrs Birch can be contactable via the office should you wish to discuss further.

Young Climate Warriors

Fungi could be crucial in our fight against climate change. Recent research suggests a vast network of fungi beneath our feet stores 13 gigatons of carbon – equivalent to about 1/3 of our global annual emissions!!

There are 2-4 million different species of fungi on Earth – that's 6 times the number of plant species.

25% of all living species on our planet live underground.

You'd need 6.5m long arms to hug the widest tree in the UK – a 1,000 year old oak in Lincolnshire!

Autumn is here. Time to go exploring!

Enter another world ... wondrous woods ... fascinating fungi ... cobwebs beaded with dew.

Go exploring ... revel in the fascinating fungi (don't touch, they can be poisonous!)... check out different seeds ... find the brightest orange leaf ... give a tree a hug? Make some 'leaf fireworks' or 'woodland emojis'?

Fungi are crucial to the health of woodlands, and have a really important role in helping our soils store carbon.

Wondrous woods challenge!

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



In a battle to save the planet ... battalions of 'mushrooms'? (WEF, 2022)



www.youngclimatewarriors.org

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Restart a Heart

Restart a Heart is an annual initiative led by Resuscitation Council UK, where throughout October an alliance of partners come together to increase the number of people surviving out-of-hospital cardiac arrests by helping more people learn CPR.



Each year over 30,000 people have an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest in the UK, with survival rates remaining stubbornly low in the UK, with fewer than 1 in 10 people surviving. Giving CPR and using a defibrillator can more than double someone's chance of survival.

The British Heart Foundation have produced a free, interactive, online CPR training course RevivR <https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/how-to-do-cpr/learn-cpr-in-15-minutes> (bhf.org.uk). All you need is 15 minutes, a cushion, and your mobile phone or a tablet. RevivR will give you feedback on your compressions to make them as effective as possible! Start the training now, or save it for later and get it sent straight to your inbox, ready when you are.

Beautiful Gate Lesotho

Mrs Dobson is flying to Lesotho to visit Beautiful Gate over half term. Along with Mrs Morris, who is the Head teacher of St Peter's School Burnham, she is taking lots of school uniform, shoes, dressing up clothes and art supplies for them. We look forward to hearing about their adventures and our love and prayers are going with them and the other numbers of the team.



Calling all instrumentalists

Please could all children who learn an instrument in school bring it in on Tuesday 4th November. We will be taking photos for our school website on that day and some of the children may be photographed



Choose Respect – Antibullying week!

We will be starting our anti-bullying week by choosing odd socks to wear to school showing that we respect each other and value that we are all different. What does 'choosing respect' look like to you? After half-term, our school council representatives will be holding class meetings with their classes to discuss this question.



Friday 15th November

Children in Need



Let's raise some money to support some really special causes in the UK.

With your school uniform wear something spotty or yellow. Pudsey ears can be worn too.

Please donate any coins and notes that you can spare on the day at the gate. The school council will be out with their buckets!

Headteacher Awards



Chestnut: Teddie for always being friendly and working well with others. **Ammar** for being so enthusiastic during our phonic sessions.

Elm: Millie for writing a fantastic letter persuading Beegu to stay at school. **Imogen** for fantastic maths work using her number bonds to 10.

Ash: Beatrix for her amazing ideas when adapting the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. **Dillon** for the detail and focus he put into his clay model for the 4th plinth.

Oak: Zofia for an excellent week of focus in Maths conquering the tricky topic of subtracting 10's across the hundreds. **Avni** for her excellent use of prepositional phrases when describing a setting following the 'Marshmallows' video clip.

Pine: Naanaki for more confidence in working independently on subtraction in maths. **Avleen** for increased confidence in sharing her ideas in class discussions.

Willow: Jaiden for demonstrating a growth mindset and working effectively with his table partners this week.

Maahi for consistently demonstrating an enthusiasm for learning as well as our school values, especially friendship.

Fir: Max for improving his organisational skills and for his positive attitude towards learning. **Molly** for making excellent progress with division calculations and good contributions in reading.



And finally...

We will be working with the website photographer on Tuesday 5th November. Please ensure school uniform/PE kit is smart and correct so that we can update our website with lots of lovely pictures!

Enjoy the half-term break, **Ms Holmes**



PTA and Community News

Raffle tickets

Raffle tickets have been sent home

The raffle draw will take place on 23rd November at the Christmas Fair.

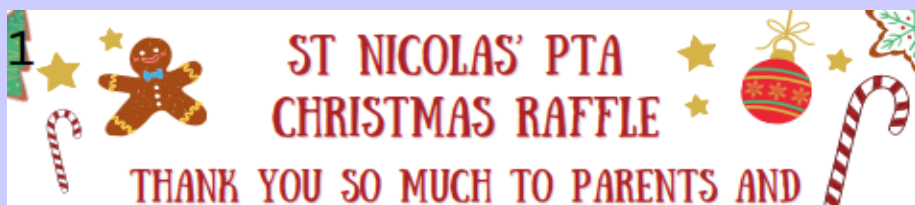
Please sell as many tickets as you can to family, friends, and neighbours. If you're seeing friends/family over the half-term break, take a few books with you and sell them too!

You can get extra raffle ticket books from Mrs. Ash at reception or grab a PTA member if you need more.

Once sold, please return the ticket stubs and money in the provided envelope to school or to a PTA member. Don't forget to include your name and mobile number on each stub!

Thank you for your support!

The PTA



**ST NICOLAS' PTA
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

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

FORTNUM & MASON HAMPER FROM THE PORTMAN ESTATE	NINJA WARRIOR GUILFORD X 2 TICKETS
MARLOW DONKEY £30 VOUCHER	WINDSOR & ETON BREWERY GIFT PACK
THE CROWN AT BRAY MEAL FOR TWO WITH A BOTTLE OF WINE	VELOCITY PAINTBALLING TEAM TICKET FOR 10 PEOPLE X 2
SOUTH BUCKINGHAMSHIRE GOLF CLUB FREE ROUND OF GOLF (18 HOLE) FOR 4 PEOPLE WORTH £140	HENLEY RIVER AND ROWING MUSEUM FAMILY ANNUAL PASS
FLIP OUT AYSLEBURY X 2 TICKETS	KEW LITTLE PIGS "PIGGY, PET AND PLAY" VOUCHER
£50 SWEATY BETTY VOUCHER	WHIZZ POP BANG 3 MONTH SUBSCRIPTION
HENLEY ADVENTURE GOLF FAMILY PASS	EVERYONE ACTIVE ICE RINK FAMILY PASS
DAWS VALLEY WINE TOUR FOR 4	EVERYONE ACTIVE CLIP & CLIMB FAMILY PASS
DAWS VALLEY WINE TOUR FOR 2	THAMES RIVER SIGHT SEEING FAMILY RIVER PASS
HURLEY HOUSE AFTERNOON TEA FOR 2	GULLIVER'S WORLD THEME PARK TICKETS X 2
HOBBLEDOWN HEATH X 2 TICKETS	BARDO LOUNGE £20 VOUCHER
CLARA'S CORNER SESSION VOUCHER	£200 PUMPKIN AND PIXIES PHOTOGRAPHY EXPERIENCE VOUCHER & FREE PRINT & £75 GALLERY CREDIT
SIREN CRAFT BREW BREWERY TOUR VOUCHER FOR 2	MAIDENHEAD MAGPIES FAMILY TICKET TO MAIDENHEAD FC
OAKWOODS TREAT HAMPER	MAGPIES SATURDAY SESSION BLOCK VOUCHER
HAIR HAMPER	BOTTLE OF PROSECO FROM THE OAK AND SAW
MAGPIES FREE DAY AT FOOTBALL AND MULTISPORTS CAMP	
NANDOS CHICKEN CHEQUE - TWO MEALS AND DRINKS	

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PANTO
Dick Whittington

WINDSOR THEATRE
THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2024
7PM SHOWING

ORGANISED BY THE PTA
St Nicolas' School PTA
TAPLOW

LIMITED AVAILABILITY
SEATING IN CIRCLE ROWS A - H
(ALLOCATED ONCE BOOKED)
SEATING PLAN AVAILABLE HERE

£18
PER TICKET
RRP
£36

<https://stnicolaspta.sumupstore.com/product/panto-ticket-2024>

Seating plan for info

<https://theatreroyalwindsor.co.uk/whats-on/seating-plan/>



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Balloon modelling

Free community event



Refreshments

Family Fun Day



Face painting

Saturday 2nd November
12 - 3pm



Short films

Burnham Methodist Church

Eastfield Road, Burnham,
SL1 7NZ



Games



Crafts

Reserve your free space with this code:
or ring the church on 07875717730



Snacks

We look forward to seeing you!