



# St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

Living and learning together with God

Friday 17th July 2026



I wanted to take a moment to congratulate our amazing Year 6 pupils for their two fantastic sell-out performances of \*Oliver with a Twist\*. Their hard work and talent truly shone through!

Today, we gathered at St Nicolas' Church for the Leavers' Service to say farewell to this wonderful class. They will certainly be missed, but we are excited about the new adventures that await them in their new schools. Remember, they will always be considered part of the (St Nic's) family, and we look forward to seeing all their bright futures unfold!





## House Points

| Jaguars | Pumas | Lions | Tigers |
|---------|-------|-------|--------|
| 271     | 264   | 219   | 274    |

Well done Tigers!

## Music Lessons



Many classes have had demonstrations from our visiting teachers from Bucks Music over the last half term. We hope that some children will want to start either string, woodwind or brass lessons in September. Please take a look at [www.bucksmusic.org](http://www.bucksmusic.org) and look at the parents tab to find out details of costings and to apply for lessons. Please submit your application before the term starts so that teachers can sort out timetables for their schools. We are still hoping to get a guitar teacher in the next academic year and we will be letting you know about this when it happens.

## Last day of term

School closes for the summer  
on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

1.20pm EYFS/KS1  
1.30pm KS2



Busy Bunch is available until  
4.30pm. Normal full afternoon  
rate will apply.

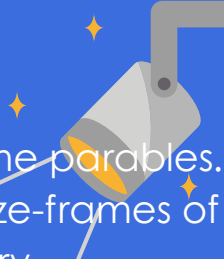
## Overheard pupil quote

"That was the most frightening  
thing I've ever seen."  
Year 1 pupil after seeing Year  
6 pretending to be sheep in  
assembly.

## Lost Property

The lost property cupboard is full of  
unnamed items! Please can you check  
it before the end of term? Anything  
remaining will be recycled or  
disposed of.

# RE in the spotlight



Year 5 have enjoyed using their new Bibles this term to learn about some parables. Here, year 5 read the Parable of the Great Banquet and created freeze-frames of Jesus teaching his disciples how to lead their lives after hearing the story.

"I have loved being an RE leader this year and enjoyed learning about the Parable of the Wedding Feast because it showed me that all are invited to God's kingdom." Hazel M

"I enjoyed the Parable of the Tenants because it taught me about trust and kindness." Oscar

"I have enjoyed being an RE leader and leading the class in prayer. My favourite lesson was learning about The Lost Son because it taught me about forgiveness and peace." Enes



## Year 6 visit to Taplow Court

Y6 enjoyed visiting Taplow Court for their local history project.

We learned lots about the history of Taplow and the Grenfell family, who lived in Taplow Court.



# Year 1 visit Iver Environment Centre



"I really liked the equipment that we got to go on ."  
**Sadie**

"I liked exploring the fruit." **Carter**

"I liked looking at the bees and the pollen." **Aoife**

"I liked opening the seeds." **Betsy**

"I liked planting seeds." **Eleanor**

# Year 5 walking trip to the River Thames



Y5 had a fantastic walking trip along the River Thames to Maidenhead Sounding Arch and then on to Boulters Lock, where they made annotated sketch maps of what they saw, as part of geography.

"I enjoyed hearing the sounds of the river as we walked along." Jacob C

"The weir was so cool - I loved seeing the water flowing so fast." Emelia

Create your own patterns - you could turn to [Andy Goldsworthy for inspiration](#).

Rainforest 'music' patterns help predict illegal deforestation BEFORE it happens - [The Rainforest Connection project](#)

Palaeoclimatologists study ice cores to reveal Earth's past climate. Hear a [British Antarctic scientist](#) explain how ice cores are used to measure carbon dioxide levels.



### Awe-inspiring patterns in nature ...

How many different patterns can you doodle - find the back of an old envelope and give it a try?

Spiralling ferns, polygonal spiders webs, wave patterns on shells, heart-shaped clover leaves, fractals through a sliced cabbage - teardrop shaped rose petals. Our planet is incredible!

Your challenge this summer is to see how many shapes and patterns you can see in nature - take photos, make sketches, doodle the patterns.

And maybe create your own patterns from leaves, twigs, pinecones, shells, petals -



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



Patterns in Antarctic ice cores reveal that carbon dioxide levels are at an 800,000-year high.



# Headteacher's Awards

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

Chestnut: **Kylo** for a superb evaluation of his sandwich.  
**Emily** for showing enthusiasm whilst making and trying her sandwich.



Elm: **Mia** for showing great resilience this week and for her hard work and effort across the whole year. **Teddie** for consistently being a hard-working, responsible member of Elm Class and a wonderful role model.

Ash: **Bailey** for his excellent demonstration of the claw grip when preparing vegetables for our soup. **Dhaani** for her super understanding on how pictograms are created.

Oak: **Hugo** for never giving up, always trying his best and understanding that mistakes are part of his learning journey. **Elise** for really lovely work with her group on composing interpretations of weather in music.

Pine: **Sophie** for always completing home learning and presenting it well including having reading logged every week. **Thomas** for always completing his home learning and logging his reading every week.

Willow: **Avleen** for a term of focus in all subjects and great engagement with our topic of rivers. **James** for being a wonderful member of Willow Class.

Fir: **Year 6** for a fantastic show, involving teamwork, friendship and hard work

## And finally...

We say thank you and farewell to Ms Field who has been with us for many years and is moving to Suffolk which she tells me sadly is too far to commute! We also say goodbye to Miss Fleming who is off to university to begin her own adventures in teaching. We look forward to seeing everyone else rested and ready to go again on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September!



Have a wonderful restful summer and don't forget the reading! **Ms Holmes and the team**