

# St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

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## Friday 27th September 2024



Thank you for supporting our Macmillan coffee morning on Wednesday. It was wonderful to see so many families and Willow class were terrific hosts.

School Council met for the first time today to discuss their ideas and to plan a survey to find out how children prefer to learn.

### Harvest Festival

Year 4 will lead our Harvest Festival service on Thursday 10th October at 2.15pm in the church. More details to follow next week.



### Attendance

#### matters

Attendance for this week was a nearly there  
← nearly there  
**95.4%**

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

### Reading workshop

Thank you to those who attended this week's reading-at-home workshops. Some parents fed back that they had not realised the wide range of skills that children need to become successful readers. Presentations are on the class pages for those who couldn't make it.

### Reading at St Nic's

'The Nothing to See Here Hotel' by Steven Butler.



This book is humorous and adventurous. The book is set in a hotel full to the brim with monsters who stay there. I would recommend this book if you like adventure stories.

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## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Willow class thoroughly enjoyed hosting the Macmillan coffee morning this week. Parents and children greatly enjoyed the event, staying for hot drinks and a slice of delicious cake.

"Thank you for giving lots of donations! I am sure the Macmillan charity will be very pleased." **Thea**

"It was great seeing all the money we made from selling scrumptious cakes." **Conrad**



## Parents Evening

Parent consultations will be on Wednesday 23rd October from 1:30-7.30pm, in the hall. School and Busy Bunch will be open for children as usual.

Bookings open today at 6pm.

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## House Points

Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
220	205	277	304

## Busy Bunch

This week at Busy Bunch we made tissue paper pictures.

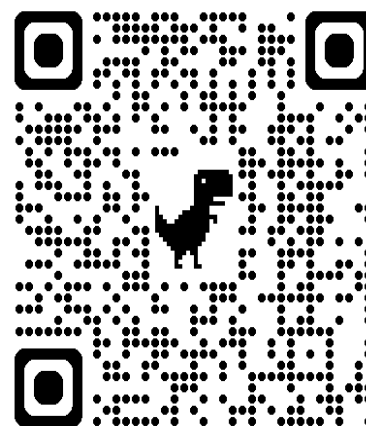


**Coming up:**

Next week's theme is Autumn

## BBC 500 Words competition

We will be encouraging children to enter the 500 words competition again this year. More information can be found here:



## Young Climate Warriors

How many conversations do you think are happening around the world at this very instant? Check out this [interactive climate conversation map](#) tracking climate discussions around the world.

Not sure how to start the conversation – maybe share one of these movies?  
[What exactly is Climate Change?](#)  
[Penguins and polar bears](#)  
[What a better future looks like](#)

[Meet your MP day – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October](#) – get talking to our politicians about why we care about climate change and nature and asking them to prioritise action – find a 'common ground'.

Walking and talking ... to help combat climate change.

Walking, talking challenge!

Join the conversation. Talk about our natural world, and how Young Climate Warriors - like yourself - are taking action to protect it and combat climate change.

Tackle climate change on your way to school, football, dance, Cubs or Brownies?

Talk, chat, share, discuss what you know, feel and think about climate change with your nan, friend, cousin, uncle, teacher ... ?

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



**'The most important thing you can do to fight climate change: talk'**

Katharine Hayhoe, climate scientist.



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



## Headteacher Awards



**Chestnut: Jayden** for great concentration and skills when completing a puzzle. **Livia** for joining in with repetitive text during the little red hen story.

**Elm: Finn C** for helping to keep the classroom tidy. **Hannah** for working hard on her handwriting and sentences.

**Ash: Annabel** for showing great skills when working with different partners. **Hadi** for using his phonics to help with his writing.

**Oak: Edith** for a very engaging and interesting non chronological report about the BFG. **Felix** for outstanding effort and interest during our science investigation.

**Pine: Evie** for being able to explain what happens to particles in solids, liquids and gases when they are either heated or cooled. **Enes** for great focus during our history lesson when writing a tourist information leaflet on Chichen Itza.

**Willow: Dara** for well-focussed work this week. **Millie** for excellent hospitality during the Macmillan coffee morning.

**Fir: Jaden** for his effort to hand in beautifully presented home-learning with well considered sentences.

**Chloe** for taking pride in her work and challenging herself to include sophisticated vocabulary and a range of punctuation.

### And finally...

An enormous 'thank you' to everyone who has donated school shoes for Beautiful Gate. Your generosity has been heart-warming and Mrs Dobson now as many as she can take!

Wishing you all a good weekend,

**Ms Holmes**



## PTA and Community News

### Get Delicious Doughnuts & Support the PTA!

Enjoy Krispy Kreme's famous glazed doughnuts at a super sweet price while raising funds for our PTA!



### Fresh Doughnuts, Big Savings! Please PRE ORDER by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October!

Grab a box (or two!) of Krispy Kreme's signature original glazed doughnuts

Box of 3 = £3

Box of 6 = £5

Box of 12 = £10



### HOW TO ORDER

1   **Pre-order** your doughnuts today! <https://stnicolaspta.sumupstore.com/product/krispy-kreme-doughnut-sale>

2   **Pick-up** your fresh treats on **Friday 18th October from 2.45pm on the green by the school**

3   **Enjoy** your yummy doughnuts while supporting a great cause! There is an option in the delivery section to tell us if your child is in Busy Bunch or at an after school event.

Orders and payment must be completed by **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October by midday.**

**ORDER NOW** so you don't miss out on the day!

<https://stnicolaspta.sumupstore.com/product/krispy-kreme-doughnut-sale>





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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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### PTA Christmas Fair Raffle – Call for Prize Donations!

The PTA has been hard at work organising this year's Christmas Fair, and one of the highlights is always the raffle! However, it's been particularly challenging to secure prizes this year, despite starting right after the summer raffle.

If any parents or families have a business or company that could kindly donate a prize, we would be incredibly grateful. Amazing prizes help us sell more raffle tickets, which greatly supports our fundraising efforts.

If you can help, please contact (or grab at gates) Sophie Crisp at [sophiecrisp@stnicolaspta.co.uk](mailto:sophiecrisp@stnicolaspta.co.uk) or speak to Mrs Ash at Reception.

Thank you so much for your continued support!

### Christmas Fair Stall Holders

If you would like to have a stall at the Christmas fair on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November – please contact (or grab at gates) Sophie Crisp at [sophiecrisp@stnicolaspta.co.uk](mailto:sophiecrisp@stnicolaspta.co.uk)

### Support our PTA with Asda's 'Cashpot for Schools'!

From Sept 2 to Nov 30, 2024, shop at Asda and 0.5% of your spend will be donated to our school. Just opt-in via the Asda Rewards app, select our school, and shop online or in-store.

Please share with family, friends, and colleagues across the UK – every little helps! Asda is also giving £1 for every opt-in and £50 to kickstart our school's cashpot. 🙌

<https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

Watch out on social media for (hopefully) regular updates on how much is in our pot!






# PTA and Community News

## TEACH IN BUCKS RECRUITMENT FAIR

*Interested in becoming a teacher?  
We want to meet you!*

**Saturday 9 November 2024, 10am - 3pm**

 **Buckinghamshire New University | Aylesbury Campus**



### Event Programme

Featuring presentations from a number of organisations including the Department for Education and several of the county's school and university based Initial Teacher Training providers:

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| 10.00am | Doors open - opportunity to review local providers  |
| 10.30am | <b>Get into Teaching</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation by a representative from the Department for Education</li></ul>   |
| 11.30am | <b>How to Apply - Applications, Qualifications, and Compliance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentations by Astra SCITT, Buckingham Partnership SCITT and Insignis SCITT</li></ul>  |
| 12.30pm | <b>Training Programmes:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Early Years and Primary Teacher Training</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentations by Buckinghamshire New University and Buckingham Partnership SCITT</li></ul></li><li>2. <b>Secondary Teacher Training Programme</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentations by Astra SCITT and Insignis SCITT</li></ul></li><li>3. <b>Teaching in Further Education</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation by the Buckinghamshire College Group</li></ul></li></ol> |
| 1.30pm  | Opportunity to review local providers   |
| 2.00pm  | <b>Routes into Teaching:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>The Apprenticeship Route into Teaching</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation by Astra SCITT and Insignis SCITT</li></ul></li><li>2. <b>The Assessment Only Route into Teaching</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation by The Buckingham Partnership SCITT</li></ul></li><li>3. <b>University Routes into Teaching</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation by Buckinghamshire New University</li></ul></li></ol>                                 |
| 2.30pm  | Opportunity to review local providers   |
| 3.00pm  | Close   |

Register  
for a **FREE**  
ticket:  
[Eventbrite](#)



If you have any queries about the event, please email [teachinbucks@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:teachinbucks@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

*Programme is subject to change*

Working in partnership: Buckinghamshire Council, ASTRA Teaching School Hub, Buckinghamshire New University, Department for Education, The Buckingham Partnership SCITT, Chepping View Primary Academy SCITT, National Mathematics & Physics SCITT, Insignis Academy Trust, The University of Buckingham, Buckinghamshire College Group.