

# St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

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## Friday 20th September 2024

Year 5 children led their first collective worship this week, visiting classrooms in small groups on the theme of space travel. They were confident and well-prepared and their audiences enjoyed it. Well done!

### 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 at 6pm on Friday 27th September.

[SchoolCloud - St Nicolas' CE](#)

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 nearly there **95.1%**

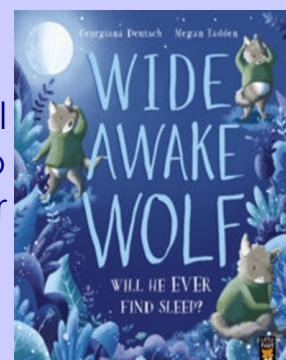


**Come on, we can do better!**

### Reading at St Nic's

“**Wide Awake Wolf**” by **Georgiana Deutsch** is a magical and fun book. It is about a wolf that is finding it difficult to sleep. My favourite part was when the wolf and badger heard the hedgehog's lullaby.

By Grace, Year 2.



### Term Dates 2025-2026

Next year, we are moving some INSET days from July to October, resulting in a shorter first half of the autumn term and a longer half term break for children.

Full term dates for 2025-2026 are available on our website:

<https://www.stnicolastaplow.com/term-dates/>

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## House Points

Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
204	282	284	269

Congratulations to the Lions

## Busy Bunch

This week at Busy Bunch we have made clothes for paper dolls.



### Coming up:

Next week's theme is Sonic

## Reading at home - a guide for parents

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 3:45-4:30PM Years 1-6**

Parents and carers, you are invited to join teachers in the classrooms to understand how reading is taught in school and be given practical strategies to support reading with your child at home.

We suggest attending the workshop for your youngest child's class and encourage you to bring your school-age children. We ask that children sit with their parents quietly, or are booked into Busy Bunch.

## Young Climate Warriors

The average individual in the UK uses 140 litres of water a day, whilst a quarter of the world's population still lacks safely managed drinking water.

It's Global Goals Week - the UN Sustainable Development Goals - for a better, sustainable planet for all - check out this [Global Goals 'superpowers' movie movie](#).


June 2024 - extreme temperatures recorded across the globe, with impacts on agriculture, food, air pollution, disease transmission ... highlighting the interconnectedness of these Global Goals.


140 litres per day ...  
80 litres per bath ...  
**YEP it's true!**

Do you need a bath ... hang on ... do you REALLY need a bath? Skip a day, swap for a shower, share your water?


Pumping, treating, delivering, heating, and disposing of WATER - all cause carbon emissions.


Learn about the Global Goals - think about children round the world - and how we can help achieve Goal 13 'climate action' by cutting our water use.





Water + SDGs challenge!





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



**Global Goals Week - Save water to play our part in helping children around the world.**



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



## WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

Dear parents and carers,

Come and support Year 5 as they raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support on **Wednesday 25th September at 9am—9.30am**

Donate and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and cake at the front of the school.

We are looking forward to seeing you, and extend a special invitation to reception class parents and others new to the school :)

**Every penny we raise means Macmillan can be right there for more people living with cancer.**

## Flu Vaccination

**Your child's annual flu vaccination is due this Autumn**

This vaccination programme is in place to help protect you and your child against flu, which can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Respiratory illnesses are known to circulate during the Autumn and Winter months and this free vaccine will help to avoid your child catching the flu virus and provide them with the best protection to ensure they stay well in these months. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu.

The online consent can be accessed via any online device.

Please click on the following link

<https://www.buckschildimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> which will direct you to an online consent form for you to complete.

We are planning to visit your child's school on **Monday 23rd September 2024** please complete the consent form in full using the following school code **EE138121** If a consent form is not completed by midday the day before our visit your child may not receive their immunisation at school.

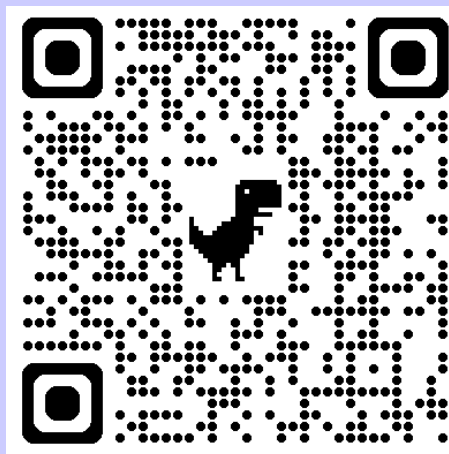
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## BBC 500 Words competition

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



## Birthday Books

At St Nicolas we love celebrating your birthdays!

Once again this year, we have a birthday book list on the English section of our website. Any book purchased for your child's birthday will have their name placed inside the book and will be presented in assembly. This book will then be placed in the library to be enjoyed by others for many years to come.

Please hand any books bought to the office with your child's name and birthday details.

Many thanks, Mrs Anderson





## Headteacher Awards



**Chestnut: William** for excellent listening and following instructions. **Sienna** for showing kindness to an upset friend

**Elm: Nick** for a great start in Year 1. **Sebastian** for settling to work quickly and calm behaviour.

**Ash: Rosie** for writing a super set of instructions for Grandma's medicine.

**Fred C** for modelling our listening skills brilliantly in all lessons.

**Oak: Niall** for working hard and always being interested in his learning.

**Avni** for always following our school values and willing to help others.

**Pine: Joshua** for fabulous use of similes and expanded noun phrases to describe the setting in English. **Tamanna** for asking great questions during our discussions in RE this week.

**Willow: Grace** for putting excellent effort into everything and being a resilient learner. **James** for his creativity and questioning this week.

**Fir: Aida** for exemplary home reading and logging her work in her planner. **Sam** for showing a mature attitude to learning and home learning in Year 6.

## And finally...

## Parent Time

Every Tuesday afternoon my time is for parents. It is the time in the week that I set aside to meet with you, and I will also be responding to any (non-safeguarding) parent emails that come in. On the other days of the week I will be focusing on quality of education for all the children.

As always, your child's class teacher should be your first port of call because they know them best, but if you would like to meet with me, this is bookable via Mrs Ash in the office. I look forward to meeting some more of you on Tuesday afternoons and learning more about what is important to our St Nic's families.

Wishing you all a relaxing and peaceful weekend,

**Ms Holmes**



## PTA and Community News



### 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!





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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://theatroyalwindsor.co.uk/whats-on/seating-plan/>



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The PTA have been busy starting to plan the Christmas fair which takes place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. We hope you have saved the date!

An easy way to help us raise donations is by sponsorship by Oakwoods estate agents.

□ **Help the PTA raise funds effortlessly!** □

Oakwood's Estate Agents will donate £10 for every festive board they display to promote our Christmas Fair on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. All you need to do is agree to have a board outside your home for 4-6 weeks—it's that simple! Here's how to get involved:

**Join our WhatsApp group:** <https://chat.whatsapp.com/K4tqZIGPZ1K4r26ZQwEZr2>

1. **Show your support:** Give a □ in the group if you'd like a board.
2. **Share your address:** We'll handle the rest!
3. Just 4-5 people per class can make a big difference in raising funds for the ICT suite. Feel free to invite friends and family to join!  
Anyone can have a board!

Thank you for your support! □□

The PTA

Example photo of board





# It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes  
to support people living with cancer.

**Place:** St. Nicolas' Church Taplow

**Date:** Friday 27th September 2024

**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon

**Contact:** Phil and Pam Taylor

Look forward to  
welcoming you to our  
Coffee Morning in aid of  
Macmillan Cancer  
Support.



**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**

