

# St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

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## Friday 13th September 2024

Thank you for taking such care to park and drive safely near school. We appreciate it has been even more difficult than usual while the road has been dug up, but hopefully this will be over soon. For new members of our community, we ask parents and carers not to park on the corner or the road up to school, as this blocks the two-way flow of traffic and can lead to vehicles having to reverse close to the children as they come and go. Please would all parents pass this on to any grandparents or other family members doing drop off or pick up? Thank you very much for keeping the children safe.

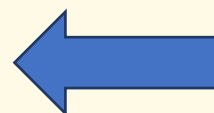
### School individual photographs

Individual and sibling photographs are on **Wednesday 18th September.**

Children should come to school in full uniform and bring their PE kits to

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

### Attendance matters

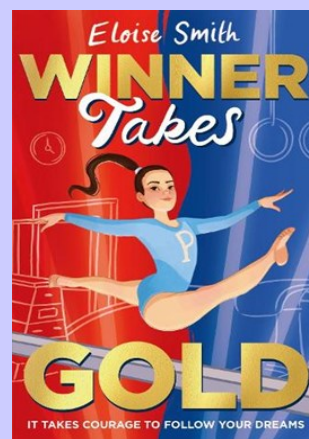


Attendance for this week was a very good **97.3%**

### Reading at St Nic's

'**The Winner Takes Gold**' by Eloise Smith is a phenomenal book that encourages you to challenge and face your fears in a way anyone can enjoy. My favourite part of the book was when Pearl was doing gymnastics and she struggled to do some flips but then mastered it. She inspired me to give gymnastics a try because anything is possible if you try hard and believe in yourself.

By Ava, Year 5.



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## Well done to our newly elected and selected representatives



**House Captains**



**Sports Monitors**



**School Ambassadors**



**Eco Council**



**Librarians**



**School Council**

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## House Points

Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
165	161	185	168

## Busy Bunch

This week at Busy Bunch we have enjoyed the adventure playground in the afternoon sun!



## Reading at home - a guide for parents

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

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 or are booked into Busy Bunch.

## Young Climate Warriors

August 2024 - UK's 'greenest electricity month' ever!! See a 'live' snapshot of UK electricity being produced from renewables here - [Gridwatch](#).

We are making progress ... over a third of global electricity is already produced from renewables - let's keep playing our part in asking for more.

Over the year, the average UK household uses 8 kWh of electricity per day - how much do you use? You'll probably use less in the summer and more in the winter.

**Combatting climate change ... you hold a 'key'!**

**ELECTRICITY** - It's easy to take it for granted ...

Can you find a very special 'key' ... for your electricity meter ... and use it to open your meter (with help from your parent/carer). Or hunt down your smart meter!

Read your electricity meter each day at the same time - and work out how much electricity your household uses per day - in September.

We can help combat climate change by reducing our electricity consumption - it's easier to monitor and reduce once you know how much you're using.

**Electricity challenge!**

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



**Kick start the Autumn term with Young Climate Warriors ... find out how much electricity you are ACTUALLY using ...**



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

## 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.

## Shoes for Lesotho

Thank you so much for the donations of shoes from KS1 for Beautiful Gate. If anyone has any black school shoes for children under 8, I would love to take them to Lesotho when I go at half term.

Mrs Dobson





## Headteacher Awards



**Chestnut: Samantha** for wonderful ideas when drawing about the story 'Rosie's Walk'. **Macie** for excellent scissor skills and concentration when cutting out Rosie the hen.

**Elm: Mila** for a terrific start in Year 1 and having a great attitude to learning. **Max** for wonderful listening skills and always trying his best.

**Ash: Luna** for being super helpful tidying the equipment up on the playground and helping around the classroom. **Riley** for being an excellent role model for the class as we practise our routines.

**Oak: Karam** for showing resilience and being a wonderful member of Oak class.

**Sophie** for super listening and always following the agreements.

**Pine: Aliza** for settling into St. Nicolas' School so well and quickly picking up an understanding of the routines. **James** for such great methodical working to show all possible answers in his maths work.

**Willow: Elsie** for excellent teamwork and sharing this week.

**Kieran** for showing great independence and reflecting all the school values.

**Fir: Freya** for her positivity and giving 100% effort in all her work.

**Albie** for showing maturity and taking responsibility for his learning.

## And finally...

Well done to our new Year 6, all of whom have stepped up to the top of the school this week. Enjoy the weekend!

**Ms Holmes**