



# St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

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**Friday 17th October 2025**



At break this week, Willow class enjoyed playing with the leaves that had fallen on the playground.

## ***Year 5 River Dart residential meeting***

You are invited to attend our River Dart information meeting at **3.45pm** on **Monday 3rd November**. Roger Sell, the owner of CRS Adventures and River Dart general manager, will give his legendary presentation and a flavour of what to expect. This is your opportunity to find out all you need to know and have all your questions answered.

We recommend attending in the classroom with your child as this is an informative and exciting event they like to experience with the rest of the class. If this is not possible, you can join via the invitation sent to your child's Teams calendar.



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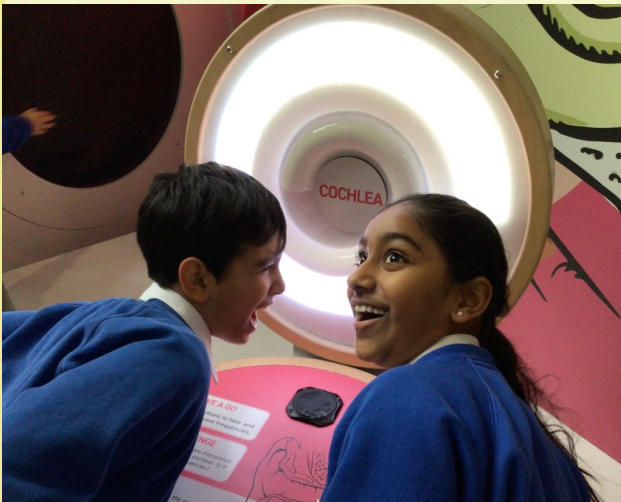


## Pine class

Reverend Jane came to visit Pine class today to answer questions we had prepared to link in with our RE topic 'What kind of world did Jesus want?'

It was interesting to find out more about Rev Jane's job.

## Willow Class visit to Winchester Science Centre



Year 5 enjoyed a science trip about Earth and space on Friday, travelling to Winchester Science Centre. There, they explored exhibits, had a lesson about how light travels and even tried on a space suit!

"The science centre was very fun and kept us engaged in science. My favourite part was

when we sat back in the comfy seats of the planetarium and explored the planets of the solar system." **Henry**



"I enjoyed it because there were lots of fun activities and everybody in the class got to enjoy something together. I most enjoyed the planetarium because it was very relaxing and I enjoyed learning about the planets." **Avleen**



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## Netball match

Well done to our netball team for a fabulous first game against Chalfont St Giles. They represented the school well and demonstrated great teamwork.

'Before the match we were feeling mixed emotions of nerves and excitement. Although it was hard work, we enjoyed every single second! We are all determined to keep working hard for the next match.'

**Millie and Orla**

## PTA Christmas Card project



The Christmas Card Project leaflets have been sent home.

If you'd like to order products featuring your child's festive artwork, please place your order by

**Tuesday, 4th November 2025.**

All ordered items will be delivered to school on or before Thursday, 27 November 2025.

Thank you for supporting this lovely festive fundraiser!

## SEND update

All learning plans have been updated and can be viewed online.

**Mrs Birch**

## PTA raffle tickets

Raffle tickets will be sent home tomorrow one book per family. There is no obligation to buy these, please return any unused tickets.

**Extra books can be collected from the office.**

The prizes are amazing!



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## Oak Class hat designing

Year 3 have been creating hats inspired by Coco Chanel.

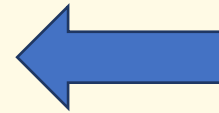


### Pupil quote of the week

During year 5's trip to Winchester Science Centre, we learnt in the planetarium that it rains diamonds on Neptune. A child turned to Mr M and asked "Can we go there on a school trip?" Mr M replied "I'll get the coach booked."

### Attendance matters

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



Attendance for this week was a good **96.5%**

### Year 6 Assembly

We are excited to invite the families of Y6 to join us for their class assembly in the school hall at 9am on Tuesday 4th November.



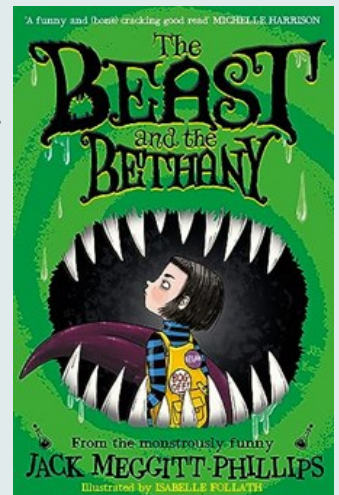
### Reading at St Nic's

#### 'The Beast and the Bethany,'

by Jack Meggitt-Phillips

*This book kept me captivated. It was sometimes very tense. I loved how the main character transformed from the naughtiest girl in the world to a person who fought for peace and love.*

**Thea, Fir Class**





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## House Points

Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
302	292	301	302

It's a tie! Congratulations to Jaguars and Tigers.

## Busy Bunch

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



Coming up: half term

## Sustainability

Young Climate Warriors is celebrating its 5<sup>th</sup> birthday – being a charity for 5 years [Check out our new YCW film](#), which shows a little more about what we do, and you can meet some other 'young climate warriors' like yourselves!

'Little by little, a little can become a lot' ... we're running a [YCW Aviva crowdfunder](#) where every donation gets doubled by Aviva! So your £10 donation actually becomes £20 to us ... please donate if you can.

'Vampire power' can account for over 10% of total home electricity use! The average UK household leaves 10 items plugged in 'on standby' at any time!



Don't just 'stand-by' ... take action & then 'share it'!



Little glowing eyes follow you in the dark ... as you leave the room at night ... as you leave to go to school ... they just carry on glowing. Can you guess what these energy-sucking vampires are?



Hunt down all little red or green eyes - count how many you find - and then switch them off (checking with your parent/carer first!).



Don't just 'stand-by', take action! Send us photos of 'vampire eyes' - and tell us how many vampires you have slain! [hello@youngclimatewarriors.org](mailto:hello@youngclimatewarriors.org).



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



'Little by little, a little can become a lot'

Tanzanian proverb, adopted as the YCW motto.



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

## BBC 500 Words Competition



This week, we had an assembly to introduce the BBC's 500 words story competition. The children were very excited! Please visit the website below for more details. Children need to enter at home but we will be having lots of discussions about it in school.

The competition opens on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September and closes on Friday 7th November.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>



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## Anti-Bullying Week 2025: Power for Good

Monday 10th—Friday 14th November



### Wear your odd socks to school on Monday 10th November!

We are all different and valued for our differences

"Every year, bullying impacts the lives of countless young people and silence helps it grow.

That's why, this Anti-Bullying Week, we're empowering young people to use their Power for Good to safely speak up and raise awareness when they see bullying, face to face or online.

Lasting change needs all of us. From playgrounds to parliament, our homes to our phones — we all have a part to play.

Together, we can use our Power for Good to end bullying — for good." (Anti-Bullying Alliance)

### Friday 14th November



## BBC Children in Need: We're there for you

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

Wear something spotty or yellow with your school uniform. Pudsey ears can be worn too. Please donate any coins and notes that you can spare on the day at the gate.



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## Headteacher Awards



**Chestnut:** **Milo** for sharing his wonderful knowledge of evergreen trees. **Sophie** for trying so hard when forming her letters.

**Elm:** **Sadie** for a great first half term in Y1 and some wonderful writing persuading Mrs Shephard to allow Beegu to stay in Elm class. **Ella** for approaching every task with enthusiasm and being a fantastic, sensible member of the class.

**Ash:** **Nick** for showing great perseverance when sculpting his clay and using hands to mould it. **Teddy** for being confident in applying his number bonds when adding to the next 10.

**Oak:** **Tilly** for always being an excellent role model for her peers by showing respect, being ready to learn and engaging fully in all her learning. **Fred C** for improving his focus and coming up with fantastic ideas on how to describe the marsh monster.

**Pine:** **Lola H** for always 'going the extra mile' in her home learning. **Lola B** for her increasing confidence during her maths mastery lessons.

**Willow:** **Charlie** for sharing great ideas for writing a newspaper article this week. **Nirvan** for being supportive, full of ideas and good manners.

**Fir:** **Thea** for showing initiative and leadership skills. **Conrad** for his enthusiasm and knowledge of WW1 and his great idea for our assembly.

*And finally...*

**Happy Diwali to all those in our school community who will be celebrating on Monday. Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights, with variations celebrated in other Indian religions such as Jainism and Sikhism. It symbolises the spiritual victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance.**

**Enjoy a wonderful half term, everyone.**

*Ms Holmes and the staff team*



## PTA and Community News

Maidenhead United  
in the Community



# OCTOBER FOOTBALL CAMP



October  
20-25th

Boys and Girls 4-11 yrs old

Location : The Cage at MUFC  
York Road SL6 1SF

BOOK HERE!



£25 per day, 10am to 3pm  
£3 early dropoff, 9am to 10am

for details email :  
[mark.nisbet@maidenheadunitedfc.org](mailto:mark.nisbet@maidenheadunitedfc.org)



## PTA and Community News

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

# Christmas Fair

ST NICOLAS' SCHOOL, TAPLOW, SL6 OET

**SAT 22<sup>ND</sup> NOV | 12-3PM**

*Santa's grotto  
Fantastic raffle with amazing prizes  
Bottle tombola  
Food + drinks  
Letters to Santa  
Children's Tombola + games  
Biscuit decorating  
NEW! - The Snow Globe  
Selection of external stalls +  
much much more...*

*We can't wait to see you there!*

*19/11/2024*



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*Don't forget to buy one of these for your Christmas shopping*

ST NICOLAS' SCHOOL PTA

# Christmas Raffle

**SHANLY HOMES - THE HAND AND FLOWERS £150 VOUCHER**

**CALDESI CAMPAGNA £270 VOUCHER**

**THE CHAPEL HAIR SALON, MARLOW £80 VOUCHER**

**HURLEY HOUSE TRADITIONAL AFTERNOON TEA FOR 2 £40**

**BABYLON PARK £50 VOUCHER**

**VENTURE PHOTOGRAPHY £245 VOUCHER FAMILY PHOTO SHOOT AND A 7" X 5" FRAMED IMAGE**

**THE REAL GREEK £40 VOUCHER**

**THE GEORGE & DRAGON MARLOW £50 VOUCHER**

**ACI GROUP £50 AMAZON VOUCHER**

**SAUCE AND FLOUR £50 VOUCHER**

**MARLOW DENTIST - £75 HYGIENIST VOUCHER**

**EL CERDO £35 VOUCHER**

**FLOWERLAND PLANTED ARRANGEMENT**

**CHALLEN'S CHICKS FARM LOCAL PRODUCTS CHRISTMAS HAMPER**

**THE CHEESE BAR, LONDON £30 VOUCHER**

**URBAN ESCAPE - URBAN ORGANICS HAMPER**

**COFFEE BY THE GALLON - COFFEE MASTERCLASS WORTH £110**

**£25 M&S VOUCHER FROM CLAIRE'S COMFY CANINES**

**VELOCITY PAINTBALLING FOR TEN PEOPLE - WORTH £100**

**FAMILY TICKET TO SLOUGH JETS ICE HOCKEY PLUS GOODIE BAG**

**FAMILY TICKET TO SLOUGH SPITFIRES ICE HOCKEY**

**THE CHEQUERS HOTEL NEWBURY AFTERNOON TEA FOR TWO**

**THE HYDE GERRARDS CROSS MANICURE VOUCHERS**

**ADVENTURE CINEMA 2 X TICKETS TO FILM OF CHOICE**

**OAKWOOD CLIMBING CENTRE TESTER SESSION**

**ORKID BEAUTY - LUXURY MANICURE VOUCHER**

**BOURNE END GOLD HUB VIRTUAL GOLF SESSION**

**CECILY MARLOW - ESPA TRAVEL COLLECTION**

**FAIRY TALE FARM FAMILY TICKET**

**FLIP OUT VOUCHER AYLESBURY**

**JOJO MAMAN BÉBÉ £25 VOUCHER**

**WOODSTOCKS COFFEE HOUSE - COFFEE AND CAKE VOUCHER**

*Thank you to all the companies that have donated.  
Good Luck!*

*19/12/2020*

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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NEW YEAR