



St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

Living and learning together with God

Friday 18th September 2026



RE Team



Sports Monitors



Eco Council



School Ambassadors



School Council



Librarians



Audio Monitors



KS1 Readers

Well done to our newly elected and selected representatives.



House Points

Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
219	226	247	217

Well done Lions!

Parents Evening

Parent consultations will be on **Tuesday 13th 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 Monday 21st September via Arbor

Pupil Quote

Year 3 child excited about using a purple pen to edit his English work.

"I am so excited, it's like a Christmas miracle."

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Our year 5 children are hosting this year's Macmillan Coffee Morning to raise vital funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. They would love to welcome you to the front of the school on Wednesday 30th September from 9.15. Please come along to support the children's event, enjoy a catch-up and buy a hot drink and a delicious slice of cake served by our Year 5 hosting team.

Please remember to bring some change/cash for your treats.

We look forward to seeing you there

Best wishes - Willow class



RE in the spotlight



In **Year 1**, we thought about how we could describe someone who would create plants, animals, people and mountains: powerful, clever, brave, loving, kind, imaginative. We then heard the Christian creation story, finding out that they believe God made the Earth and all the things on it in six days and then rested on the seventh day. We thought that God would have been very tired after all that work and deserved a rest! We discussed that this is why Sundays are a special day for Christians, so they can go to Church if they wish and thank God for all the wonderful things He created.

September is Sepsis aware month

This month, we launched our new campaign and short film, which will help you feel confident spotting sepsis. Our message is simple: if someone with an infection is getting worse and something just doesn't feel right, trust your instincts and act quickly. Just Ask: "Could it be Sepsis?"

<https://sepsistrust.org/about-sepsis/spotting-the-signs-of-sepsis/>

Harvest Festival

Families are invited to join us in the church for our harvest service led by year 4, on Tuesday 29th September at 2.00 pm. Please bring gifts of packets and tinned food for Burnham Care and Share. Items always needed include rice, long life milk, tinned meat, tuna, soups and tinned fruit or toiletries like shower gel or deodorant. These can be brought to school during the week of the 21st September. At our harvest service there will be a cash collection for Beautiful Gate in Lesotho. Mrs Dobson will tell you more about this at the service as she is going out to visit over the half term break. The children and staff at the Beautiful Gate orphanage really appreciate our support and our fundraising goes a long way to help them provide essentials for the children of this incredibly poor country.

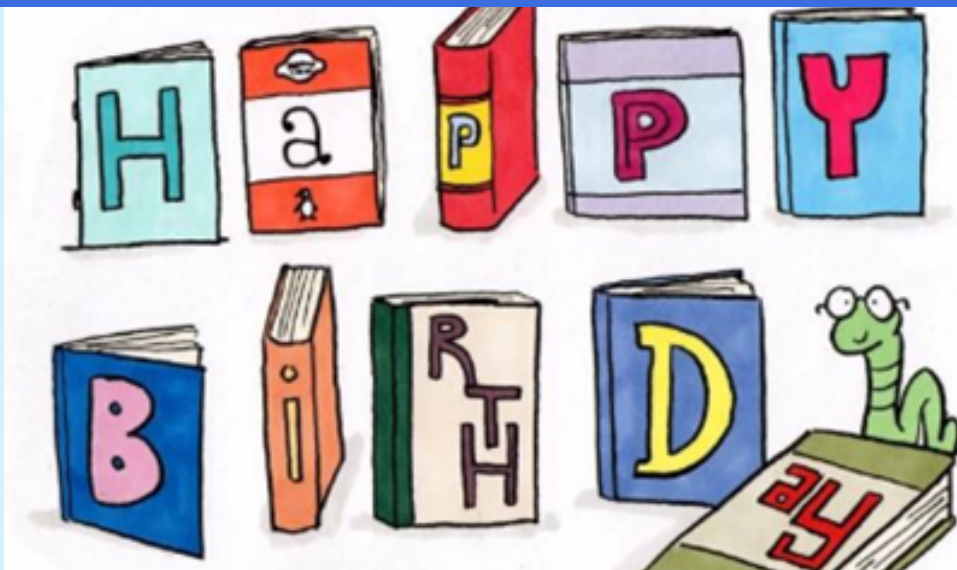
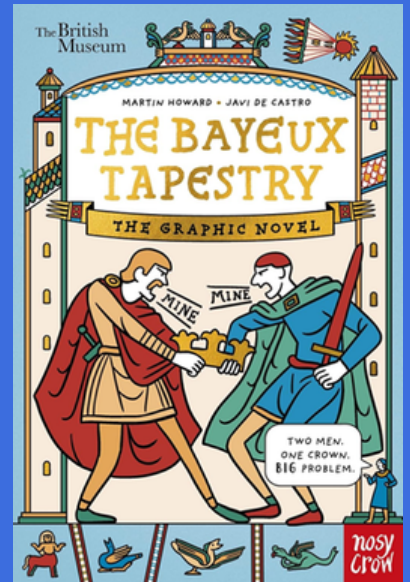
Reading at St Nics

'The Bayeux Tapestry: The Graphic Novel'

by Martin Howard

'I really like this book because the author made the battle of Hastings come to life. This book is great for children who like comic books, history and learning about battles.'

Matilda, Willow Class



At St Nicolas we love celebrating your birthdays! 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

Individual and sibling photographs

School individual and sibling photographs are on Wednesday 23rd September. Children should come to school in full uniform and bring their PE kits to change into if it is a PE day.





Year 3 Art

In art, Oak Class learnt about Michaelangelo and how he painted the ceiling of the Sistene Chapel whilst lying on his back. To experience what this would have been like, the children have been painting upside down.

Year 6 History WW1 - in the trenches



'I could feel how cramped it would be and it was so deafening.' **George**

'I wondered how could they put up with this every day.' **Tamanna**

'My imagination took me there; I felt sorry for the soldiers.' **Saha**

'I understand how soldiers got shell shock because the sound of explosions was deafening.' **Jake**

'I felt like I was getting a taste of life in a trench back in 1914.' **Henry**

Headteacher's Awards

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

Chestnut: **Louie** for learning the words to our new songs quickly and singing so enthusiastically. **Llewelyn** for being conscientious and pouring milk for the class so carefully.



Elm: **Tommie** for always being kind and helpful in the classroom, especially at tidy up times! **Kabir** for listening carefully to how to carry out tasks and enjoying taking on challenges.

Ash: **Carter** for demonstrating different ways to partition a number in maths. **Caleb** for showing fantastic manners consistently in school and always being ready for learning.

Oak: **Edwin** for his enthusiasm when completing his work and being able to confidently talk about his learning. **Jiya** For being a fantastic role model and following class expectations at all times.

Pine: **Thea** for excellent attention to detail in music and art this week. **Fred** for answering a range of questions and engaging well in maths lessons.

Willow: **Sophie** for her perseverance and determination to succeed in trying to master a cartwheel. **Hari** for trying hard and having excellent listening skills, following instructions carefully during PE.

Fir: **Jacob C** for superb home reading and focus in lessons, displaying a mature commitment to learning. **Humza** for developing a responsible attitude to learning, resulting in progress in reading and maths.

And finally....

The children will be designing Christmas cards next week, so that the PTA can have them produced into cards and gifts in time. You may wish to have a practice run at home and help them with design ideas...

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ms Holmes and the St Nic's team



PTA and community news

🤖 PANTO TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE! 🤖

Oh yes they are! 😁✨ The PTA has secured a limited number of discounted tickets for Jack and the Beanstalk at Windsor Theatre! The panto is always such a great night and a lovely way to kick off the festive season together! 🎄✨

Tickets are limited, so grab yours before they're gone! ❤️



Panto 2026

Jack And The Beanstalk @ Windsor Theatre Thursday 26th November @ 7pm Tickets to be collected from school close to the performance date.

🏠 St Nicolas' PTA



Support St Nicolas' PTA when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery

JOIN OUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

OUR SCHOOL
OUR COMMUNITY
BRIGHTER FUTURES

A Stronger Brighter Happier School Together

Do something lovely for our school — and you could win too!

Every week, someone supporting our school wins a prize

Kind Inclusive Curious Confident Together

A BRIGHTER TOMORROW TOGETHER

£25,000 jackpot

THIS WEEK: SUPER DRAW
Win an iPhone

Parents, carers, family & friends are all welcome

Join St Nicolas Church of England Combined School at Your School Lottery

Every ticket helps support our school community

JOIN HERE:
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-nicolas-church-of-england-combined-school

Small tickets. A big difference.

Two great Choirs to join!



Taplow Children's Choir

Children in years 3 - 6

Saturday 10 – 11am
(in term time)

*Taplow Village Centre,
SL6 0EX*

Taplow Boys' Choir

Boys in years 5+

Saturday 11:15 am –
12:15 pm
(in term time)

*Taplow Village Centre,
SL6 0EX*



Both Choirs led by Lizzie Cullen - Performances every term

Part of the Taplow Choirs organisation

www.taplowchoirs.org.uk



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See our website or contact Director, Gillian Dibden:

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Physical activity

for children and young people (5-18 Years)



Builds
Confidence & Social Skills



Strengthens
Muscles & Bones



Maintains
Healthy Weight



Develops
Co-ordination



Improves
Health & Fitness



Improves
Sleep



Improves
Concentration & Learning



Makes
You Feel Good

Be physically active

60
minutes

Aim for an average of at least

per day across the week

Spread activity
throughout the day



Play



Walk / Run



Swim



Skate



Skip



Climb

Activities to
develop
movement
skills, and
muscle and
bone strength

**ACROSS
WEEK**

All activities should make you
breathe faster & feel warmer



Bike



Active Travel



Sport



PE



Workout



Dance

Reduce
inactivity



**Get strong
Move more**

Increase
activity



Find ways to help all children and young people accumulate an average
of at least 60 minutes physical activity per day across the week