



St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

Living and learning together with God

Friday 9th October 2026



We are looking forward to welcoming back Year 6 following their River Dart adventures. We can't wait to hear about all the activities and the special memories you have created together.

We are all very proud of you!

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. We look forward to seeing you all.

Parents meetings for SEN children



If any parents of the current children with SEN would like to meet with the SENCO, please email the office **after** half term to request an appointment.

New learning plans will go live on the 2nd November for parents to view.



PE in Year 5

House Points

Looking forward to a double total next week when our house captains are back!



'We needed trust and enjoyed testing out the different counter-balances.'

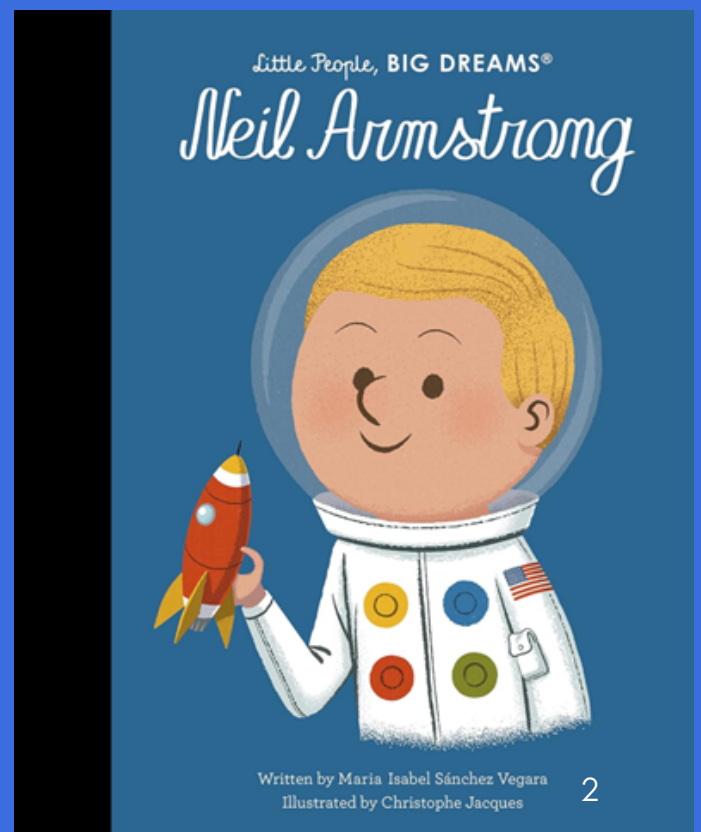
'It was tricky thinking about what to do 'magpieing' helped as we could change sequences and make it our own.'

Reading at St Nics

'Little People, Big Dreams: Neil Armstrong' by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara

'I really enjoyed reading about Neil Armstrong's story. He made history by being the first person to step on the moon in 1969.'

Sebby, Oak Class



Written by Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara
Illustrated by Christophe Jacques

The BBC's 500 Word story competition is now open!

500 Words celebrates children's creativity and imagination, encouraging children from across the UK to create an original story in 500 words or fewer. There are two age categories: 5-7 and 8-11 year-olds. Entries close at 9pm on Friday 6th November.



The poster features a dark blue background with a large rainbow arching across the middle. At the top, the BBC logo is displayed next to a small rocket. The text '500 WORDS' is prominently shown in large, yellow, stylized letters. Below this, it says 'A fun, creative story writing competition. Opens for entries Tuesday 29 September – Friday 6 November 2026'. A speech bubble on the left mentions prizes for winners. On the right, a book icon says 'Write a STORY you would love to read'. At the bottom, two children are sitting on a large open book, surrounded by various objects like a soccer ball, a dinosaur, and a tree. The age range 'Ages 5-11' is indicated. The bottom of the poster provides the website 'bbc.co.uk/500words' and the BBC Bitesize logo for teachers.

BBC

500 WORDS

A fun, creative story writing competition.
Opens for entries
Tuesday 29 September – Friday 6 November 2026

No need to worry about spelling,
punctuation or grammar!

Prizes for
the bronze, silver
and gold winners!!

Write a
STORY
you would
love to read

Ages
5 – 11

Find out more and enter at
bbc.co.uk/500words

BBC
BITESIZE
FOR TEACHERS

Free flu vaccination (nasal spray)

Friday 6th November

This year, children in EYFS to Y6 can get the free flu vaccine at school. Flu can make children very unwell and can cause chest infections, pneumonia, and ear infections. Flu and other breathing illnesses spread a lot in autumn and winter. The vaccine helps protect your child from catching flu and staying healthy during these months.

How do I provide Consent for my child to receive the vaccine?

Please take a few minutes to read the flu vaccination leaflet [Child flu vaccine - NHS](#). This provides helpful information about the flu vaccine, including why some children may need the injection instead of the nasal spray.

Please use the link below to complete the consent form as soon as possible, and no later than one full school day before the vaccination date.

Completing the form in good time helps us make sure your child can be offered their vaccination in school.

If your child is unable to have their vaccination in school, they may be able to attend one of our local community clinics instead.

1. Click the link <https://www.buckschildimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

2. Enter the Unique School Code **EE138121**

3. Complete the form (one per child). Please complete even if you are DECLINING the vaccination.

You can find information about the flu vaccine and asthma, and what to do if you change your mind, below.

More details about all our vaccination programmes are at:

<http://www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/School-nursing/immunisations.htm>

If you need to contact us, please email: buc-tr.BucksChildImms@nhs.net

If you need help filling out the consent form, call the Immunisation Team on 01494 323000. We're happy to help!

RE in the spotlight



RE in the spotlight - This week Willow class have been exploring the role of deities in Hindu Dharma. Using the knowledge they gained from their observations at the mandir, we have explored how the murtis are important in recognising the qualities of Brahman and how they help to focus worship.



Young Climate Warriors

Climate change is already making life much more difficult for farmers around the world. Choosing to buy Fairtrade products can help farmers to invest in sustainable farming and to adapt to our changing climate. Watch the short film [Weathering the Storm with Fairtrade](#).

[The Big Plastic Count 2024](#) found that snack packaging—including soft plastic bags, wrappers, and packets for crisps, biscuits, chocolate, and cereal bars—consistently emerges alongside fruit and vegetable packaging as the highest-counted plastic waste type in UK households.

Creative snacks... instead of pre-packaged!

We ALL need to live more sustainably ... tackling climate change by changing some of our habits - what choices will you make this week ... are you prepared to 'mix it up'?

Go for simple creative snacks: Formidable fruit, cheesy champions, delectable drinks, pop your own corn, bake some Fairtrade' cookies ... the possibilities are endless if you're willing to 'mix it up a bit'!

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

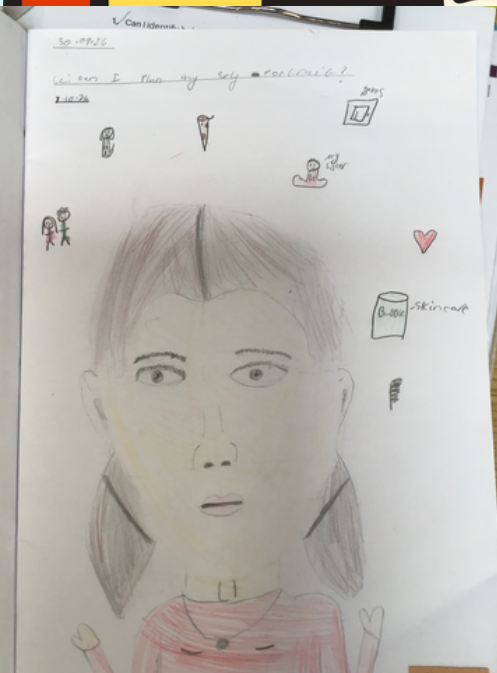
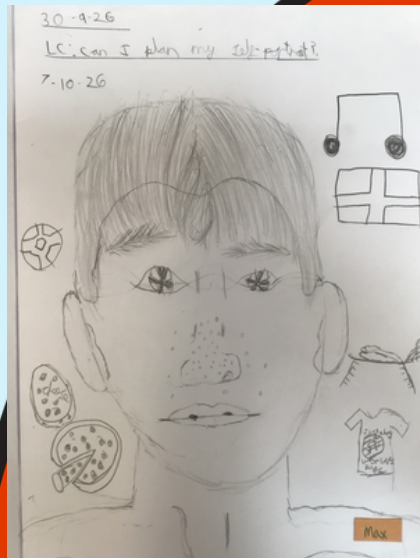
It's time to 'mix it up a bit' ... to help tackle climate change.



Pine Class Art

In art in Yr 4 we have been studying the artist Frida Kahlo, a Mexican painter best known for her vivid self-portraits.

This is our own work.....



Headteacher's Awards

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



Chestnut: **Amelia** for creating a detailed map to help Goldilocks get to the Three Bear's house. Rory for superb learning and focus during phonics.

Elm: **Violet** for growing confidence in sharing her ideas and showing enthusiasm for her learning. **Ethan** for challenging himself in geography, working hard to remember facts about North America.

Ash: **Christian** for finding related facts when making number sentences in maths. **Sohn** for working hard to include finger spaces in his writing.

Oak: **Myla** for working hard to keep the classroom tidy and organised and encouraging others to respect school property. Also a fantastic explanation in maths about how she solved a challenging problem. **Nick** for joining in with all activities enthusiastically this week and giving 100% effort in all tasks.

Pine: **Archie** for putting maximum effort into everything this week and being a great mathematician. **Tilly** for pushing herself in maths this week and being a positive presence in class.

Willow: **Robyn** for a concise and informative summary of Odysseus and the cyclops followed by a brilliant character description. **Xanthe** for carefully and accurately plotting the results of the traffic survey in geography.

And finally...

A thank you to Year 5 for stepping up and being the eldest in the school this week. You set a great example in every assembly from leading collective worship in every class on Monday to celebration assembly this morning, with the hall and audio monitors smoothly setting up and down the hall.

Wishing all our staff and families a wonderful weekend.

Ms Jones and the staff



PTA and community news



St Nicolas' School PTA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All parents and carers are warmly invited!



DATE
Wednesday
4th November
2025



TIME
7.30 –
8.15pm



ONLINE
via Teams
A Teams meeting
invite will be sent
nearer the time.

Join us for our AGM to look back on what we've achieved,
see how funds have been used over the last 3 years,
and hear – and have your say on – what we're proposing for the year ahead.

WE'LL BE COVERING:



How much we've raised
over the last 3 years
and what we've funded



Treasurer's report
and accounts



A look back at our activities
and successes



Our plans, fundraising ideas
and proposed priorities
for the coming year



Election of the PTA Committee
for the year ahead



Ways to get involved –
whether you have lots of time
or just an hour here and there!

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE COMMITTEE?

We'll be electing our committee for
the coming year, including:

- Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Committee Members

To find out more about the roles
or to put yourself forward, please
contact us at:



sophieec@stnicolaspta.co.uk

YOUR PTA. YOUR IDEAS. OUR CHILDREN.

> We'd love to see you there! <

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We'd love to invite you to the St Nicolas' School PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM).

 Wednesday 4th November

 7.30–8.15pm

 Online via Microsoft Teams – a meeting link will be sent nearer the time.

The PTA belongs to all of us, and the AGM is a great opportunity to hear more about what we've been doing, where the money raised has gone, and what we'd like to achieve for our children and school over the coming year.

We'll be looking back at the last three years of fundraising, activities and spending, sharing the Treasurer's report and accounts, and talking about our plans, ideas and priorities for the year ahead.

We'll also be electing our PTA Committee for the coming year, including Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee Members.

Could you be part of the PTA?

We'd really love to welcome some new faces, ideas and skills this year.

You don't need previous PTA experience, and getting involved doesn't have to mean giving up lots of your time. Whether you'd like to take on a committee role, help organise an event, join our PTA Angels and lend a hand when you can, or simply find out a bit more, we'd love to hear from you.

The more parents and carers we have involved, the more we can do — and it makes a huge difference when the workload is shared between a bigger team. If you're interested in joining the committee or would like an informal chat about any of the roles before the AGM, please contact Sophie at sophie@stnicolaspta.co.uk or grab me on the school gates!

And even if joining the PTA isn't for you right now, please come along to the AGM. It's your PTA, your ideas matter, and we'd really value your input.

We'd love to see you there!

Thank you for all your support

St Nicolas' School PTA



SAVE THE DATE!



Our Christmas Fair is on Saturday 21 November!
Bring the family along for some festive fun. We'd
love to see you there! ✨ More details coming
soon.



ST NICOLAS' CHURCH
Community Arts & Crafts Fair
—>>> ♥ <<<—
CELEBRATING CREATIVITY, COMMUNITY AND LOCAL TALENT



SATURDAY
10TH OCTOBER
2026



12.00 pm
4.00 pm



St Nicolas' Church,
Taplow

Join us for a welcoming afternoon celebrating local artists, makers and craftspeople while helping to raise funds for St Nicolas' Church.

Discover artwork, photography, crafts and handmade creations from members of our congregation alongside local artists and makers.
Tea, coffee and homemade cakes will be available throughout the afternoon.

Everyone is warmly welcome. ♥



SHARE YOUR CREATIVITY
♥

Whether you're an experienced artist or simply enjoy being creative, we'd love you to exhibit your work.

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Display your work, offer it for sale, or simply share your creativity with our community.



ALL FORMS OF ART, CRAFT & CREATIVE WORK ARE WELCOME



Photography



Pottery



Textiles



Woodwork



Jewellery



Painting

All ages and abilities are welcome.



INTERESTED IN EXHIBITING?
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Contact:
Kristen Paskins

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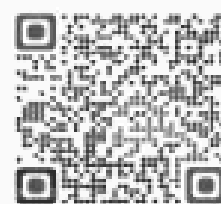
kristenpaskins@gmail.com





CELEBRATING CREATIVITY.
SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY.
RAISING FUNDS FOR ST NICOLAS' CHURCH.
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Your child is due their annual flu vaccination



The School Aged Immunisation Team will be visiting **St Nicholas CofE Primary school** to give the Flu vaccination this Autumn term.

This free vaccine is offered to all children in YrR-Yr6 inclusive.

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For queries, contact the Immunisation Team:-

Tel: 01494 323000

Email: buc-tr.BucksChildImms@nhs.net

If your child misses their Flu vaccine at school, we do run catch up clinics from different locations in the county- please look out for an email on how to book or contact our team.

WHY VACCINATE?

Protect your child

- Against flu and complications such as bronchitis & pneumonia.

Protect you, your family and friends

- children catch and spread flu to those who are vulnerable babies and the elderly.

Quick and easy

- The nasal spray is an easy, painless & effective vaccine. If they require the alternative Intramuscular injection, please request.

Avoid costs

- Such as alternative childcare or taking time off work due to illness.

