



St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

Living and learning together with God

Friday 16th October 2026



Thank you to the Burnham Beeches Rotary for their gift of dictionaries for Willow Class!

Black History Month

This week we have shared together a whole school 'live' assembly celebrating the rich diversity of the UK. The assembly was held by the Sanctuary Foundation charity and included listening to the poem 'The British' written by Benjamin Zephaniah, reminding us of how valuable we all are in our communities.

In class children have been learning about what a community is and exploring which communities they belong to, thinking about who they respect and honour within their communities.

'We are like a box of crayons, each one of us is unique, but when we get together, the picture is complete.' (Anonymous)





Netball Team

Well done to our netball team for their first match of the season.

House Points

Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
626	601	538	545

Well done Jaguars!

Pupil Quote

Year 6 child after their residential trip
 "i've had the best week, I wish we could have stayed longer."

Reading at St Nic's

'Cruise Ship Kid' by Emma Swan

'I would recommend this book if you like detective books. It teaches you about friendship: how to trust each other and how to forgive. I would give it five stars.'

Thomas, Willow Class



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 10th November.**



Y6 River Dart 2026



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RE in the spotlight

This term, Pine class have been trying to answer the question 'What kind of world did Jesus want?'

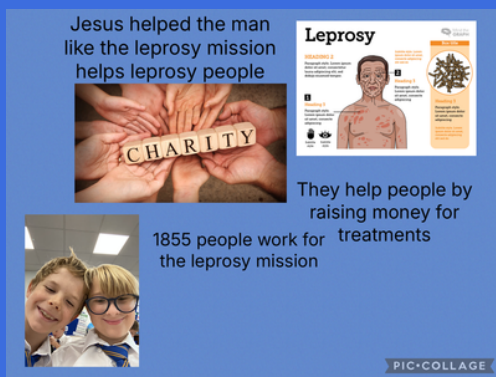
To do so, we have been investigating the story 'Fishers of Men.' We broke down what it was all about, what it meant to us and how it could help shape Christians today.

"The fishermen in the story followed Jesus for the right reasons - to better themselves." **Henry**

"Jesus wanted a kind and peaceful world." **Annabel**

We also learnt what leprosy is and what Jesus did to help those with it. Moreover, we read, freeze-framed and created a story-board for 'The Good Samaritan.'

Finally, we learnt that an evangelist is a person who spreads the word of Jesus and invites others to follow his teachings.



Young Climate Warriors has been a charity for 6 years. [Check out our 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.

The average UK household leaves around 10 items plugged in 'on standby' at any time! How many will you find?



'Little by little, a little can become a lot'
Tanzanian proverb, adopted as the YCW motto.

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.

A vibrant poster for the BBC 500 Words competition. The background is dark blue with white stars and a large, multi-colored rainbow arching across the middle. At the top, the BBC logo is in white, with the number '500' in large yellow letters and 'WORDS' in smaller yellow letters below it. A small rocket is flying near the '0'. A QR code is in the top right corner. Below the title, the text 'A fun, creative story writing competition.' is in yellow, followed by 'Opens for entries' in white, and 'Tuesday 29 September - Friday 6 November 2026' in yellow. A speech bubble on the left says 'Prizes for the bronze, silver and gold 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. The boy on the left has green glasses and is holding a tablet. The girl on the right has orange hair and is holding a pencil. Various icons like a soccer ball, a diamond, a dinosaur, and a tree with 'Ages 5-11' are scattered around the children. At the very bottom, the text 'Find out more and enter at' is in white, followed by 'bbc.co.uk/500words' in yellow. The BBC Bitesize logo for teachers is in the bottom right corner.

BBC

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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!

Headteacher's Awards

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

Chestnut: **Bertie** for showing confidence when playing with different children and trying new activities. **Harrison** for showing enthusiasm and concentration during singing and music sessions.



Elm: **Annabel** for great participation in phonics, working hard on blending words. **Ava** for good focus during lessons, answering questions and asking them to deepen her understanding.

Ash: **Connie** for her amazing sculpting skills to make her own clay model for the 4th plinth! **Ammar** for his concentration and attention to detail when publishing his own version of Jack and the beanstalk!

Oak: **Finn O** for being an exceptional RE ambassador with outstanding contributions to RE lessons and fantastic participation across all subjects. **Max** for improved confidence in working independently in maths to add and subtract 3 digit numbers.

Pine: **Leo** for adopting a year 4 mindset and trying his best in all lessons this week. **Annabel** for having a great week of focus and for giving original ideas in English.

Willow: **Felix** for continuously editing and improving his introduction, quote and reporting clause in his newspaper front page. Fantastic perseverance to produce a brilliant piece of work. **Mia** for attention to detail in all of her Maths work to produce accurate calculations and clear workings out.

Fir: **Naanaki** for excellent effort in learning her times tables and division facts. **Oscar** for writing descriptive and engaging sentences in a story about the River Dart.

And finally...

The school nursing team will be visiting us on Friday 6th November to administer the flu vaccine. Please make sure that you have registered your child/ren

Have a good half term!



Ms Holmes 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!

St Nicolas' School PTA | Registered Charity No. 1067307

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!

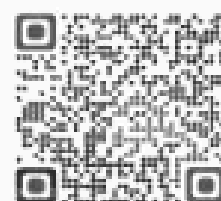
And even if joining the PTA isn't for you right now, please come along to the AGM. It's your PTA, your ideas matter, and we'd really value your input.

We'd love to see you there!

Thank you for all your support

St Nicolas' School PTA

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.

