St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

Living and learning together with God

Friday 6th November 2026



Year 5 Poppy Appeal team in action

Keeping Children Safe

Today we received the following powerful message from a parent:

'Whilst I appreciate the school has very limited control over what happens outside of the school gates, I wanted to drop you a note, regarding some concerns over parent driving/parking.
In the 11 years that I have been doing the school run, I can't recall a time where the quality of parent driving or inconsiderate parking has ever being as bad as it is currently. I am genuinely shocked at the speed that some parents are driving at, the lack of awareness of pedestrians on pavements when parking and the total lack of consideration when blocking pavements to park. In my opinion it's only a matter of time before a child is seriously injured by a car.'

From our viewpoint at the gate, we regularly witness near-misses; more often than not the driver is oblivious to the danger they have caused. Please keep all of our children safe by parking in the village car park or further away from school and

- not stopping to let your child out in the road
- not turning your car in the road
- never parking or turning in the space in front of the school gate
- not parking on the corners, the pavement or the white lines.

Please pass this message on to **all family members or friend**s who bring your child to school.

Thank you for working with us to keep the children safe.

House Points

Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
329	324	315	236

Well done Jaguars!



Well done to our netball team!

Child to class teacher

"If I could give a head kids award it would be for you"

Poppies

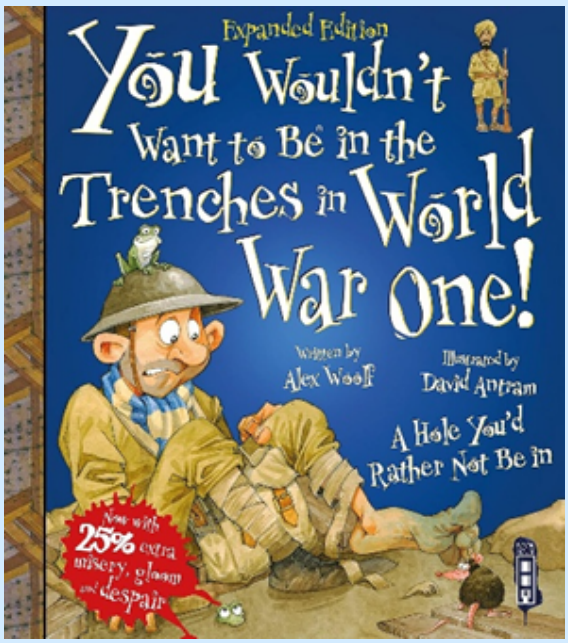
We are offering poppies and related remembrance items in school to support the Poppy Appeal. Please send your child in with some coins if they wish to purchase and support this worthwhile cause.



Reading at St Nic's

'You Wouldn't Want to be in the Trenches in World War One!' by Alex Woolf.

This book gives you lots of information. I love it. By **Aidan**, Oak Class



RE in the spotlight - Year 5

'How do Hindus see Brahman?'

" In RE this term we are exploring the different interpretations of Brahman and how Hindus connect to them." Mia

"This week we looked at the story of Svetaketu to consider how it aids the understanding of Brahman being the ultimate God in many forms." Ronan

"We then thought about our interpretations of Brahman in our lives." Avni

"We are enjoying learning about Hinduism because we learn different things every lesson." Mia

"We strengthen our understanding every week and it is good to learn about different religions and beliefs." Ronan

"We like it because we visited the Hindu mandir so we have a better understanding in class." Avni

Letters from Africa

Year 5 were delighted to each receive a letter from Africa in response to the ones they send to Lesotho with Mrs Dobson.







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.**



Oak Class

Oak Class have been working in groups to look at different soils and test their permeability,





Young Climate Warriors

Growing and producing food causes a third of global greenhouse gas emissions. To tackle climate change, we ALL need to change how we eat.

Globally, we eat over 200 million chickens, pigs, cows, sheep and goats per DAY!

Compared with eating meat, a plant-based diet reduces methane emissions, needs less farmland and uses less water.

Eating beef (e.g. burgers or mince) once or twice every week for a year produces about the same amount of emissions as heating the average UK home for 95 days!



'What we eat is one of the most powerful drivers behind most of the world's major environmental issues.' Dr Joseph Poore, University of Oxford, BBC Climate Change Food Calculator researcher.

www.youngclimatewarriors.org

Headteacher's Awards

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



Chestnut: Anthony for developing confidence and showing enthusiasm during letter formation sessions.
Stevie for showing confidence and enjoyment when learning with different children.

Elm: **Margot** for great enthusiasm for finding evidence of seasonal changes on our autumn walk. **Emilia** for challenging herself with her vocabulary choices when writing sentences to describe Beegu.

Ash: **Sadie** for her fantastic contributions in RE when discussing 'why is Christmas important to Christians?' **Sienna** for always being a helpful and caring friend.

Oak: **Rudi** for working independently and challenging himself with his learning. **Anjelica** for great focus this week and contributing enthusiastically with great ideas in class.

Pine: **Jessica** for being a great role model in Pine Class this week by consistently following the school expectations in class and around the school. **Henry** for producing a fantastic summary of the chapters in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, demonstrating a clear understanding of the key events and important details.

Willow: **Thomas** for a brilliant newspaper front page and fantastic maths work on multiples and factors. **Beatrix** for her great groupwork skills in RE. Beatrix showed effective communication, active listening and sharing of her ideas with peers.

Fir: **Joshua** for incredible and varied home reading over the half term holiday. **Tamanna** for excellent effort to learn her times tables, resulting in super work on division.

And finally...

The children received their flu vaccinations today and are proudly wearing their stickers from the nurses. Well done to everyone.
Enjoy your weekend, and happy Diwali to all who are celebrating!

Ms Holmes and the staff

PTA and community news

Dear Parents and Carers,

🎄 Just two weeks tomorrow until our Christmas Fair! 🎄

We hope you've got the date in your calendars because it's set to be a fantastic day full of festive fun!

Alongside lots of exciting games and activities, we'll have some wonderful external stalls and plenty of treats to enjoy, including:

🎅 Festive games and activities
☕ Delicious hot chocolate and Baileys/Marshmallows
🍷 A bar, including Feisty Brewery
🍰 Cakes, amazing food and festive treats
🎨 Face painting
🛍️ Fabulous external stalls – perfect for a spot of Christmas shopping!

Our volunteer sign-up list will be going live next week, so please keep your eyes peeled! We'd love as many helping hands as possible to make the day a huge success.

We can't wait to see you all there for some festive fun!

Thank you for your continued support.
The PTA 🎄

ST NICOLAS' PTA

CHRISTMAS FAIR

KEY DATES – REMINDER

MON 9TH NOVEMBER



Online Raffle Tickets Launch!
Raffle prize donations are welcome right up until the draw.

MON 9TH – FRI 13TH NOVEMBER



Donation Collection Week
(at the school gates)

- ✔ Mystery Bag donations
- ✔ Gift Amnesty (unwanted new gifts)
- ✔ Teddies for our North Pole Teddy Rescue

You can also drop donations at school reception from TODAY!

FRI 13TH NOVEMBER



Christmas Rainbow Raffle Donations – Morning

FRI 20TH NOVEMBER



Bottle Tombola Donations – Morning & Afternoon

SAT 21ST NOVEMBER

CHRISTMAS FAIR!


St Nicolas' School PTA
TAPLOW
Everything Bounce Counts Face Painters
Indie Rabble Beer
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St. Nicolas School Taplow
CHRISTMAS FAIR
Join us for a festive day of fun!
Saturday 21st November 2026
12pm – 3pm
PTA Bar
Lots of Games for the Whole Family!
Bottle, Kids & Adult Tombola
Win great prizes!
TOMBOLA
A Variety of Stalls selling Christmas Gifts!
Raffle
Win some fantastic Christmas prizes!
Tickets available on the day
Mulled Wine & Mince Pies
Tombola & Bottle Stall
Hot & Cold Drinks
Delicious Treats & Snacks
Christmas Crafts
And so much more...!
Come along and enjoy the Christmas spirit with us!


Christmas Rainbow Raffle
Help your House create the best Christmas hampers!
The House with the best hampers wins 50 House Points!
Lions
Pumas
Tigers
Jaguars
Every donation counts – big or small!


happy school bag
Friendly Reminder
Hoppy wants to remind you, your school's clothing collection is soon! Get your bags ready. Bring as much as you can, even use extra bags if needed. More donations mean more funds for the school's reinvestment! Let's make it count!
Hoppy
SCHOOL
Your Collection Date is:
Monday 23rd November