



Friday 4th July 2025

Reports and attendance

Children's end of year reports will be sent home with them on Tuesday. These include your child's attendance record and the number of times they have arrived late to school since September.

We value education, and we are you sure that you do too. However, we are concerned by the number of children whose attendance has fallen below 95% and who are therefore deemed by the DfE as **at risk of persistent absence**. We also have some children whose attendance is below 90% and are now categorised by the DfE as **persistently absent**. Attendance at school is central to your child's academic progress, social development and wellbeing. We ask that parents work in partnership with us to ensure children are in school every day during term-time, unless they are too unwell to attend.

How can I improve my child's attendance record?

1. Don't keep your child home because they have common cold symptoms or are tired. Give Calpol if appropriate. If we feel they are too unwell for school, we will call you and send them home.
2. Don't take your child out of school for holidays, weddings or other family events.

100% attendance	Well done No learning missed
95% attendance	1 week and 4 days of learning missed
90% attendance	3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed

If you need support to improve your child's attendance and punctuality please contact us. We are here to help.

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Chestnut Class

Fun in the sunshine!



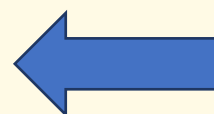
Pupil quote of the week

"I can't wait to be in year 5, Mr M plays Friday music"

A year 4 pupil after Move Up Day.

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

Attendance matters



Attendance for this week was an impressive **98%**

Last day of term

School closes for the summer on

Friday 18th July

1.20pm EYFS/KS1

1.30pm KS2



Busy Bunch is available until 4.00pm
Normal full afternoon rate will apply.

Reading at St Nic's



The website has advice on reading with your child at home, and book recommendations.



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House Points

Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
115	199	137	199

Congratulations to the Pumas and Tigers

Busy Bunch

This week at Busy Bunch we played outside.



Coming up:

Next week's theme is Summer fun.

Head lice alert

We have had an outbreak of head lice reported. Please take some time to check and treat all the family over the weekend.

Happy hunting!!

Calendar dates

Our website calendar is regularly updated with important dates.

Did you know you have the option of subscribing to this? Please follow the link below to find out how.

How to subscribe to the calendar:

<https://www.stnicolastaplow.com/diary/subscribe/>

Young Climate Warriors

Young Climate Warriors became a charity in 2020 ... we have reached over 18,000 children via Climate Assemblies – led by our team of 30+ local Ambassadors across the UK – have you had one in your school yet?

News headlines this week: 'Public health warnings as heatwave raises concerns about impact of climate change.' Join us to multiply much needed action this week!

Young Climate Warriors has supported over 70 young people through 3 months of Duke of Edinburgh climate challenges, and over 600 teachers receive our free resources each week ... help us to reach further and multiply our impact!

Join us with a
5 x 5 Challenge!

5 x 5 challenge!

Young Climate Warriors has been a charity for 5 years ... it's our 5th birthday!

So we're thinking in '5's ... are you up for a 5 x 5 challenge? Join us to multiply the climate conversations, climate actions, and climate donations ([you can donate here](#)).

What will YOUR '5x5' challenge be ... here are a couple of examples – but think what you'd like to do!

- Play a 'climate board game' – 5 times with 5 different people
- Bake 50 cakes and sell them for 50p each – donating to Young Climate Warriors
- Go litter-picking with 5 friends and collect 50 pieces of rubbish to recycle

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



'You can think of one thousand excuses why you can't do something. The trick is to not let that get in the way of making things happen.'
 Sylvia Earle, Oceanographer



www.youngclimatewarriors.org



Headteacher Awards



Chestnut: **Sienna** for creating and labelling a fabulous sandwich design. **Mia** for always being a kind and helpful member of Chestnut class.

Elm: **Albie** for care and attention to detail when creating a portrait of Florence Nightingale and a strong focussed week of learning. **Imogen** for great effort with her learning and always demonstrating our school values.

Ash: **Oliver** for his excellent descriptions of the fruits and vegetables he tasted in DT! **Rosie** for creating a brilliant 'elf machine' story in our English lessons.

Oak: **Sophie** for going above and beyond with her unique ideas in class discussions. **Yash** for fantastic independent work in this weeks comprehension.

Pine: **Felix** for producing a detailed sketch map of our local area from our field trip. **Avleen** for a detailed paragraph describing Benandonner from the legend of Finn McCool.

Willow: **Oliver** for being a positive presence in Willow class, striving to be the best that he can be this week. **Matilda** for mastering negative numbers effectively and being an independent mathematician.

Fir: **Aida** for her maturity and cheerful helpfulness at all times

Jaden for giving 100% effort to his role in the Year 6 show and for being a hardworking stage manager.

And finally...

Term dates for the **2025-2026** year can be found on our website. Please note that children have a two-week autumn half-term holiday. We request that parents respect the boundaries of term-time and the school day and do not ask to pick up children early before this break, or on Fridays. From September, we will also need to see proof of medical/dental appointments for these to be authorised.

Have a good weekend,

Ms Holmes and the team





PTA and Community News

Happy School Bags

****Great news, the next collection of Happy School Bags is
Thursday 10th July**

They will collect from St Nic's so take this fantastic opportunity to throw in a black bag all those worn or outgrown clothes, declutter & sort through those wardrobes making room for new clothes! Include any school shoes too small from last term, high heels you will never wear again after years in trainers, worn or too small clothes no longer required. Fill as many black bags as you can and drop to the school

Reminder: they re-use all items and pay us per kilo - so the heavier the items, the more our School will get paid.

The School cannot accept bags before Collection day but PTA members will be at the school gates that morning from 8.15am to receive your bags.

Items accepted:

- clothing (not badged uniform or underwear)
- paired shoes
- console games
- souvenirs
- handbags
- belts
- hats
- accessories
- jewellery
- toiletries
- perfume





PTA and Community News

A Huge Thank You from the PTA for all the help and support for the summer fair!

Angels

A big shout out to all the angels and class reps who kept our flurry of messages, request and information running to all year groups. We couldn't do what we do without you – thank you for your patience and support.

Volunteers

We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the incredible volunteers who helped make the fair such a success—and to those who jumped in on the day without being on the rota!

We're so grateful for all the support: from the preparations in the lead-up, to setting up gazebos in the blazing sun the night before, to the 7am start on the day itself. Whether you stepped in to cover a stall, served sausages at the BBQ, kept the drinks and snacks flowing, or helped manage the busy (and very warm!) activities—your time and energy made all the difference.

And of course, a huge thank you to everyone who stayed behind to help with the big clear-up, which went on well into the evening.

Volunteer raffle has been drawn and prizes allocated – thank you!

We truly couldn't have done it without everyone pulling together. We hope you still had a chance to enjoy the fair and make some lovely memories with your children.

Thank you again—your support means everything.

Huge shout out to all the companies who donated for the raffle and the fair, including Maidenhead Magpies who ran the penalty shoot out for us.

Another THANK YOU to all of the stall holders, vendors and entertainment that attended the fair – you helped make it such a success.

As soon as we know final numbers on how much we have made – we will announce it to you all!

Thank you for your support

The PTA

Thank you



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ST NICOLAS LUNCHTIME & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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DAY	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL
Monday 8 th Sept to 8 th Dec	CHESS YR 3-6	FOOTBALL YR 1 & 2	
Thursday 11 th Sept to 11 th Dec	LEGO YR 1 & 2	NETBALL YR 3-6	FOOTBALL YR 3-6
Friday 12 th Sept to 12 th Dec	GIRLS FOOTBALL YR 3-6	DODGEBALL YR 1-6	

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***Please note not including October half term
20th - 31st October**

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