



St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

Living and learning together with God

Friday 14th November 2025 Armistice Day Remembrance Service



Year 6 led the school in our remembrance service on Tuesday at 11 am. Fir class spoke with confidence and performed a song they had written for soldiers who fought in WWI, supported by the KS2 choir.

Children in Need

Thank you for your donations for Children in Need which were collected at the gate this morning. The School Council talked to us about the various projects that the money will help to fund in celebration assembly this morning.

Thank you!





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This week the girls and boys football teams both had very successful matches against Lent Rise. There was some fantastic football on display but even more importantly was the brilliant sportsmanship, teamwork and respect shown by all the players. We are so proud of you all and how you represented yourselves and our school!

Pupil quote of the week

A Year 3 pupil after visiting Chiltern Open Air Museum

"I loved our trip it was like going on an adventure to the past!"

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

Attendance matters

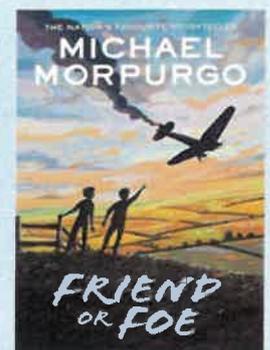


Attendance for this week was an impressive **98.2%**

Reading at St Nic's

'Friend or Foe,' by Michael Morpurgo. This is a book set in WWII. I would really encourage eager readers to read this book as it gives you an opportunity to explore how the evacuees were affected in the war.

Orla, Fir Class suitable from 9+





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*Anti-Bullying week started with Odd Socks Day!
We don't want bullying to happen anywhere at St Nics.*



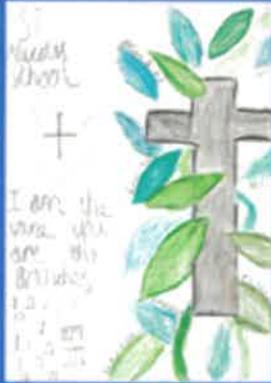
*We are all
different and
respected,
speaking out if
we see bullying
whether at
school or
anywhere else.*



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2025 Planner Design Competition



Can you design a front cover for our new school planners?

- Your design should fill an A4 piece of paper in portrait format (that means with the short edges at the top and bottom)
- You could use felt tips, colour pencils, paint or create it on a computer
- We'd prefer it not to have words on it, but we would love to see the vine represented in your design:

Jesus said 'I am the vine and you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.'

The winning designs will be printed as next year's planners covers.

Think bold and bright and have fun!

Entries to class teachers or schooloffice@stnicolaslaplow.com

Competition closes on Friday 12th December



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House Points

Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
284	242	298	250

Congratulations to the Lions!

Keep reading everyone!



Busy Bunch



This week at Busy Bunch we made Pudsey ears.

Ash Class

Ash Class attended a KSQ1 Kurling and Boccia Festival at Burnham Grammar School this week. The children took part with other local primary schools.



"I loved it!" **Nick**

"I liked it because we learnt a new sport." **Millie**

"The students that taught us were really nice." **Edwin**



Sustainability

Growing and producing food causes 1/3 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!

A plant-based diet reduces animal related methane emissions, as well as enabling higher productivity from agricultural land and reduces water demand.

Eating beef (eg burgers or mince) 1- 2 times every week for a year results in the equivalent emissions of heating the average UK home for 95 days!



Little ME ... MEats, MEat, MEthane.

World leaders are meeting at the UN Climate Change conference - COP30 in Belém, Brazil - 10th-21st November.



What can 'little ME' do to help combat climate change?



Go for as many plant-based meals as possible till the end of COP30 ... alternative sources of protein include: chickpeas, lentils, peanuts, almonds, quinoa, wild rice, beans, almonds, peas, chia and hemp seeds, sweetcorn, spirulina, broccoli, kale, mushrooms ...



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



'The most powerful thing you can do to help the environment is change your diet.' Dr Joseph Poore, University of Oxford. Author of the [BBC Climate Change Food Calculator](https://www.bbc.com/news/health-56222222)



www.youngclimatewarriors.org



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Headteacher Awards



Chestnut: **Giulia** for super concentration whilst creating an amazing rangoli pattern. **Kabir** for fantastic counting and focus during our maths sessions.

Elm: **Dylan** for his care and attention when completing his work and a mature attitude to learning in Year 1. **Betsy** for great focus this week and working hard.

Ash: **Edwin** for his enthusiasm he has towards his learning and putting 100% effort into every lesson. **Bailey** for demonstrating amazing speaking and listening skills in the classroom this week.

Oak: **Max W** for amazing focus on his learning and showing good self-regulation skills. **Thea F** for excellent use of prepositional phrases to describe a setting.

Pine: **Oliver** for working hard to improve his handwriting and fantastic answers in this weeks comprehension lesson. **Jacob** for writing a story in addition to his home learning this week

Willow: **Harley** for going the extra mile to complete tasks to a high standard and being polite to staff. **Hazel M** for producing beautiful writing and making a conscious effort to share ideas.

Fir: **Eleanor** for demonstrating maturity and initiative in group work. **Matilda** for superb formal writing in the style of a newspaper report.

And finally...

All the classes are celebrating today as we have 100% attendance, meaning every child is in school!

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets for the big draw at the fair next Saturday...

Ms Holmes and the team





PTA and Community News

Raffle Reminder – Don't Miss Out!

Hello! Just a gentle nudge to return those raffle tickets and, if you fancy, grab a few more for family and friends - because the prizes are unbelievable!

And guess what? We've just added a signed Chelsea shirt to the lineup! Thanks to Maia & Elsie in yr 6!

Please take a peek at the raffle poster attached to see all the amazing prizes waiting to be won – you won't want to miss this!

Thank you for your support and good luck!

Volunteers Needed for the Christmas Fair!

Our Christmas Fair is on Saturday 22nd November, and we need your help to make it amazing! Thanks to everyone that has signed up already.

It's such a fun day – the kids love it, and it really kicks off the festive season! If you volunteer, you'll be entered into our Volunteer Raffle as a big thank you.

Go on, be a superhero! Your kids will love you for it! (They can even help on the stalls too!)

👉 Click here to sign up:

<https://volunteersignup.org/ATQWT>

Thank you so much for your support – we couldn't do it without you!



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ST NICOLAS' SCHOOL PTA

Christmas Raffle

- SHANLY HOMES - THE HAND AND FLOWERS £200 VOUCHER
CALDESI CAMPAGNA £270 VOUCHER
THE CHAPEL HAIR SALON, MARLOW £80 VOUCHER
HURLEY HOUSE TRADITIONAL AFTERNOON TEA FOR 2 £40
BABYLON PARK £50 VOUCHER
THE REAL GREEK £40 VOUCHER
THE GEORGE & DRAGON MARLOW £50 VOUCHER
MARLOW DENTIST - £75 HYGIENIST VOUCHER
EL CERDO £35 VOUCHER
FLOWERLAND PLANTED ARRANGEMENT
CHALLEN'S CHICKS FARM LOCAL PRODUCTS CHRISTMAS HAMPER
THE CHEESE BAR, LONDON £30 VOUCHER
URBAN ESCAPE - URBAN ORGANICS HAMPER
ADVENTURE CINEMA 2 X TICKETS TO FILM OF CHOICE
OAKWOOD CLIMBING CENTRE TESTER SESSION
VENTURE PHOTOGRAPHY £245 VOUCHER FAMILY PHOTO SHOOT AND A 7" X 5" FRAMED IMAGE
WOODSTOCKS COFFEE HOUSE - COFFEE AND CAKE VOUCHER
MAIDENHEAD MAGPIES 1 X FAMILY MATCH DAY TICKET
- COFFEE BY THE GALLON - COFFEE MASTERCLASS WORTH £110
ACI GROUP £50 AMAZON VOUCHER
£25 M&S VOUCHER FROM CLAIRE'S COMFY CANINES
VELOCITY PAINTBALLING FOR TEN PEOPLE - WORTH £100
FAIRY TALE FARM FAMILY TICKET
FLIP OUT VOUCHER AYLESBURY
FAMILY TICKET TO SLOUGH JETS ICE HOCKEY PLUS GOODIE BAG
FAMILY TICKET TO SLOUGH SPITFIRES ICE HOCKEY
SAUCE AND FLOUR £50 VOUCHER
JOJO MAMAN BÉBÉ £25 VOUCHER
THE CHEQUERS HOTEL NEWBURY AFTERNOON TEA FOR TWO
THE HYDE GERRARDS CROSS MANICURE VOUCHERS
ORKID BEAUTY - LUXURY MANICURE VOUCHER
BOURNE END GOLD HUB VIRTUAL GOLF SESSION
CECILY MARLOW - ESPA TRAVEL COLLECTION
MAIDENHEAD MAGPIES - 1 VOUCHER FOR OUR SATURDAY MORNING CLUB AT ST PIRANS
HECKFIELD PLACE - WILDSMITH GIFTPACK WORTH £120
MAIDENHEAD MAGPIES 1 X VOUCHER FOR COX GREEN HOLIDAY CAMP

NOT IN THE BUCKET LIST - £50 VOUCHER FOR UK ATTRACTIONS, ACTIVITIES, OR ACCOMMODATION

Thank you to all the companies that have donated.
Good Luck!

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