



St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

Living and learning together with God

Friday 5th December 2025

We are delighted to let you know that Mrs Dobson has been shortlisted for the 'Music Inspiration Award'!

<https://musicdramaedawards.com/live/en/page/meet-the-2025-finalists>

music&drama
education awards 2026
FINALIST

Let's take a moment to celebrate some of the fabulous music taking place in school.



Recorder club performed 'Jingle bells' and 'Joy to the world' to the school in assembly this week.

We wish Mrs Dobson all the best of luck in the final!



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Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 12th December

We are supporting Save the Children on Friday 12th December by wearing Christmas jumpers with our school uniform. Please do not go out and buy a new jumper but add festive decoration to something you already own.

Please bring £2 to drop in the bucket for Save the Children as you come in to school.



Pupil quote of the week

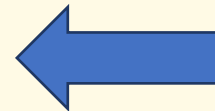
Teacher: "We all have to follow rules."

Y2 child: "Does God have to follow rules?"

Attendance matters

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

Attendance for this week was a very good **96.9%**



EYFS & KS1 Nativity

Reception and KS1 nativity play 'It's a Baby' takes place on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th December at 2.15pm in the school hall. Tickets have been allocated and sent home .

Our hall has limited capacity, so please ensure that you bring your tickets on the day of the performance as entry will not be permitted without them.

Please do not bring babies or toddlers as this can make it difficult for parents to hear the performance. Older siblings will have the opportunity to watch the play during the school day.

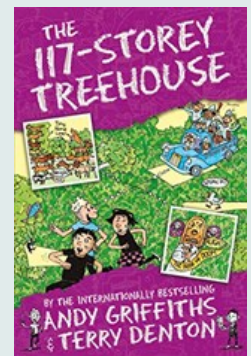


Reading at St Nic's

'The 117-Storey Treehouse,' by Andy Griffiths

I liked this book because each chapter has its own little story.

Myla, Ash Class



Carol Service

The KS2 carol service takes place on Tuesday 16th December at 2pm at St Nicolas' Church.





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St Nicolas' Day

The whole school gathered in church this morning to enjoy the story of St Nicolas brought to life by the Open the Book team supported by Reverend Jane and Mr Haddrill, while St Nicolas looked on.



Sustainability

Palm oil can be found in nearly 50% of supermarket packaged products!

Palm trees are very 'efficient', they produce 4-10 times more oil per hectare than soybean, coconut, rapeseed or sunflower oil crops – hence the need to support 'sustainable' palm oil.

Palm oil production is expected to quadruple by 2050. Latin America and Southeast Asia are expanding production – to the detriment of biodiverse habitats and climate change.

Check out this 'palm oil' app – for scanning bar codes in the supermarket!

Calling all detectives ... time for a hunt round your bathroom!

'Shampoo, margarine, shower gel, oven chips, deodorant, bread and ice cream - what do they have in common?

Be a detective - which of your bathroom products contain palm oil?

Non-sustainably managed palm oil is driving climate change - 'Sustainable Palm Oil' is key!

Clue - hunt for 'PALM', 'STEAR', 'LAUR', or 'GLYC' - these could mean palm oil!

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



Boycotting palm oil is not the answer, but demanding more action to tackle the issue is. (WWF)



www.youngclimatewarriors.org



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Message from our Eco- Council Representatives



We would like to have a sustainable Christmas jumper day so borrow, swap or wear a Christmas jumper you already have or add a decoration to an ordinary jumper. You do not need to buy anything new. What will your Christmas jumper be like?



Save the Children help children all around the world with our donations so bring £2 or more and wear your Christmas jumper with your school uniform next Friday.

We have 217 children in school and if everyone supported we could raise £434!



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Headteacher Awards



Chestnut: Emilia for using her phonics to blend and read lots of new words. **Violet** for beautiful and confident angel dancing during rehearsals.

Elm: Arabella for her focus and care when writing her letter to Father Christmas. **Aoife** for always showing sensible behaviour and putting 100% effort into all her work.

Ash: Immy for using dienes confidently to support her understanding of subtracting on a number line. **Hugo** for always showing impeccable manners around the school.

Oak: Dennis for his confidence in applying his times table knowledge in maths lessons. **Grace** for coming up with some great ideas for subordinate clauses to add to main clauses.

Pine: Sam for his editing skills when recording a podcast in computing. **Ronan** for fantastic contribution in English when discussing what to include in a formal letter

Willow: George for being a friendly presence in Willow Class and producing an excellent Greek pitta bread. **Josh** for demonstrating our school value of respect and giving meaningful contributions to discussions.

Fir: Dara for super sewing skills, showcasing excellent problem-solving and neatness in DT. **Aston** for striving to improve his learning and for making good contributions to discussions.

And finally...

The last day of term is Friday 19th December. School will finish at 1.20pm for EYFS and KS1 1.30pm for KS2. Busy Bunch will run until 4.30pm.

Happy weekend, **Ms Holmes and the team**





PTA and Community News



Spring Term 2026

7th of January – 18th of March*

(excluding half term – 18th of February)

Years: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

Day: Wednesday

Time: 3.25 - 4.25pm

Venue: Reception classroom

Cost: £75.00

To avoid disappointment please complete your form and fee as soon as possible as there are only 20 spaces per course. We work on a first come first serve basis once the payment & online form has been received

*Please note these dates are subject to change

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Building Confidence & Well Being through Drama

- ♥ Little Tanks drama club is enrichment for your child as it aims to develop children's confidence and well-being.
- ♥ Throughout the term the children will partake in games and activities that will be fun, exciting and engaging.
- ♥ We believe that by embedding your child's resilience it will give them a more positive approach to developing their strengths even further.
- ♥ Work on an end of term show to share with parents during the last session.

Contact Us

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Please [click here](#) to complete the registration form online and make the payment to secure your child's space.

Spaces are only allocated on receipt of both the form and fee