

St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

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Friday 13th June 2025

Your generous donations in house colours have been made into amazing hampers by the PTA! They add to the incredible array of raffle prizes for Friday's Summer Fair.



Preparations are well underway for Sports Day in the morning and the Fair in the afternoon.

Please let us know if you have arranged for another adult to pick up your child at 1pm, or if your child will remain with us through the afternoon—so we can make arrangements and avoid any upset on the day.

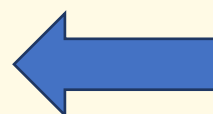
Pupil quote of the week

"Learning an instrument makes me happy and if I am happy I want to learn more and be kinder to others"

Year 4 pupil

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 **98.3%**

Class photographs

Class photographs will be taking place on **Wednesday 18th June**.

All children should wear school uniform. If it is a PE day children can bring their PE kit including socks and trainers in a bag and change into them after their photo.

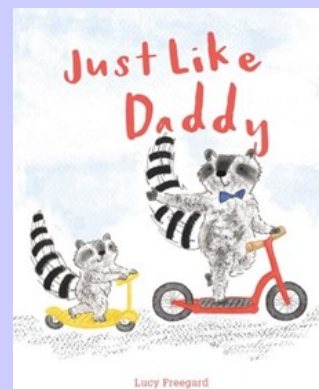
Thank you



Reading at St Nic's

'A charming and heart-warming story that captures the father-child relationship, through the eyes of a child.'

Recommended for ages 5+



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House Points

Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
203	126	76	183

Congratulations to the Jaguars

Busy Bunch

This week at Busy Bunch we have decorated bags



Coming up:

Next week's theme is sports day

Early Years and Key Stage 1 Concert

We are holding a short concert on Thursday 26th June in the school hall for our Early Years and KS 1 children. All the children will be singing and you will have the chance to hear the ukulele group, the choir and the year 2 recorders. We hope you will be able to join us in the school hall at 2.15pm for approximately half an hour.



Elm Class Assembly

We are excited to invite Year 1 parents and carers to join us for their class assembly on Wednesday 25th June at 9.00am

Young Climate Warriors

Food systems are responsible for 40% of global greenhouse gas emissions.

'Alternative' proteins could potentially reduce carbon emissions, water usage, and land requirements by more than 80%.

Tackling climate change requires **stubborn optimism**, courage and determination ... start taking action today!

Insects like grasshoppers, ants, wasps, beetles, crickets and cockroaches are regularly eaten by 2 billion people around the world!

IT'S TIME TO RAID YOUR STORE CUPBOARD ...
... hunt down the pulses!

Pulses - what are they? Which pulses can you find - lentils, chickpeas, dried beans, dried peas?

Be adventurous ... can you make a meal out of pulses - or check out a new pulse recipe? Please check with your parent/carer first.

Getting our daily protein requirements from eating more pulses and wholegrain can help reduce our impact on climate change.

How adventurous are you ... would you try these if you were offered them - mealworm cookies, red ant chutney, roasted crickets?

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



Being adventurous ... with pulses



www.youngclimatewarriors.org

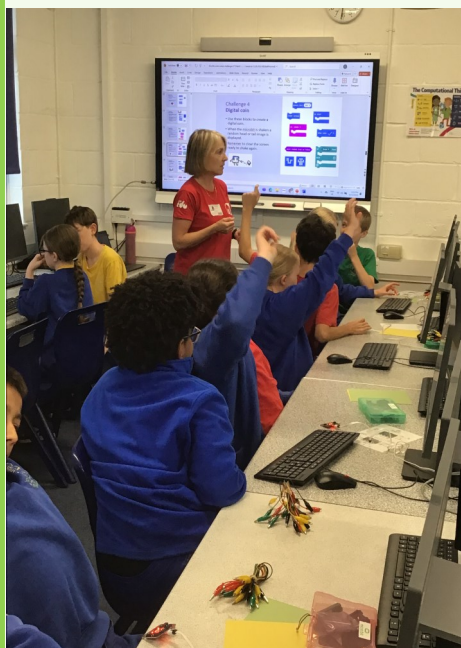
Safeguarding

Matthew Barber, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley has asked us to share these new videos which contain information and guidance on local safeguarding issues for parents and carers of school-age children.

Child Exploitation (opens in YouTube) [Child Exploitation \(Bite-Size Learning\)](#)

Online Harm (opens in YouTube) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CqWMgMX3ty8&t>

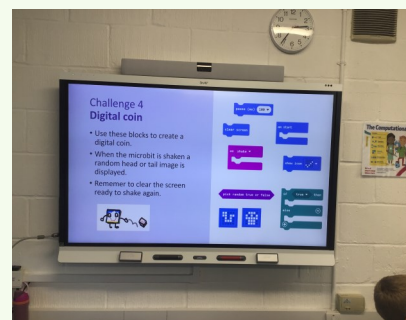
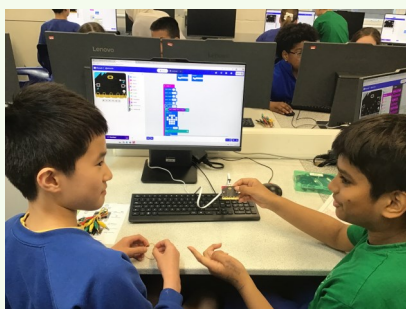
Micro-bit workshops Year 5 and Year 6



Fir and Willow classes had the opportunity of computing sessions with Mrs Jenkins, from Digital School House, Head of Computing at Langley Grammar School.

Year 5 children were able to make monsters using Crumble and Year 6 to apply code using micro-bits.

The children were enthusiastic and benefitted from Mrs Jenkins expertise. They had fun applying their computing skills to the practical activities.



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Open evening – lovely to see you!



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Headteacher Awards



Chestnut: **Leo** for showing confidence and choosing to complete show and tell. **Amar H** for working very hard on his letter formation.

Elm: **Sienna** for working hard to improve her maths both at school and at home.

Neave For a fabulous attitude to learning and sharing her ideas with others.

Ash: **Ava** for her wonderful piece of writing to show a character was scared! **Dennis** for his amazing vocabulary ideas when discussing how to show a character is scared!

Oak: **Felix** for coming on leaps and bounds with every stroke in the pool.

Mia for her enthusiastic approach to our new DT topic of 'Moving Monsters' using pneumatic systems.

Pine: **Jakob C** for the amazing extra effort he has made with his writing to present it neatly, check it makes sense and write for different purposes. **Evie** for demonstrating the school values and being an excellent role model to others.

Willow: **Dara** for making positive contributions to discussions and his learning this week. **Ava** for producing beautifully presented writing, filled with relative clauses, expanded noun phrases, inverted commas and semicolons.

Fir: **Sam** for going the extra mile (with his Dad) to make fantastic, wooden swords for the Year 6 show. **Lateef** for always contributing to class discussions with thoughtful and interesting comments.

And finally...

Our fabulous summer fair needs YOU! Please donate half an hour of your time to help on the day...

[VolunteerSignup - Online volunteer signup sheets - St Nic's Summer Fair Volunteers signup sheet](#)

Enjoy your weekend, **Ms Holmes and the team**



PTA and Community News

Summer Fair – Friday 20th June

Please return raffle tickets with ticket stubs and money to the school office. If you would like more tickets – please see Mrs Ash or ask a PTA member. Please help us by selling raffle tickets to **family, friends, neighbours, and colleagues**. There are some **fantastic prizes** up for grabs, so don't miss out!

As ever, we can't deliver the fair without the kind support and volunteering of our **amazing parents and carers**. Each year group will be running a games stall, and we'll also need help with setting up and taking everything down at the end of the day. Whether you can spare an hour or the whole day, your help makes a huge difference!

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