

The St Nicholas Post

Dear All,

28.03.25

I hope you are all enjoying the longer days, which will be even longer next week! We are pleased to report the children continue to make us proud—showing the st Nicholas way in their learning and beyond. Following our Ofsted visitors arriving in school, I am keen to share the feedback with you as soon as I am able but I am awaiting the report. I promise I will let you know as soon as I can. All good things come to those who wait though :)

Mrs Kennedy

We're excited to share that Year 1 had a fantastic visit to St Nicholas at Wade Church as part of their Salvation unit in Religious Education! The children explored the church, searching for signs of Easter all around them. From beautiful decorations to symbolic artefacts, they eagerly engaged with the meaning behind each discovery. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to learn more about the Easter story in a real-life setting. Their enthusiasm was infectious, and it was heart-warming to see them connect their learning with such a meaningful experience. Well done, Year 1!



Writing Competition Winners

Well done to Mille and Avery who took on the challenge sent out in the reading rocket, and wrote a fabulous adventure story. Their efforts won them a stash of goodies and more importantly, they have gained valuable writing skills in taking part! Well done to all the entrants, they were all a joy to read :)

World Book Week

I am thrilled to share that our recent Book Week was a resounding success, and I can confidently say that the children relished every moment of it. From our exciting author scavenger hunts to the creativity of Jam Jar Books, and the mystery of Masked Readers, the week was filled with engaging activities that truly immersed the children in all things reading. Seeing them don their comfy clothes and dive into their favourite books was simply delightful!

A particular highlight was the reading café, which proved to be a huge success. It was joyous to witness so many of you in school, creating a family feel atmosphere for our budding readers. We genuinely love having parents join us, as it fosters such a fabulous partnership between school and home.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our reading influencers for their brilliant ideas, and to Mrs Bullard for working tirelessly to bring these concepts to life. Their efforts made a significant difference and were instrumental in making Book Week such a memorable experience for everyone involved.

As we reflect on the success of this week, I encourage you to continue fostering a love for reading at home. Whether it's sharing a favourite book, discussing stories, or simply setting aside time for reading together, your involvement is invaluable.



Keep Reading!

Monkton Nature Reserve

This week, our Year 2 class had an exciting adventure at Monkton Nature Reserve! As part of their 'Wriggle and Crawl' topic, the children delved into the fascinating world of minibeasts. They explored the lush surroundings, uncovering various insects and learning about their habitats. The hands-on experience was a fantastic way for the children to connect with nature and understand the importance of these tiny creatures in our ecosystem. The smiles on their faces as they discovered slugs, spiders, and worms were truly priceless! A big thank you to all the staff at Monkton for making our trip so memorable!



Red Nose day

Thank you to the children of St Nicholas for making RND the fun it was! You embodied the spirit of the day and the children were so keen to share their jokes and one liners! Well done to Maisie and April our schools official best 'Jokers' Thank you to Mr Ford and the Junior Leadership team for coming up with the initiative!



Thank you to the staggering Generosity of you! **We raised £522 for Comic Relief.** This outstrips schools much larger than St Nics, but is a reflection of our values lived out! In times when everything is getting more expensive you just dug even deeper for those who need it the most.



Key Dates

Key Dates—Term 4	
27 th March	Yr 2 Trip to Monkton Nature Reserve
28 th March	Reception, Yr 1, Yr 3 & Yr 4 Church Visit (salvation Unit)
28 th March	Yr 6 Easter Cracked at Church
29 th March	Yr 3 & 4 Super Saturday
1 st April	Yr 2 & Yr 5 Church Visit (salvation Unit)
2 nd April	Parents Evening- 1:20pm-7pm
4 th April	PTFA Easter Egg Hunt
4 th April	Easter Service at the Church at 9:30am Parents Welcome End of Term 4- 2pm finish
Key Dates—Term 5	
25 th April	Scholastic Book fair
29 th April	Year 1 Trip to Wildwood
2 nd May	Class Photos
5 th May	Bank Holiday- SCHOOL CLOSED
16 th May	PTFA Disco
20 th - 23 rd May	Year 6 Bikeability
22 nd May	Yr 6 Residential Meeting for Parents (3:15pm)
23 rd May	End of Term 5

TOTAL SPORTS COACHING

EASTER HALF-TERM

BOYS & GIRLS
4 - 12 Years Old

WEEK ONE

HAF CAMPS
Under 1 Roof: 02/04 - 05/04
Hartsdown Academy: 02/04 - 05/04
St. Mary's: 02/04 - 05/04

MULTI - SPORTS
Ramsgate Holy Trinity: 02/04 - 05/04

MULTI - SPORTS AND SWIMMING
Wellesley Haddon Dene: 02/04 - 05/04

WEEK TWO

HAF CAMPS
Under 1 Roof: 08/04 - 11/04
Garlinge Primary School: 08/04 - 11/04
King Ethelbert's School: 08/04 - 11/04
Cheriton Primary School: 08/04 - 11/04

SOCCER SCHOOL
Ramsgate FC: 08/04 - 10/04

MULTI - SPORTS
Ramsgate Holy Trinity: 08/04 - 11/04

MULTI - SPORTS AND SWIMMING
Wellesley Haddon Dene: 08/04 - 11/04

Find out more below
www.tscoaching.co.uk

FOR HAF CAMPS PLEASE BOOK VIA THE E-VOUCHER SENT OUT BY SCHOOLS

GIRLS SOCCER SCHOOL

Football Coaching

Week 1
Thursday 10th April - Friday 11th April
Week 2
Thursday 17th April - Friday 18th April

9:30am - 3:30pm
Early drop off available

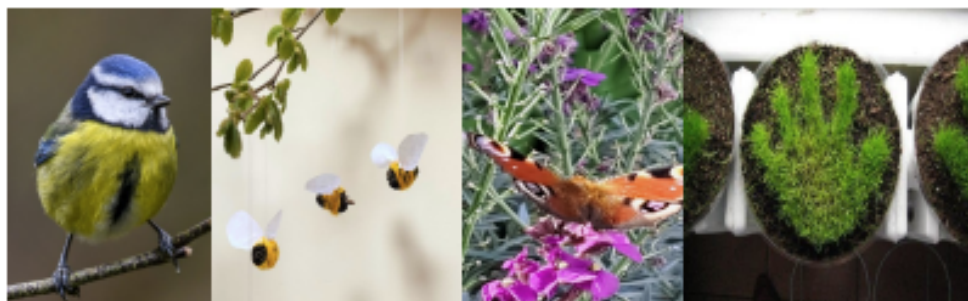
Upton Junior School
CT10 2AH

Calling all young female footballers! Whether you're just starting out or looking to sharpen your skills, our Girls Soccer School is the perfect place to grow your love for the game in a fun, supportive, and inspiring environment.

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EASTER AT THE RESERVE

APRIL 2025



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WEEK 1

TUESDAY 8TH, 11AM BIG BUG HUNT

The hunt is on! Bug pots and ID sheet supplied.

1PM GREEN AND CLEAN

Green energy in action. Budding builder?

Here's a challenge. Build a simple circuit to light a bulb with the sun and wind. Run a clock using potatoes. Light a bulb with a hand-held turbine.

Learn about water pollution with an oil spill experiment. What do oil spills do? Can they be cleaned up?

THURSDAY 10TH, 11AM GREEN FINGERS A hands-on session making wildflower seed bombs and a living handprint using grass seed.

1PM EGGS-PLORATION DIY 'egg' stress balls from balloons and rice. Find the animal egg photos on the reserve and eggs-pect a small reward.

FRIDAY 11TH, 11AM MAGICAL PLANTS AND MANDRAKE MAKERS Discover the powers of the mandrake plants then make your own mandrake (as seen in the Harry Potter films). Take a magical tour of the plants and flowers in the Education Garden with our spellbinding quiz.

1PM ALDER CONE BEE MOBILES Alder trees can live for 60 years. We have them on the reserve. Young twigs are sticky to touch. Its small brown cones are the female catkins and stay on the tree all year round. Their shape is perfect for crafting bees which we will turn into a simple mobile.

WEEK 2 (SESSION DETAILS ABOVE)

TUESDAY 15TH, 11AM EGGS-PLORATION

1PM MAKE A MANDRAKE

THURSDAY 17TH, 11AM GREEN AND CLEAN

11.30AM WILD CLASSROOM

The welcome return of this popular, open fire cooking experience.

A chance to cook a tasty rhubarb and custard crumble outdoors, over fire.

1PM BIG BUG HUNT

FRIDAY 18TH, 11AM ALDER CONE BEE MOBILES

1PM GREEN FINGERS



HOW TO BOOK

www.monkton-reserve.org/events/

Visit our museum, café, gift, and book shops.

MORE INFO:

education@monkton-reserve.org

PRICE PER CHILD

Members: £3

Non-Members: £5

(incl. entrance to the reserve)

Wild Classroom

Members: £9.00

Non-Members: £15.00

WHERE

Monkton Nature Reserve
Canterbury Road
Ramsgate CT12 4LH

WWW.MONKTON-RESERVE.ORG

THANET COUNTRYSIDE TRUST
(CHARITY NO: 285972)

You are the most important people in your child's life—so a strong positive relationship between us is crucial in making sure children are happy and thrive at school. A few tips:

1 Listen to them read

This is so important - even if it's a book they've already read, or you read some, they read some. Share books together, make it enjoyable.

Model reading: It is so vital



2 Try to find out about their day

You'll be met with the inevitable 'nothing'.

Ask questions around it:

What sound did you do in phonics?

Who did you play with? What made you proud today? What did you learn in maths?



3 Don't push if they won't tell you

Try feeding them before you ask them. Wait a while and try a different question later. They may need some down time before they talk to you about their day.



Chose your time :)

4 Home work—if it's a battle, stop

It doesn't help anyone to have a screaming session regarding homework. If it is causing your child to be upset—stop and talk to the teacher about it. It can be hard enough fitting it into busy family life without tears—sometimes from both parties!



5 Get both sides of a story

If your child has come home upset, of course you want to know why. Ask the school for their view. Children don't always tell it exactly how it was. When we work together we will more likely have all the information.

6 Use our website

Our website has lots of resources for you to support your child. Like the calculation policy, reading suggestions and questions to support reading. Videos, links and dates for you to attend workshops.

<https://www.st-nicholas-birchington.kent.sch.uk/>

7 Raise a concern early

Don't let it fester! We don't want you to have a niggle that could grow. Talk to us straight away, a 5 minute chat could save a lot of worry later. We want to resolve issues as much as you—but we need to know them.



8 Ask how you can help

We are always happy to pass work your way! Be specific, ask about a particular subject, how can I help with their spelling? What can I do to help their adding? What vocabulary do they need for this topic? What sounds are they finding hard...

9 Don't moan in front of the children

We are all allowed to have a moan—I know I did about my children's schools (only occasionally)

Don't let the children hear, they listen to everything and it shapes their view of school. We must be a team and be seen to be a team.



10 Remember...

We want the same as you! Happy, safe children who learn and work hard. A school where kindness is the default and our school family is united.

We may not always get it right, but we never, ever set out to get it wrong.