



The St Nicholas Post



25th June 2025

Dear All,

I hope you are all enjoying the wonderful weather!

As we approach the final weeks of the academic year, it is a time of reflection, celebration, and preparation for what lies ahead. One of our key priorities during this period is ensuring a smooth and positive transition for all our children—whether they are continuing their journey with us or moving on to secondary school.

Behind the scenes, a great deal of thoughtful planning and preparation is already underway. From transition meetings and visits to tailored support sessions, we are doing everything we can to make sure each child feels confident and ready for their next step.

As you know, our partnership with you is very important to us, and to the success of everything we do in school life. So there is further information in this letter, that will ensure that we are working collaboratively on this. If you do have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to talk to us.

Mrs Kennedy



Transition Day: 3rd July 2025

Children will soon be meeting their new teachers and seeing their new classes. Other initiatives happening are:

- Social stories will be sent out to parents to share with their children
- Their new teacher and the Learning Support Assistant will come into their existing class to read a story
- They will spend transition day in their new class with their new teachers
- Enhanced transition for children who require this support
- Secondary teachers meet with children here at St Nicholas and liaise with Mrs Woodbridge
- A parent workshop for secondary transition
- 'Meet the teacher', this happens in the first two weeks of the new year (dates to follow)

A full staffing structure is on the following page.

A Place to Belong, A place to Grow

Taralee Kennedy	Headteacher		
Tim Neal	Deputy Headteacher/Senco (Humanities and Maths lead) Teaching Maths and English sets (Year 6)		
Hannah B	EYFS lead/Early Reading/ Curriculum		
Mrs Patrick	Senco Assistant/Thrive Practitioner		
Mrs Baptiste	Pastoral support		
Sharon McPh Hannah Howard Leah Merry	Office Manager Office Admin Office admin		
Peter Paul: Budgie	Caretaker		
Class	Teacher	Roles and Responsibilities	Pupil Numbers
R	Hannah Buckley/Abigail Hall Mrs Winchcombe Mrs Were	EYFS&KSI Lead/Outdoor Learning Breakfast Club	30
1	Alice Cox Mrs Jeffries Mrs Moon	Maths Enrichment Breakfast Club/Fizzy	30
2	Alex Ford (Thrive Practitioner) Mrs Back Mrs Scott (Mon/Tues/Fri)	Pupil Voice/Art and Design/DT Breakfast Club Sensory Circuits	30
KS1/2	Mrs Hill (Mon/Tues/Wed)	Reading Champion	
3	Miss Jermy/Mrs Palmer Mrs Redfern	Geography/RE & Music	31
4	Miss Patterson Mrs Eaves Mrs Patrick (Thrive Practitioner)	PE & MFL (Student Mentor)	30
5	Helen Woodbridge Mrs Obee am/Mrs Eley pm	English Lead	30
6	Mrs Draper Mrs Gill	Science & ICT (Curriculum Team)	32
PPA	Mrs Palmer	Music Lead	
PPA	TSC Mr Miles	Sports Coach	
PPA	Mrs Patrick	MFL	
Wrap-around	Mrs Scott Mrs Tremain Miss Day	After school provision	
			Total 212

After careful consideration, we have made a change in the teaching team for year 5 and 6. This decision has been made with the best interests of the children at heart, and we are confident that it will strengthen the support and consistency they receive as they move through the remainder of the school year. We are excited to introduce a two-year teaching cycle, where the Year 5 teacher will move up with the class. This approach allows for greater continuity in teaching and deeper relationships to develop between teacher and pupils. It also enables the teacher to build on the children's prior learning more effectively and provide more personalised support.

Well Done Mrs. Draper!

We are proud to share that Mrs Draper has been nominated for a Canterbury Christ Church University Mentor Award. This nomination highlights her exceptional support for student teachers and dedication to developing the next generation of educators. We congratulate Mrs Draper on this well-deserved recognition.'



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Practice GRATITUDE

A big thank you to Miss Patterson for organising Sports Day and all the other many sporting events throughout the year. Her dedication and enthusiasm have made each one a fun and positive experience for all the children. All these events play a vital role in supporting not only physical health, but also confidence, teamwork, and overall wellbeing.

Sports Day Triumph!

Sports Day was a wonderful event where everyone gave their best for their house teams, showing great teamwork, effort, and school spirit. The sun was shining, adding to the cheerful atmosphere, and the entire day was filled with excitement and support. Having parents and other family members with us made it even more special—not just for the children, who were proud to perform in front of you, but also for the whole school community, bringing everyone closer together in celebration. Well done to Honesty who won the trophy for the day. All the points have been added to the running totals here in school.



Courage, Resilience, Honesty, Kindness, Be the Best you Can Be

Teachers V Children Netball

The Teachers vs. Netball Team match was a roaring success and a true highlight of the year! The whole school came out to cheer and support, creating an incredible atmosphere. The game showcased the impressive skill and teamwork of the Netball team, and the teachers had to work incredibly hard to keep up! It was a fantastic celebration of sport, school spirit, and fun. Well done to everyone involved :)



Values Champions



Value Champion Zachary and Athena

Well done to Zachary and Athena on showing that the values go beyond the school gates as they collected their bronze and silver wheels of time awards. We are proud of the commitment you show and demonstrating that we can be the best we can be in all areas of life.



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