



The St Nicholas Post

July 19th 2025



Dear All,

School's out for summer! It truly feels unbelievable that another year has passed—six terms of hard work, growth, friendship, fun, and laughter. We say goodbye to a year that has been filled with so many memorable moments, not least a visit from Ofsted. We were incredibly proud to receive such wonderful recognition, with inspectors rightly agreeing that St Nicholas-at-Wade is an exceptional place to be. Their words captured our school beautifully: "Pupils grow as well-rounded, confident individuals in an excellent, nurturing and inclusive school. There is a strong culture of care and kindness where pupils thrive and flourish."

As we wrap up the year, we want to thank all our families for your continued support - your partnership with us is one of our greatest strengths. For those moving on to new adventures, we will miss you and wish you all the best for your new adventures! Wishing everyone a restful, joyful, summer break and we will see you on September 2nd for the start of the new school year.

Mrs Kennedy :)

The Holiday Challenges!

Reading and Maths challenges are coming home today—perfect for keeping those brilliant brains busy over the holidays! Not only will they help your child hold on to all the amazing progress they've made this year, but they're also a great way to beat the "I'm bored" moments on quiet summer days. A little and often can make a big difference—and maybe even be fun along the way! Click [HERE](#) for Math's, [HERE](#) for English.

EYFS Summer Maths Challenge

Spent 30 minutes outside, how many of each animal can you find? Make a tally for each one you see.

Animal	Tally
Lamb	
Sheep	
Goat	
Donkey	

Write in the missing number bond to 10 on the ice cream.

BOOK BLIND DATE Which date will you choose?

Directions: Match the book cover to the blurb!

A young girl in 1922 London uncovers a mysterious package related to a young pharaoh's tomb and embarks on a journey to Egypt to return it, while also facing a possible curse and the secrets of her own family.

A lonely and neglected girl discovers a hidden, overgrown garden that, upon restoration, brings healing and joy to herself and others.

This is a story of a brilliant young girl with telekinetic powers who uses her intelligence and newfound abilities to stand up to her neglectful parents and abusive headmistress.

This book follows the humorous, illustrated diary entries of middle schooler as he navigates the trials and tribulations of adolescence, friendships, and family life.

An orphaned boy discovers a secret about himself, and attends boarding school, where he confronts dark forces and learns about his past.

READING EXPRESSIONS

Directions: Read each expression, then match to its meaning

- bookworm
- oldest trick in the book
- I can read you like a book
- to read between the lines
- don't judge a book by its cover

- their's more than meets the eye
- to find hidden or true meaning
- a book lover
- I know you very, very well
- has been done many times before

KS2 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Name: _____ Class: _____

Directions: Complete as many challenges listed below as you can. Color in each box as you complete it. Have fun and happy reading!

<input type="checkbox"/> Read at Night	<input type="checkbox"/> Read Under a Tree
<input type="checkbox"/> Read at the Beach	<input type="checkbox"/> Read on a Rainy Day
<input type="checkbox"/> Read with a Friend	<input type="checkbox"/> Read with an Adult
<input type="checkbox"/> Read in the Living Room	<input type="checkbox"/> Read in your Bed
<input type="checkbox"/> Read with a Torch	<input type="checkbox"/> Read with a Pet
<input type="checkbox"/> Read by the Pool	<input type="checkbox"/> Read at the Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Read Under the Stars	<input type="checkbox"/> Read Outside

BONUS HOUSE POINTS! Bring in a photo of you using your Maths skills during the holiday.

Pirate Flags

Colour by Calculation

UKS2 Summer Maths Challenge

BONUS HOUSE POINTS! Bring in a photo of you measuring some summer items.

Summer-Themed Coordinate Translations

Summer Holiday Pie Chart

UKS2 Summer Maths Challenge

KS1 Summer Maths Challenge

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Spelling Shed

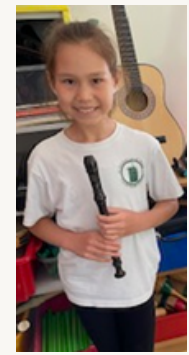
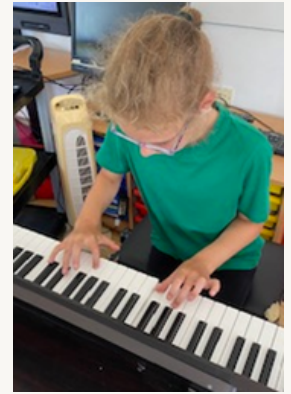


Thank you in advance to our wonderful 'Pond Squad' who are kindly giving up their time during the holidays to lay paving slabs around the pond. We're really looking forward to making much better use of this area, and this work will transform it into a far more usable and welcoming space. Big thanks goes to: Miss Hall for the ideas and organisation, Mr Cox for transporting slabs, Mrs Howard and family, Mr Davis (Raynor and Jess's Dad), Mr Bryant and Miss Allaway (Nellie's Parents).

Practice
GRATITUDE

Music Makers

What a treat! The music recital was a beautiful success, filled with toe-tapping tunes, big smiles, and some truly impressive performances. Our talented pupils wowed us with their confidence and creativity—it was clear they'd put in lots of hard work (and had plenty of fun too!). A huge well done to all our performers, and thank you to the families who came along to cheer them on!



The whole school had a fantastic time taking part in a samba workshop this term! The rhythms were infectious, the energy was high, and it was brilliant to see every child getting stuck in with such enthusiasm. From booming drums to joyful bells, the school was alive with sound and excitement! Music plays such an important role in developing creativity, confidence, and teamwork—and this workshop was a wonderful reminder of just how much joy it can bring. Thank you to Mrs Palmer for arranging this :)



Values Champions



Value Champion Rosie

What a true values champion Rosie is! She attends dance twice a week, practises with dedication, and always shows up with a positive attitude. Recently, she took her Grade 2 Modern exam—and as if that wasn't impressive enough, she won the LA Dance Achievement Award 2025 for her age group! An incredible achievement and a shining example of what hard work and passion can lead to. Well done, Rosie!



It's who
we are!



Value Champion Miley-Rose

Miley-Rose has been working on building an entire LEGO tree town—all by herself! She followed the instructions completely independently, even when it got really tricky. Since Christmas, she has stuck with it, bit by bit, never giving up and always wanting to figure it out on her own. Your hard work and resilience are truly inspiring, what an amazing achievement Miley!



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A Wonderful Win

After being nominated for Mentor of the Year—which was an incredible accolade in itself—Mrs. Draper only went and won! A huge congratulations to her on this well-deserved recognition. Of course, we already knew she was fabulous, but it's wonderful to see her talent, dedication, and support for others celebrated in this way!



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Seagull Trail

👁️ **Keep your eyes peeled!** 👁️

Seagulls will be soon be appearing in Birchington shop windows ready for The Great Birchington Seagull Trail! It's a fun, way to get out and about over the holidays – perfect for families, friends, or anyone up for a little scavenger hunt! Well done to Iris who has written up the details of this great initiative in the Birchington Parish council Magazine



Open Afternoon

The children were beaming with pride as they showed you all their hard work and achievements from across the school year. It was a joy to see their excitement and confidence as they shared their learning journey with you. Your involvement plays such an important role in your child's education, and moments like these truly highlight the powerful impact of sharing and celebrating their progress together.

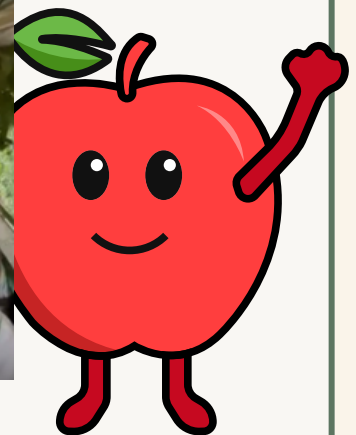




Farwell Year 6

As we say farewell to our incredible Year 6's, I want you to know that you will truly be missed! This year, you've not only helped lead St Nicholas but have also exemplified our Values at every turn. You should leave us feeling immensely proud of everything you've accomplished and the wonderful individuals you have become—just as we are proud of you!

As you embark on your next adventure, remember to carry forward the qualities that define you: be courageous, resilient, honest, and kind. These traits will serve you well throughout life's many twists and turns. You've built a strong foundation here at St Nicholas, and we have every confidence that you'll continue to shine wherever you go.



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Thank you for supporting St Nicholas At Wade PTFA 2024/25



Net
fundraising
income
£13,444

We are finalising the numbers but our draft amounts here show we have increased our fundraising income and amounts funded from last year! THANK YOU.
Final amounts released in September.



Funded
for school
£11,469

Join us at our AGM on Monday 15 September 7.30pm at school

We are looking for some new committee members to join for 2025/26.

Kayleigh, our chair, is stepping down. Even if you feel that you can't commit to a committee role, we really need parents to come along to the AGM so we can hold the meeting in line with our constitution and vote in the new committee.

Want to know what PTFA is all about? Then come along and meet us!

The PTFA exists to raise funds for our children, so don't come with any preconceptions, we really are a friendly bunch of parents wanting the best opportunities and resources for all the children in school.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank every parent, grandparent, big sisters, family & friends for all the volunteer hours given over the past year.

Also a huge thank you to local businesses who donated prizes for our Christmas and Summer raffles.



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