



The St Nicholas Post

2nd September 2026



Dear All,

We're delighted to welcome everyone back to school and hope you had a restful summer break. It's been wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm and positivity (the rush and excitement to get in the gate this morning was a joy to see!) The children have settled back into their routines remarkably well, remembering the 'St Nicholas Way', showing great focus and a fantastic attitude towards their learning. We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead, full of new opportunities and achievements!

I will continue to be present every morning and afternoon on the gate, this is so that I am able to welcome the pupils and adults every morning but also so that I am available to help with any questions, worries or feedback, please do approach me, no matter how big or small the query. Alternatively, please do email me directly on headteacher@st-nicholas-birchington.kent.sch.uk working in partnership with you is very important to us, so that we make sure that every child is happy at school and is the very best they can be.

This Term's Heartsmart: Get Heart Smart!



This term's PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education) topic is, 'Get Heart Smart', and is linked to our Christian value **'It's the Way'**. This theme is centred on helping children learn to love and value both themselves and others. Through this topic, we explore how understanding ourselves and those around us can lead to kinder relationships and more thoughtful choices. The children will be encouraged to reflect on the impact their actions have on others, building empathy, confidence, and emotional awareness. It's a wonderful opportunity for them to grow not just academically, but emotionally and socially too.

"Our actions become our habits, our habits become our character, our character is who we are"
Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics

A Place to Belong, A place to Grow



Big thanks to our incredible cleaning staff who worked tirelessly over the summer break to prepare our school for the new year. Your hard work, dedication, and attention to detail have not gone unnoticed. From every polished floor to every spotless classroom, your efforts have helped create a clean, welcoming, and safe environment where students and staff can thrive. Thank you for giving us all a sparkling fresh start – we truly appreciate everything you do.



We want to make sure you get to the right people when you need them- we hope this list helps

I have a question about...	Who to talk to:
Class activities, curriculum, lessons, homework	Your child's class teacher
School trips and payments	Mrs Howard/Miss Merry 01843 847253 office@st-nicholas-birchington.kent.sch.uk
Attendance and absence requests	To report an absence call: 01843 847253 To request approval for term- time absence complete a form and return to: headteacher@st-nicholas-birchington.kent.sch.uk
School events and school calendar dates	Mrs Howard/Miss Merry (School office)
Special Educational Needs	Mr Neal (SENDCO) Tim.neal@st-nicholas-birchington.kent.sch.uk Miss Patrick (SEN Assistant/Thrive practitioner) Sarah.patrick@st-nicholas-birchington.kent.sch.uk
Medical issues	Mrs N Moon: Administering medication
After school Clubs	Mrs Howard/Miss Merry office@st-nicholas-birchington.kent.sch.uk
Safeguarding	Mrs Taralee Kennedy/ Mr Neal/Mrs Buckley

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Key Dates



Key dates—Term 1

Mon 8 th & 9 th	Reception children in half days
Tues 9 th Sept	Year 2 Meet the Teacher
Thurs 11 th Sept	Kent Test
Thurs 11 th Sept	Year 4 Meet the Teacher
Thurs 11 th Sept	Reception children in until 12:30pm
Fri 12 th Sept	Year 1 Meet the Teacher
Fri 12 th Sept	Reception children start full time
Weds 17 th Sept	EYFS Reading Workshop- 2:30pm & 5:30pm
Weds 17 th Sept	Year 3 Meet the Teacher
Thurs 18 th Sept	Year 6 Meet the Teacher
Thurs 18 th Sept	Year 5 Dover Castle Trip
Fri 19 th Sept	Individual & Sibling Photographs
Fri 19 th Sept	Year 5 Meet the Teacher
Mon 29 th Sept	Harvest Service- 9:30am at the church
Mon 13 th Oct	Cycle to School Week
Thurs 16 th Oct	Planetarium Visit Year 6
Fri 17 th Oct	End of Term 1

Harvest Festival Monday 29th September



Come and join the children and staff as we to give thanks for the crops, which have been safely harvested. We will be walking to the church for a 9:30am start. The children will offer up donations of food and will celebrate through prayer and song as well as hearing bible readings. We would love for you to join us!

Please can all donations of food arrive in school by Friday 26th September. The church donate these offerings to Thanet Foodbank. Thank you :)

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