



The St Nicholas Post



9th January 2026

Dear All,

Welcome back, and we wish everyone a very happy and healthy 2026. It is always a proud moment to see how quickly the children settle back into school life. By 8:50am on Monday morning, children were already engaged in their early morning work, and classrooms were calm, focused and purposeful.

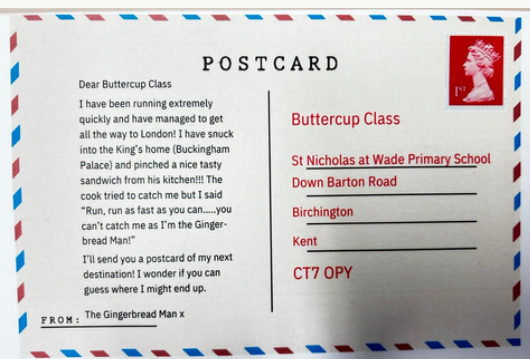
With colder weather expected in the coming weeks, layers are definitely the order of the term! We do not anticipate any closures; however, in the unlikely event that this does occur, we will contact you via text and email. If you haven't heard from us, please assume we are open for learning as usual.

Mrs Kennedy

Gingerbread Man Escapes!

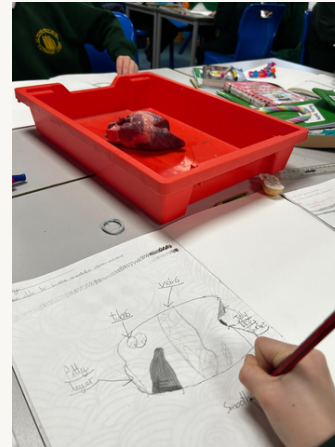
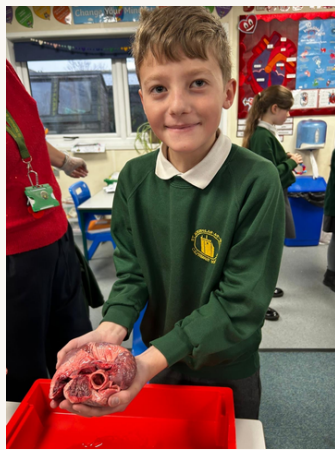
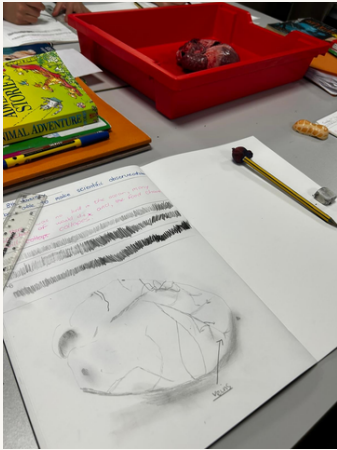
Buttercups made delicious gingerbread men, but when Mrs Hall briefly left hers in the classroom while she dropped off a bag, she returned to discover that the tasty treat had disappeared!

After checking the security footage, it was revealed that the cheeky gingerbread man had fled the school. Since his escape, he has sent a postcard from London and is now planning to travel the world. Buttercups are following his adventures closely and are feeling very, very excited!



Year Six Dissect Pig Hearts

As part of their topic, blood Heart, year 6 children are exploring the fascinating world of the circulatory system and are discovering how blood is travelling around the body to keep it healthy and strong. Taking on the role of surgeons (and trying not to be squeamish!), children have already dissected a pig heart examining its chambers, veins and arteries up close, learning how they work tirelessly to move blood around the body. Here's a [link](#) to find out what else they will be doing!



Value Champions

Value Champion Jack and Finn

For their outstanding commitment, effort, and performances for the **Margate Under 8 Football Team**. Both boys have worked extremely hard throughout the season, consistently striving to be the very best they can be. Their dedication and teamwork have been evident in some truly brilliant performances. Following the Christmas break, it is fantastic to celebrate their **promotion to Division One**, a well-deserved achievement that reflects their hard work and will provide an exciting new challenge.



Move Smart – Get Rewarded!

Walk, scoot, cycle, or car-share—any part of the journey counts. Join in and feel good as part of our Active Travel Initiative! Record your journey in class between Monday 12th – Friday 16th January and earn a house point for each day you take part!

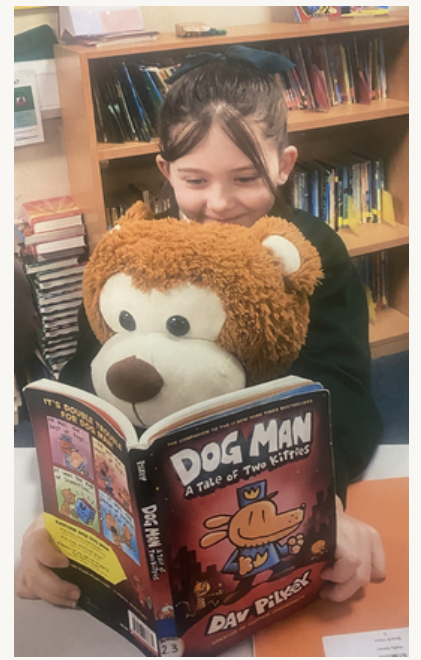


Stay tuned for more events taking place to encourage healthy and active travel!

Life of an Attendance Ted!

| | Days lost this week: | Overall attendance: |
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| Buttercup | 4 ½ | 96.3% |
| Bluebell | 11 | 93% |
| Primrose | 3 | 97.7% |
| Willow | 3 | 97.7% |
| Beech | 4 | 97% |
| Acer | 6 ½ | 93.3% |
| Oak | 11 ½ | 92.6% |

Well done Primrose & Willow Class
You share Attendance Ted for a week!





Big thanks to Mrs Ireton from **Monty's of Birchington** who hand delivered our Christingle oranges so that they were fabulously fresh! They provided a lovely touch to the carol service.

Sleep and read Challenge

Our Sleep and Read Challenge will be coming home on Monday. Children will complete this challenge over the next four weeks to help reset routines following the Christmas break and to encourage healthy sleep habits.

Getting enough good-quality sleep is vital for children's wellbeing. Sleep supports concentration, memory, behaviour and emotional regulation, helping children feel settled, focused and ready to learn each day.

We ask families to support this initiative by encouraging consistent bedtimes, completing the challenge together, and talking with children about how good sleep helps their bodies and minds. By working together, we can help children develop positive routines that will benefit them both at school and at home.

Good night, sleep tight: The Challenge Name _____ Class _____

The Challenge: The challenge you face is to go to bed at the correct time (the bedtime that your adult tells you!) and follow the bedtime routine everyday for four weeks! To show that you've completed the challenge, write the time you go to bed each night and how long you have read for and your parent/guardian must sign at the end of the week. On Monday 9th February, bring this challenge sheet in to be in with a chance of winning a prize. All entries will receive 5 house points and a certificate. Entries will be placed in to a draw. Two boys and two girls will be selected from all returned challenges and will receive their prizes at the end of term. Winners will be announced in worship and on the school newsletter.

| | MONDAY | | TUESDAY | | WEDNESDAY | | THURSDAY | | FRIDAY | | Parent/Guardian to sign below: |
|--------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| Week | I read for: | Bedtime: | I read for: | Bedtime: | I read for: | Bedtime: | I read for: | Bedtime: | I read for: | Bedtime: | |
| Week 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Week 2 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Week 3 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Week 4 | | | | | | | | | | | |

ANY OTHER COMMENTS?



IS YOUR CHILD GETTING ENOUGH Zzzz'S?

Your little ones need a good night's rest to be healthy. Here's how to make sure they're getting it.

- BABIES** (Birth to 11 mos.) 11-17 total hours per day from birth to 3 months; 12-15 total hours per day from 4-11 months
- TODDLERS** (1 to 2 years) 11 to 14 total hours per day
- PRE-SCHOOLERS** (3 to 5 years) 10 to 13 total hours per day
- SCHOOL-AGE** (6 to 13 years) 9 to 11 hours per day
- TEENAGERS** (14 to 17 years) 8 to 10 hours per day

The Young Cooks Competition 2026



Does your child love getting creative in the kitchen? We'd love for them to enter the Young Cooks Competition 2026!



Open to young people aged 6–18, this exciting competition celebrates flavour, creativity, and a love of cooking. Winners will share a £500 prize, with a finalist selected to cook at a Showcase Lunch at The Dog in Wingham and may have the opportunity to attend a master class with an award-winning chef!

In 2023, our very own Ella Evans was a finalist! Let's see if St Nicks can do it again!

[Click Here to Sign Up! Deadline: 31st January 2026](#)

You will need:

Child's name and Year Group

A list of ingredients

The method used to prepare the dish(es)

A breakdown of the cost of each dish

A photo and the names of the dish(es) they have prepared

Your dish should consist of a main course using at least 6 items from the following list:

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| Potatoes | Leeks | Mushrooms | Onions |
| Rice | Butter | Stock Cubes | Eggs |
| Pasta | Flour | Carrots | Meat |
| Milk | Garlic | Tinned Tomatoes | Beans |
| Pulses | Fish | Lentils | |

You may add other ingredients, but the cost of 4 portions of your dish should not exceed £16.00.

You have a time limit of 1.5 hours in which to prepare the dish and clear away.

Have fun and good luck! We can't wait to see what you whizz up!

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

Key Dates

| Key dates—Term 3 | |
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| Weds 14 th Jan | Yr 1 & 2 Move It Sports Event (selected children) |
| Thurs 15 th Jan | Census Day |
| Thurs 15 th Jan | Applications Process for Reception 2026 places closes |
| Fri 16 th Jan | Kent Fire & Rescue Talks |
| Mon 19 th Jan | Yr 3 Viking Workshop |
| Thurs 22 nd Jan | SalT Parent Workshop – with Sarah Friend (Reception and Y1) |
| Weds 28 th Jan | Open Afternoon |
| Fri 30 th Jan | PTFA Quiz Night |
| Mon 2 nd Feb | The Secret Reader at 2.45pm |
| Tues 3 rd Feb | Drama Sessions with Kic Theatre |
| Thurs 5 th Feb | The Secret Reader at 2.45pm |
| Fri 6 th Feb | PTFA 100 Club Draw |
| Mon 9 th Feb | PTFA St Nicks Bake off |
| Tues 10 th Feb | Safer Internet Day |
| Fri 13 th Feb | End of Term 3 |
| Term 4 | |
| Mon 23 rd Feb | Start of Term 4 |
| Weds 25 th Feb | Yr 6 Safety in Action at Dreamland |
| Fri 27 th Feb | PTFA Mother's Day Shop |
| Mon 2 nd March | Yr 6 National Offer Day |
| Tues 3 rd March | KS1 Reading Cafe |
| Tues 3 rd March | Yr 5 Egyptian Workshop |
| Weds 4 th March | KS2 Reading Café |
| Thurs 5 th March | World Book Day |
| Fri 27 th March | PTFA 100 Club Draw |
| Mon 30 th March | Drama Sessions with Kic Theatre |
| Weds 1 st April | Parent Consultations 1.20–7pm |
| Thurs 2 nd April | Easter Service |
| Thurs 2 nd April | PTFA Easter Egg Hunt |
| Thurs 2 nd April | End of Term 4- 2pm Finish |
| Fri 3 rd April | Bank Holiday- SCHOOL CLOSED |