



23rd January 2026

Dear All,

We are already well underway in Term 3, and it has been a real joy to see the enthusiasm, focus and positivity the children bring with them each day at St Nicks. The reports that came home on Friday were a wonderful celebration of their efforts and achievements, and a clear reflection of how seriously our children take their learning. They should all feel incredibly proud of themselves. Thank you, as always, for the continued support and encouragement you give at home – together, we are making Term 3 another happy and successful one!

Mrs Kennedy

Year 3 Viking Day

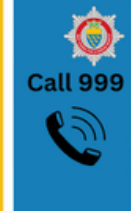
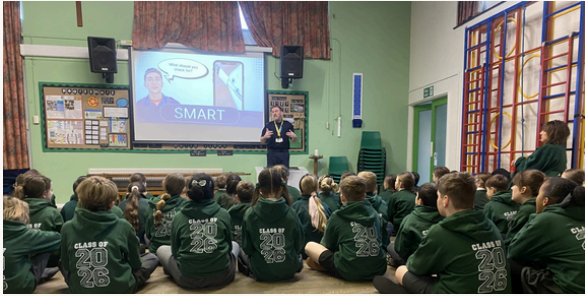
Year 3 had a fantastic and action-packed Viking workshop! The children wove fabrics, made their own pendants, ground flour just like real Vikings, and even went into battle. With so many hands-on activities, there was plenty of excitement, laughter, and learning as the pupils fully immersed themselves in Viking life.



Kent Fire & Rescue Educational Talks

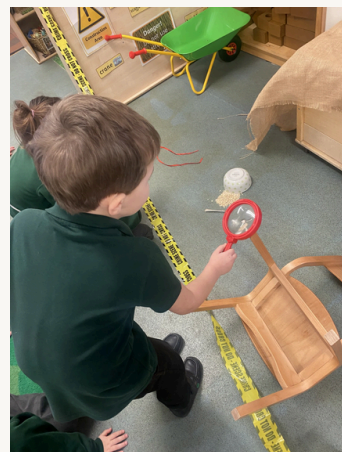


The whole school took part in an important and engaging fire and rescue safety talk. The children learned how to stay safe at home and at school, what to do in an emergency, and had the opportunity to ask thoughtful questions. It was a valuable experience that helped everyone feel more confident about keeping themselves and others safe.



A Crime Scene

Buttercups arrived at school to discover an exciting crime scene! They found a red ribbon, mysterious footprints, and sticky paw prints. Using these clues, the children worked together to investigate what had happened and successfully deduced that Goldilocks had snuck into the school. This imaginative experience sparked curiosity, encouraged problem-solving and discussion, and inspired the children to develop their ideas through storytelling and writing as they explained the events and created their own narratives.



Value Champions

Value Champion Phoenix

Well done for writing a wonderful story and publishing it into a fantastic book. What a fabulous home learning project, the perfect blend of Goldilocks and The Gingerbread Man!

Your creativity, effort, and dedication are something to be very proud of. Keep up the amazing work!

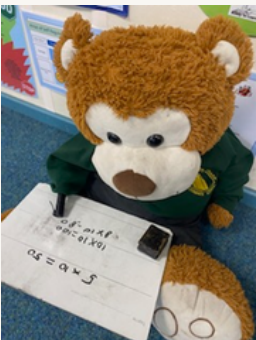


Christian Provision

Please complete this survey to help us better understand your views on our school's Christian distinctiveness and how we can continue to develop it. Please scan the QR code or [click here](#) to complete the survey.



Life of an Attendance Ted!



So Far This Term!

95%

Attendance Matters!

	Days lost this week:	Overall attendance:
Buttercup	2	98.7%
Bluebell	6 ½	95%
Primrose	5 ½	96.3%
Willow	4	97.4%
Beech	10	93%
Acer	18	88%
Oak	3	98.1%

Well done Buttercup Class
You get Attendance Ted for a week!



Big thanks to Mr Ternent (of **Crafted Gardens**) who has put in a beautiful tree border around our forest school. Not only does it define the area, but it will provide a wonderful habitat for the wildlife!

Winter Illnesses

Children can still attend school if they have mild symptoms such as a cough, cold, or sore throat, provided they are otherwise well enough to take part in the school day.

Attending school with minor illnesses can help children build resilience, maintain routines, and continue their learning alongside their peers. We will endeavour to look after children while they are in school and ensure they are comfortable. With parental consent, we are also able to administer Calpol if required.

Please continue to keep children at home if they are unwell with more severe symptoms, such as a high temperature, sickness or diarrhoea. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



Term Dates 2026/2027

Following the questionnaire sent to parents, the results indicated that 71% of parents were keen to group INSET days (47% May), 10% had no preference, and 19% wished arrangements to remain the same.

We asked this question with the intention of meeting the needs of as many families as possible. With this in mind, we will be trialling the grouping of INSET days for one year. We hope this approach will allow families to enjoy more meaningful time together, whether travelling abroad or spending time closer to home.

We will consult with you again at the end of the year to evaluate the success of this trial and to help inform how we proceed in the future.

Term Dates 2026-2027

Term 1	
1 st September	Start of term 1
23 rd October	End of term 1
Term 2	
2 nd November	Start of term 2
18 th December	End of term 2
Term 3	
4 th January	Start of term 3
12 th February	End of term 3
Term 4	
22 nd February	Start of term 4
25 th March	End of term 4
26 th March	Bank Holiday (School closed)
Term 5	
12 th April	Start of term 5
21 st May	End of term 5
3 rd May	Bank Holiday (School closed)
24 th May – 28 th May	INSET DAYS (School Closed)
Term 6	
7 th June	Start of term 6
21 st July	End of term 6 and School Year

Single Use Plastic – Or Not!

At our school, we are learning about the importance of reducing single-use plastics and caring for our environment. We have also changed our approach to plastic by choosing sustainable materials and, where possible, avoiding the use of plastic across the school. Students and families are encouraged to support these efforts through small, everyday actions that make a big difference.

What we can all do:

- Use paper or reusable straws instead of plastic ones
- Bring reusable cutlery and avoid single-use plastic forks and spoons
- Take part in Wrapper-Free Wednesday (or even better—wrapper-free every day!)
- Pack lunches in reusable containers rather than plastic wrap
- Bring a reusable drink bottle to school each day

Check out the policy on our website to learn more about our commitment to reducing our negative impact on the environment and increasing our positive impact!

Tubs to Pubs



What a fabulous way to make a difference to both our planet and the cancer charity Macmillan! Thanks to your support in sending in sweet tubs after the Christmas break, we saved an amazing 249 plastic tubs from landfill. Not only that, but the scheme also helps to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support – a cause close to many hearts. We certainly call that a win-win here at St Nicks! Well done and thank you to everyone who took part. Your small actions really do make a big difference. 🌍💚 Thank you to Mrs Hall and the Eco Ambassadors for all your work on this.

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

WOW Badge Competition

Children will be bringing home a 'WOW - Walk to School' Badge design entry form. We would love as many children as possible to enter, we will pick three designs to enter into this competition held by Living Streets. All details can be found on the entry form or on the link on the picture below.

Please submit your designs to your teacher or the office by Monday 23rd February!



Church Links

'Suds-Up for Lent'

UK statistics for 2024/2025 show that around 9.9 million UK adults (nearly 1 in 5) live with hygiene poverty, a number increasing due to financial pressures.

Please help ...



... by donating washing clothes pods to Thanet Food Link via your church across the period of Lent (18th February to Easter) Persil, Bold, Fairy, Daz and Ecover all manufacture these pods and the prices start from about £4 for the Ecover product.

Thanet Food Link who will manage distribution find the pods are the most appropriate donation as one pouch of pods can be easily shared amongst several people.

The church are collecting washing tablets for families who need some extra financial help at this time. Any that you are able to share will be passed on to the church who can distribute these to those who need them.



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

PTFA Events



**St Nicholas At Wade
PTFA Bake Off 2026**

Children are invited to take part by baking and decorating their own cake or cupcakes for our 2026 PTFA Bake Off!

Entry fee is £3 can be paid through school money in advance.

Children should bring their decorated bake to the studio at drop off.

Our very own Poppy Pastry will be judging the bakes to find our Bake Off champions! (Judged on decoration not taste)

Bakes will be handed back at the end of the school day. They should be brought into school in a named box please, including class.

All proceeds going to St Nicholas At Wade PTFA

Get Baking!!

MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY

PTFA
PARENTS, TEACHERS & FRIENDS
ASSOCIATION



**ST NICHOLAS AT WADE PTFA
QUIZ
NIGHT**

**NEW DATE: FRIDAY 27
FEBRUARY 2026**
7pm (for 7.15 start)
St Nicholas At Wade School Hall
Teams of up to 8 adults
£40 per table
Cash prize for winning table

£1 games on the night & raffle.
Contact Kayleigh on 07773679990
to book a table

**3 extra points available for
the best dressed table!
What will you do?**

**Bring your own drinks & snacks
(but no nuts please as it's a nut free school)**

The Big RSPB Bird Watch

We were delighted to take part in the annual RSPB Big Birdwatch. The children showed great interest and curiosity as they observed the resident birds that share our school grounds with us. It was a lovely opportunity for them to connect with nature, ask thoughtful questions and learn more about the wildlife around our school. Thank you Mrs Hall for organising this.



Key Dates

Key dates—Term 3	
Weds 28 th Jan	Open Afternoon
Thurs 29 th Jan	Road Safety Education Talks
Mon 2 nd Feb – Fri 6 th Feb	National Storytelling Week
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
Weds 25 th Feb	Reception Westgate Trip
Fri 27 th Feb	PTFA Mother's Day Shop
Fri 27 th Feb	PTFA Quiz Night
Mon 2 nd March	Yr 6 National Offer Day
Mon 2 nd March	Chris Macdonald – Author Visit Years 3-6
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
Thurs 5 th March	Looping the Loop Theatre Group Visit
Mon 9 th March	Dental Nurse visit to Reception class
Fri 13 th March	Reception Hearing & Vision Screening
Mon 16 th March	Year 6 Lancaster Model Questionnaire
Fri 27 th March	PTFA 100 Club Draw
Fri 27 th March	Beth Cookson – Author visit Year 2
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