



The St Nicholas Post



2nd April 2026

Dear All,

Welcome to the end of term Newsletter – it's a bumper one! As always school life has been productive, purposeful and full of learning. We are so proud of the children who have continued to show resilience and enthusiasm right up to the last day of term – they are such a credit to you!

Equally I am enormously thankful for the team here at St Nicks. They consistently go above and beyond to ensure that every child benefits from the very best opportunities and experiences. This newsletter captures just a small glimpse of all that has been happening. Wishing everyone a wonderful and restful holiday.

Mrs Kennedy

Scootability

Children in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 had a fantastic time taking part in their Scootability training. The sessions helped them build confidence, improve their balance and learn how to scoot safely. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces as the children practised their skills and encouraged one another. They showed great enthusiasm and really enjoyed the experience—we are very proud of how well they all did!

A big thank you to Rubicon who led the training.



Red Nose Day

A big thank you for everyone's donations, we raised **£274.44** for Comic Relief.

We had lots of fun celebrating Red Nose Day! The children came to school dressed in their daftest outfits, and it was wonderful to see so much creativity and laughter across the school.

We also held a fantastic "St Nick's Joke-Off," where pupils had the chance to share their favourite jokes. There were plenty of giggles, and the standard of jokes was very impressive!

Thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the day so enjoyable while supporting such a great cause.



Yr 4 Monkton Nature Reserve Trip

Year 4 had a fantastic trip to Monkton Nature Reserve. The pupils learned about the different parts of a flower and the process of pollination through engaging drama activities and by dissecting real flowers. They also explored food chains and food webs by creating their own using plastic animals and drawing them on paper chains. The children carefully arranged pictures and arrows to build accurate food webs, using key vocabulary such as "predator" and "prey". The pupils enjoyed exploring the reserve, where they searched for a variety of flowers and birds in their natural environment.



Yr 3 & 4 Super Saturday

A huge congratulations to Logan, Jack, Finn, Eden, Olly, Freddie, Albert, Sebby, George and Finley for being the Tier 5 Winning Team at Yr 3 & 4 Super Saturday last weekend!



Easter Holiday Challenges

Reading Challenges:

Name: _____ Class: _____

Can you match the eggs to the correct word?

book swimming rain tree duck sock

Reception Spring Reading Challenge

Name: _____ Class: _____

Can you unscramble the words?

1. ssocr
2. btom
3. etsear
4. etasbk
5. nboent

Key Stage One Easter Reading Challenge

KS2 Reading Challenge

Name: _____ Class: _____

EASTER

Can you colour an Easter egg every time you read over the holidays?

Now can you find all the Easter themed words amongst the letter jumble?

f l o w e r s t b o d d e
e d y i c s u s e j o e
c t a b r e a d t c n f
c h e f e a s t e r k h
b e o a f n a t k s e u
u t o c d o e q s a y j
n s c b o c d k a n n n
n e b m a l h i b g m s
y i l r e m a i l e p c
a r x r o d u t c l n a
f p s p r i n g e k j q
l r a i r p g e l m o p

chocolate flowers Easter bunny basket Jesus chick bunny Easter basket Jesus angel donkey Easter basket Jesus

Maths Challenges:

NAME: _____

Easter Counting to 10

Can you count the number of eggs in each group?

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

EYFS EASTER MATHS CHALLENGE

NAME: _____

KS2 EASTER MATHS CHALLENGE

Easter Coordinates

Write the coordinates of the Easter eggs. How many eggs are there in each group?

Group	Coordinates	Number of Eggs
Group 1	(1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (1,4), (1,5), (1,6), (1,7), (1,8), (1,9), (1,10)	10
Group 2	(2,1), (2,2), (2,3), (2,4), (2,5), (2,6), (2,7), (2,8), (2,9), (2,10)	10
Group 3	(3,1), (3,2), (3,3), (3,4), (3,5), (3,6), (3,7), (3,8), (3,9), (3,10)	10
Group 4	(4,1), (4,2), (4,3), (4,4), (4,5), (4,6), (4,7), (4,8), (4,9), (4,10)	10
Group 5	(5,1), (5,2), (5,3), (5,4), (5,5), (5,6), (5,7), (5,8), (5,9), (5,10)	10

NAME: _____

GO FOR A SPRING WALK. HOW MANY OF EACH 'SIGN OF SPRING' CAN YOU SPOT?

Sign of Spring	Number seen
Daffodil	
Butterfly	
Bud	
Bird	

KS1 EASTER MATHS CHALLENGE

The Easter Bunny is counting all his eggs. The eggs are in groups of 5. He has 7 groups.

How many eggs does he have altogether?

NAME: _____

KS2 EASTER MATHS CHALLENGE

WHICH COLOUR EGG MATCHES THE COORDINATE?

Coordinate	Colour
(1,1)	Red
(2,2)	Blue
(3,3)	Green
(4,4)	Yellow
(5,5)	Purple
(6,6)	Orange
(7,7)	Pink
(8,8)	White

The learning challenges have come home today - please encourage your child to complete them :)

[Click here for the Maths and Reading Challenges.](#)

Macbeth Workshop

Our KS2 Children had the magic of Macbeth brought to life through a fabulous workshop. Getting to grips with the different characters and themes. The children took part wholeheartedly. Using their bodies to express the emotions of ambition, jealousy and insanity. They really enjoyed the workshop and did some great learning at the same time!

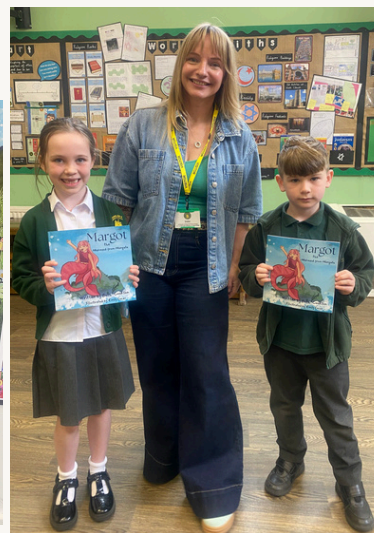


Visit from Author Beth Cookson

A huge thank you to Beth Cookson, a local author who wrote 'Margot the Mermaid from Margate', for visiting our school!

Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children had such a wonderful time listening to your story and asking lots of thoughtful questions.

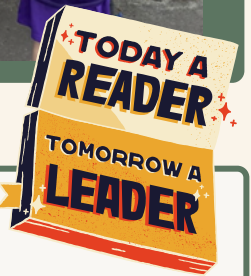
It was extra special for those who had their books signed—something they will treasure for a long time. Thank you for inspiring our young readers and making it such a magical experience! Thank you to Miss Woodbridge for arranging these opportunities for the children.





What a fabulous edition to St Nicks! A beautiful library box. Please do feel free to add and take books- top shelf for the big people and bottom shelf for the little people.

Thank you so much to Grandad Jo (Eden and Jude's Grandad) for building it- what a kind thing to do. We are super grateful and i'm looking forward to lots of swaps. Enjoy everyone!



Happy Reading Bookshop – Broadstairs

Tucked away on Reading Street, St Peters is a wonderful gem for young readers – Happy Reading Children's Bookshop, founded by the lovely Nicci Rosengarten. This charming independent bookshop is dedicated entirely to children's books, with a carefully curated selection designed to spark imagination and foster a lifelong love of reading. From beautifully illustrated picture books to exciting adventures for confident readers and regular children's workshops, there is something to delight every child.

Downstairs you'll also find Staple, a cosy little artisan coffee spot where parents can enjoy a well-earned drink and a treat while children browse for their next favourite story. It's the perfect place for families to spend a relaxed afternoon discovering new books together and supporting wonderful local businesses.

If you're looking for your child's next great read, this lovely local bookshop is well worth a visit!



HAPPY READING
CHILDREN'S BOOKSHOP

Value Champion

Value Champion James

Well done to James who has earned his Yellow belt in Shotokan Karate Do. What a fantastic achievement, we are super proud of the commitment and resilience you have shown to earn this fabulous award. Keep it up James - we are looking forward to seeing even more belts!



It's who
we are!



Conservation Work at Monkton!

We are proud to be able to give back to both our community and the environment! A selected group of children helped with conservation work at Monkton nature reserve. They sorted compost materials and cleared the fairy garden. The children worked really hard and we are very proud of their efforts



Big Walk & Wheel

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Big Walk and Wheel! A special shoutout to Reception, our leading class, who achieved an incredible **151** active journeys over the two weeks. **31.51%** of all of our children took part on a daily basis!

It has been so lovely to see so many scooters and bikes in school, and to welcome children arriving with big, happy faces each day. Collectively, we earned a fantastic selection of badges! Check out our school's dashboard [here](#).

It's been wonderful to see so many families get involved and embrace the event with such enthusiasm. We're already looking forward to **Walk to School Week, 18th–22nd May!**



First day complete



Bronze badge: 106
journeys



Silver badge: 212
journeys



Gold badge: 424
journeys



5 day streak



10 day streak



Better than the same day
last week

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LOCATION: School Hall

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From **Thursday 23rd – Tuesday 28th April** we will again welcome the Scholastic book fair to our school. Books will be sold at 3:15pm in the School Hall. Buy 2 get one free! We can take card payments. Every book sold counts towards free books for our school library

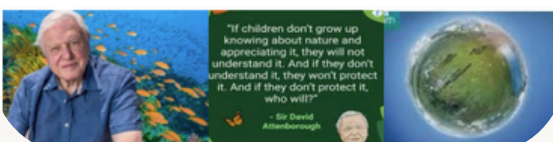
Mural for Sir David Attenborough



Sir David Attenborough is a renowned British broadcaster, natural historian, and author, celebrated for over seven decades of creating ground-breaking wildlife documentaries, including *Life on Earth*, *Planet Earth*, and *The Blue Planet*.

David Attenborough celebrates his 100th birthday this May and we would like to mark this in school by creating a mural dedicated to his work and we need your help and inspiration. Design a piece of art that reflects David Attenborough's achievements, his love for the world around him and his life long ethos.

Please create your designs on an A4 piece of paper/ card and hand them back into school by Friday 24th April 2026.



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Please return all artwork by **Friday 24th April.**



Or visit achurchnearyou.com
Services are every Sunday at 10:30am

et Coast Project is a 'not for profit' project

Key Dates

Key Dates—Term 5

Mon 20 th April	Start of Term 5
Thurs 23 rd April	Class Photos Yr 3 & 4 Quicksticks Hockey
Thurs 23 rd – Tues 28 th April	Scholastic Book Fair
Fri 24 th April	Yr 5 & 6 Quicksticks Hockey
Mon 27 th April	Year 1 Wildwood Trip Year 1 Football Festival
Mon 4 th May	Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 5 th May	Year 2 Monkton Nature Reserve Trip
Thurs 7 th May	Yr 4 & 5 Football Festival
Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th May	KS2 SATS
Thurs 14 th May	Year 5 PESE Meeting
Fri 15 th May	PTFA School Discos PTFA 100 Club Draw
Sat 16 th May	Netball Tournament
Mon 18 th May – Fri 22 nd May	Rotary Art Exhibition Week Walk to School Week
Thurs 21 st May	Year 6 Residential Parent Meeting
Fri 22 nd May	Sports Day End of Term 5

Key Dates—Term 6

Mon 1 st & Tues 2 nd June	INSET DAYS- School Closed
Weds 3 rd June	Start of Term 6
Fri 5 th June	PTFA Father's Day Shop
8 th – 12 th June	Year 6 Residential
Weds 10 th June	Reception Monkton Nature Reserve Trip
Thurs 11 th June	Year 5 STEAM Day at Chatham & Clarendon
16 th – 19 th June	Year 6 Bikeability
Weds 17 th June	New Intake Parents Evening
Tues 23 rd June	Year 6 Transition Workshop with Emotional Wellbeing Team
Weds 24 th June	New Intake Teddy Bears Picnic
Thurs 25 th June	Year 5 Monkton Nature Reserve Trip
Thurs 2 nd July	Transition Day
Fri 3 rd July	PTFA Summer Fair
Thurs 9 th July	Year 6 Production- 6pm
Fri 10 th July	PTFA 100 Club Draw
Mon 13 th July	School Reports Home
Tues 14 th July	Year 3 Monkton Nature Reserve Trip Open Classrooms
Thurs 16 th July	Music Recital
Fri 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers Service
Fri 17 th July	End of Term 6 – 2pm Finish

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