



The St Nicholas Post

4th September 2026



Dear All,

We are delighted to welcome everyone back to St Nicholas for the start of another exciting school year. We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer break. A particular welcome to the new families that are joining us this year - you will soon feel very much part of the family!

It has been wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm, positivity and excitement. They have settled back into their routines remarkably well, remembering the 'St Nicholas Way' and demonstrating fantastic focus, enthusiasm and a positive attitude towards their learning. We are already looking forward to all that the term ahead will bring, with lots of new opportunities, experiences and achievements to look forward to.

As always, I will continue to be present on the school gate each morning and afternoon. This gives me the opportunity to welcome our pupils and families at the start and end of each day, but also means that I am available should you have a question, concern, worry or simply some feedback to share. Please do come and speak to me, no matter how big or small your query may seem.

Alternatively, you are very welcome to contact me directly by email at headteacher@st-nicholas-birchington.kent.sch.uk.

Working in partnership with you is incredibly important to us. By working together, we can ensure that every child feels happy, safe and valued at school, while being supported to achieve their very best.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead — we are so pleased to have you all with us!

A Place to Belong, A place to Grow

**WELCOME
BACK**

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

Yr 4 Dentist Visit 🦷

Friday was an exciting day in Beech Class as we welcomed a special visitor—a dentist! 🦷 We enjoyed learning about our amazing teeth and discovering the important jobs they do, from biting and cutting to tearing and grinding. We also became tooth-care experts, learning how to keep our teeth and gums healthy through regular brushing, healthy choices and regular dental visits. We explored why plaque and sugary foods can cause tooth decay and cavities, and investigated a range of dental resources. Beech Class were fantastic listeners, asked thoughtful questions and showed great enthusiasm throughout. 😊



A huge thank you to Mr Hassan, Mr Moon, Mr Roe and Mr Chapman for coming in over the summer holidays to clean our school's windows.

Thank you all very much for giving up your time to help make sure the school is clean ready for when we returned to school.



Recycling Week

Reduce Reuse Recycle!

A More Sustainable Future

Recycle Week: 14th - 18th September 2026

We will be collecting...

- batteries,
- soft plastics,
- corks
- empty medicine blister packets
- printer cartridges



Kent Fire & Rescue

Kent Fire & Rescue have introduced a new Youtube mini series called 'Be Safe with Us'. They have created fun and educational videos which are designed to help teach children important safety skills including understanding fire engines, what to do in an emergency and the importance of smoke alarms. They're a great way for the family to learn together about staying safe at home. You can watch the videos using the link below:

<https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/besafewithus>



Open Days

St Nicholas at Wade CE Primary School

Choose a place to belong, a place to grow: Choose St Nicholas

Down Barton Road, St Nicholas at Wade CT7 0PY



Open day
Sat 7th Nov
10am-12pm
Just come
along!



School tours from the 3rd November:

- Tuesdays 9:30am
- Thursdays 9:30am
- Call 01843 847253 to book.



Ofsted says our Reception provision is Outstanding but come and see for yourself how fabulous our school is. Choosing your child's school is one of the most important decisions you have to make. We feel confident that if you come and see our exciting curriculum that enables success for each individual child, you will see why we are a school of first choice!

Value Champions

Don't forget to send over your value champions for all wonderful achievements outside of school. Send to either Mrs Kennedy or the school office so we can feature them in our school newsletters!



Value Champion



Life of an Attendance Ted!

Attendance Ted has had a lovely summer with Mrs Jefferies and her family going on lots of adventures!

Next week Attendance Ted will be with Acer class, well done for getting 100%!



Attendance Matters!

	Days lost this week:	Overall attendance:
Buttercup		%
Bluebell	3	97.5%
Primrose	3	97.5%
Willow	6 ½	94.6%
Beech	2	97.9%
Acer	0	100%
Oak	1	99.1%

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

Key Dates

Key Dates—Term 1

Mon 7 th Sept	Year 6 Meet the Teacher
Mon 7 th – Weds 10 th Sept	Reception children in half days
Tues 8 th Sept	Year 2 Meet the Teacher
Weds 9 th Sept	Year 3 Meet the Teacher
Thurs 10 th Sept	Kent Test
	Year 4 Meet the Teacher
	Reception children in for the morning (until 12:30pm)
Fri 11 th Sept	Year 1 Meet the Teacher
	Reception children start full time
Mon 14 th – Fri 18 th Sept	Year 6 Residential Trip
	Year 6 Stayers Activity Week
	Recycling Week
Mon 14 th Sept	Year 5 Meet the Teacher
Weds 16 th Sept	EYFS Reading Workshop (2:30pm & 5:30pm)
Thurs 17 th Sept	Kent Wildlife Trust Visiting for Assembly
Fri 25 th Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Mon 28 th Sept	School Photographs- Individual & Sibling
	Harvest Celebration at Church (2pm)
Mon 5 th – Fri 9 th Oct	Cycle to School Week
Tues 13 th Oct	Year 1 Trip to Monkton Nature Reserve
Weds 21 st Oct	Flu Vaccinations
Fri 23 rd Oct	End of Term 1

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