

St Nicholas Priory C.E.V.A. Primary School Christmas Newsletter



Our Vision Statement

We aim to welcome and celebrate the diversity of all God's children and provide a safe, caring space in which they can achieve their best academically, spiritually and pastorally whilst learning to serve others.

Dear parents and carers

As we approach the end of another very busy term I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and hope that you have enjoyed talking to your children about all they have been learning in school. Not only have we had some great trips but we also have many sporting stars in the making who have represented the school and achieved well. Thankyou also for coming into support the Christmas craft afternoons and other school events. This makes such a difference to the children.

Can I take this opportunity to remind all parents that the safety of our children is absolutely paramount and we take this duty of care exceptionally seriously. We do all we can to ensure that we speak to children about keeping them safe at school, in the community and on line. Bullying or aggressive behaviour is treated with the utmost seriousness and any parents who have any concerns please come in to speak to staff.

Finally on behalf of myself, staff and children at Priory I would like to wish you a very happy and safe Christmas holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children on the 3rd January

Maria Grimmer

Head Teacher

Attendance

Thank you to all parents and carers for your support with ensuring that children come to school on time and every day. Our whole school percentage attendance figure is now 95.27% which is showing a real improvement. Our target is 96%. Your support is much appreciated

100% attendance winners are –

Kelly	RL
Daniel	RL
Vanesa	RL
Roxie-Mae	RL
Filipa	RL
Suki	RL
Gabija	RL
Felipa	RL
Zackary	RTH
Natayla	RTH
Jenifa	RTH
Kajus	RTH
Claudia	RTH

Ethan RTH
Nicole 1M
Amelia 1M
Cruz 1M
Maria 1M
Ugne 1M
Emily 1R
Debora 2A
Alvin 2A
Skylar 2A
Lukas 2A
Chloe 2LW
Domas 2LW
Neo 2LW
Marie 2LW
Korey 2LW
Brandon 2LW
Jessica 3K
Tegan 3K
Matilde 3K
Victoria 3K
Harry 3K
Dylan 3K
Lucy 3K
Marshall 3K
Carolina 3K
Reece 3K
Amelia 3S
Paigen 3S
Destiny 3S
Emma 3S
Poppy 3S
Ellie 3S
Mario 4M
Sophie 4M
Roxanne 4M
Deimantas 4M
Iuri 4M
Madison 4M
Oliver 4M
Roman 4M
Lulu 4S
Fatima 4S
Lukas 4S

Shannon 5M
Bailey 5M
Aaliyah 5M
Martin 5M
Dovydas 5M
Bianca 5T
Alex 5T
Levi 5T
Oniaka 5T
Kotryna 5T
Perola 5T
Alexander 6B
Harley 6B
Martim 6B
Libby 6B
Lara 6B
Holly 6B
Ethan 6C
Denni-Mia 6C
Beatriz 6C
Callum 6C
Charlie 6C
Claire 6C
Hollie 6C
Nita 6T
Alexander 6T
Hope 6T
Melliya 6T
Harley 6T
Amelia 6T
Bryoni 6T
Tia 6T
Lucas 6T



Learning ambassadors

We are extremely proud to introduce our learning ambassadors who meet every week to support the work of staff in school, make suggestions on behalf of their classes and also reward children who have made great progress.



Our Learning Ambassadors are –

Year 3

Ellie - 3S
Preston - 3S
Harry - 3K
Matilde - 3K

Year 4

Lulu - 4S
Lucas - 4S
Shontelle - 4M
Vaclav - 4M

Year 5

Cameron - 5T
Alyssa - 5T
Bailey - 5M
Mally - 5M
Kyla - 5M

Year 6

Sapphire - 6C
Ace - 6C
Holly - 6B
Abigail Geary - 6B
Libby - 6B
Lenny - 6B
Robert - 6T
Harley 6T
Melliya - 6T
Tay - 6T

Progress badge winners this term

Year 1

Progress in Read, Write inc -
Vanesa
Shaniqua
Clausir
Erlandas
Domantas
Maria
Raminta
Katrina
Ronni-Lei
Dezire
Pedro
Esteja
Kayleigh

2A

Progress in Reading - Rokas
Progress in Writing - Amy
Progress in Maths - Arti

2LW

Progress in Reading- Ruby
Progress in Maths – Neo
Progress in Writing – Milena I
Progress in Writing – Ryan Junior

3K

Progress in Maths - Chloe
Progress in Reading - Jessica
Progress in Writing - Carolina
Progress in Grammar - Harry

3S

Progress in Maths - Diego
Progress in Writing - Emma
Progress in Reading - Ella
Progress in Grammar - Amelia

4M

Progress in Maths - Kirills
Progress in Reading - Nicholas
Progress in Writing - Vaclav

4S

Progress in Maths - Cleila
Progress in Writing - Gevana
Progress in Reading – Ernesta

5M

What are your children doing online?

Dear Parents & Carers,

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers and how to act safely when using the internet.

We are therefore delighted to announce that St Nicholas Priory CE VA Primary School has shown our commitment to protecting our pupils online and have worked with National Online Safety to deliver an interactive online workshop for all of our parents & carers.



The course can be taken at your own convenience and covers:

- Information about online dangers and the newest platforms
- What online risks to look out for and how to protect your child
- Interactive quizzes to check your understanding

Please find below the URL you need to visit to register your account You will need to complete your details and select "I am a: Parent/Carer" from the dropdown:

<https://lms.nationalonlinesafety.com/school/stnicholaspriory>

Once you have registered, you will be able to access the "Online Safety for Parents and Carers" course and National Online Safety's

Progress in Reading - Lily
Progress in Maths - Goncalo
Progress in Writing - Shannon
Progress in SPAG - Mantas

5T

Progress in Maths – Oniaka
Progress in Reading – Levi
Progress in Writing – Lily
Progress in Grammar – Taloola

Year 6

Progress in Spelling Punctuation and Grammar

6C - Jayann
6T - Afonso
6B - Rhys
Mrs Miller's group - Melliya

Progress in Reading

Mrs Miller's group - Sapphire
Mrs Clarke's group - Igor
Miss Thornhill's group - Nuria
Miss Behan's group - Emily

Progress in Writing

6C - Ethan
6T - Lucas
6B - Abigail

Progress in Maths

Mrs Clarke's group - Michael
Miss Behan's group - Ethan
Miss Thornhill's group - Roksana
Mrs Miller's group - Inesa

Governors

We are working closely with governor this year to look at ensuring our curriculum meets the needs of all pupils. On Wednesday 5th December governors came in to talk to children and look at books. We now have a governor page on the website so please take a look

Resources (which includes 50+ online platform guides on the latest social media channels and games). This aims to help empower parents with the knowledge to protect their children from the dangers of the internet.

If you have any questions, or trouble accessing the course please contact support@nationalonlinesafety.com.

News from Reception

Reception have made fantastic progress this term, all settling into school well and have really enjoyed learning set 1 phonics. The children will continue to work on counting and begin to explore adding and subtraction in the spring. The children will also be continuing to explore a variety of traditional and well liked stories to inspire their writing next term.



News from Year 1

News from Year One: We have had a very successful term in Year One and learnt so many new things! The children have enjoyed recreating paintings inspired by Salvador Dali.



They have loved learning about halves by making (and eating) jam sandwiches and then having a picnic.



We have really improved our writing by learning the story of The Enormous Turnip and making our very own turnip soup, with the help of the lovely Mrs Ball and we are ending our term by working really hard on our Nativity play.

We look forward to what new adventures the Spring Term brings!

We have some amazing things planned for next term and can't wait to be able to share more information about this. Watch this space.....



News from Year 2

Year 2 have had an incredibly busy term. We have grown lettuces, learnt about the Great Fire of London, built our own version of Tudor houses out of blocks and made paper mache globes to help us learn about continents and



oceans. The children have loved the exciting afternoon activities and created some beautiful pieces of work. We had our Christmas craft afternoon on 5th December: the rooms were full to bursting point and it was truly lovely to see so many adults come and make decorations and crafts with the children. We have just sent our letters to Father Christmas and hope that we receive a reply from him soon



News from Year 3

Year 3 invited their adults in on Wednesday 3rd December to see the work they have produced this term. The event was a great success with more than half the adults across the whole year group attending. The children enjoyed talking about what they have learned and showing their adults their books. There was also a display of photographs of the children's visit to the fire station, science activities, a visit from the police and making their lighthouse models, which were also on display in the hall, where the event took place.



News from Year 4

Year 4 will be starting an exciting Spring Term topic "How can we make our world greener?" The children will be learning about recycling, renewable energy and will be redesigning a local area to be 'greener'. We will be visiting several local destinations to look at how the space is used, producing our designs for an exhibition and we will be making a model wind turbine!



News from Year 5

During the Autumn Term, Year 5 have continued working in association with the Fishermen's Hospital. All of the children in the

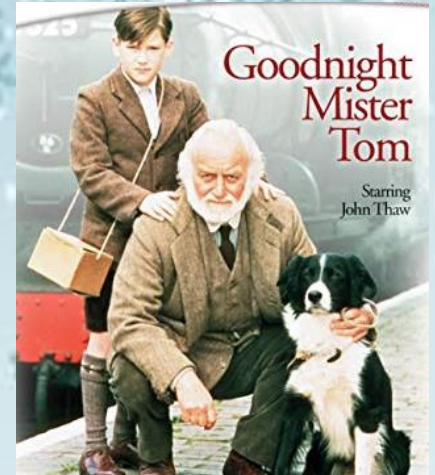


year group visited the Fishermen's Hospital during the Heritage Open Days in September and then created some yummy food to share with the residents in October and again in December. On Thursday 13th December, the children presented the residents with pillowcases as Christmas presents. The children had decorated these with designs based on tessellation, initially developed by the artist Escher, and then over-layered the designs with motifs created using their knowledge of Anglo-Saxon artefacts. A great effort by everyone involved - thank you Year 5!



News from Year 6

This term, Year 6 have been learning all about World War 2 and the sacrifices some people, and the country, had to make in order to win the war with their allies. We enjoyed a fabulous trip at the start of term where we all went to Bletchley Park to learn about code breaking and look at where the soldiers would have lived, as well as watching the film *Goodnight Mr Tom* to understand what life would have been like as an evacuee. We have thoroughly enjoyed this project and hope that it will inspire the stories of the war to live on in people's memories! Next term we are hoping to do a project called 'Who are the magical beasts and where do we find them?' to look at beasts and their habitats, as well as light and electricity in the hope that by the end of the Spring term we would have made a replica Hogwarts Castle to keep on display in school! We have also planned an exciting trip in March 2019 - to take the children to Harry Potter's Warner Bros Studio Tour!



School Rules

We have three rules in our school. We ask everyone, our staff and our children, to be **Ready,** **Respectful** and **Safe.**



This term we are very proud to see **259** children with **no negative behaviour points** ... Well done from all the staff to those children ... we are **very proud** to have you at our school.

Children in years 3,4,5 and 6 will be bringing home a letter on Monday 17th December containing their personalised behaviour information. If you wish to discuss your child's behaviour please speak to the class teacher or ask at the school office to speak to our Behaviour Team – Mrs. Steward or Mrs. Marriott

You are able to monitor your own child's behaviour via the Schoolgateway app (free download). Please let the school know if you require any assistance in downloading or setting this up. Alternatively, you can log in at www.schoolgateway.com

Medical Information

If your child suffers from asthma it is vitally important that they have their inhaler in school. Please check with the main office if your child has asthma are you are unsure if your child has an inhaler in school.

Diary dates

School Closes – Tuesday 18th December at 3.15pm

Teacher Training Day - Wednesday 2nd January

School Opens – Thursday 3rd January at 8.40pm



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