

The St Nicholas Post

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now in full swing and the children are showing that they know exactly what it takes to learn. We know that the importance of working hard and being the best you can be is a message that is reiterated by you at home. Our partnership is so crucial to the children's attitudes to school—so thank you!

We have really enjoyed welcoming you into the school for the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions, this has been lovely. Our communication with you is not limited to such events, so please do speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions or need to pass on any information. We also regularly update our Facebook page so please follow us to keep up to date with all that we are up to. We are also pleased to announce the opening of 'Early Bird' our very own breakfast club—more details on page 3.

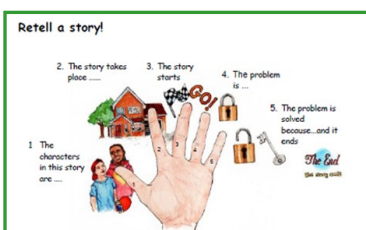
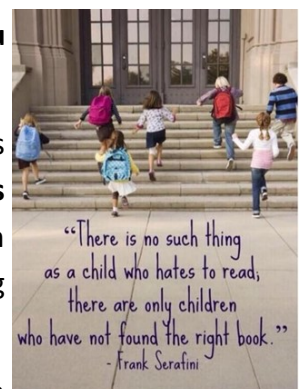
Mrs Kennedy

At St Nicholas at Wade—We Love to Read!

We are delighted to see our children engaging in reading this term and **thank you parents** for all of your support with this.

Reading for pleasure is fundamental to a child's academic progress. At St. Nicholas we encourage all of our children to read everyday. However, **we can't do this without YOU!** Encouraging positive reading habits is crucial for every child, in every year group. This starts by sharing books with your child in Year R to ensuring your child in Year 6 is reading for a minimum of 25-30 minutes / day.

This year we will be providing you will tips and support to ensure all of our children are true readers by the time they leave us.



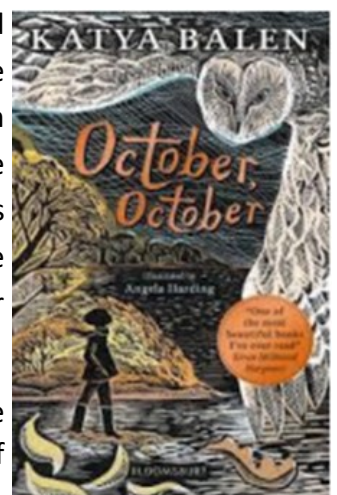
Encouraging book talk will help promote a love of reading

Use this simple technique to help your child re-tell a story you have read together or they have read.

Recommended Read

October, October by Katya Balen A must-read for anyone who ever longed to be WILD. October and her dad live in the woods. They sleep in the house Dad built for them and eat the food they grow in the vegetable patches. They know the trees and the rocks and the lake and stars like best friends. They read the books they buy in town again and again until the pages are soft and yellow - until next year's town visit. They live in the woods and they are wild. And that's the way it is. Until the year October turns eleven. That's the year October rescues a baby owl. It's the year Dad falls out of the biggest tree in their woods. The year the woman who calls herself October's mother comes back. The year everything changes.

Written in Katya Balen's heart-stoppingly beautiful style, this book is a feast for the senses, filled with the woodsmoke smell of crisp autumn mornings and the sound of wellies squelching in river mud.



Honesty, Courage, Kindness, Resilience, Be The Best You Can Be

Dover War Tunnels



Acer and Oak Class took a step back in time on Thursday, visiting Dover Castle - used as a top-secret headquarters during World War 2. They experienced the sights, sounds and smells of war in the secret wartime tunnels, hidden deep within Dover's White Cliffs, and aided Colonel Jonny Walker in a top-secret mission. The children learnt why codes and cyphers were used and shown different examples used in the 1940s - using this new knowledge, they worked together, solving a range of problems, to find the military spy working in their midst.

Dover Castle staff, members of the public and the coach driver all commented on how smart, polite and considerate the children were - they should feel extremely proud. A great day was had by all!

Cross Country: Courage and Resilience, it's a St Nicholas Thing!



On Saturday 8th October, we will be taking part in the Cross Country event at Quex Park. This is a fantastic opportunity for children in years 3-6 to represent their school, with every finisher receiving a medal. There is no limit on the number of children who can participate so it would be fantastic to see as many of you there as possible. Mrs Adams and Mrs Kennedy will be there bright and early to support and encourage you on the morning.

Reception Starters 2023

Applications for a school place in reception open on November 4th - If you need any help with the process please let the school office know and we can help.

St Nicholas at Wade CE Primary School

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



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Be the
best you
can be

Courage

Kindness

Honesty

Resilience

Open day
Sat 12th Nov.
10am-12noon
Just come along!



Ofsted says our Reception provision is **Outstanding** but come and see for yourself how fabulous our school is, on one of our school tours. 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 agree that we are a school of first choice!

School tours from the 1st November:

- Tuesdays 10am
- Thursdays 10am
- Thursdays 2pm
- Phone 01843 847253 to book.

'Early Bird' Breakfast Club

We are excited to announce that we will be starting a breakfast club. This will start from the 10th October. It will start at 7:45am and run until the start of the school day: 8:45am. Children will receive a healthy breakfast and will have a range of activities to enjoy. The service will be £3:00 a session. Please contact the school office to book in for this service.

Harvest Festival

A reminder that the school will be attending St Nicholas Church for a harvest celebration on Monday 26th—parents are welcome to join us. We will be at the church for 10am and we expect the service to run for no more than an hour. It isn't too late to send in donations and everything goes to a great cause and is really needed as we approach a winter that many will find very difficult.



There is also a Harvest Thanksgiving service at the Church on the 25th at 10:30am it would be really lovely to see you there if you are able

Bring your Pet to Church Day!



St. Nicholas church will be celebrating St. Francis of Assisi's Saint's Day at our family service on Sunday 2 October. We will be doing that by bringing along our own pets, so they can celebrate too.

The animals must be suitably boxed/supervised/carried, or on a lead, but please bring them all along. We are happy to see everything from tortoises to guinea pigs, rabbits to ferrets, chickens, goats, cats, dogs, reptiles – the more the merrier. We have had donkeys and ponies and horses in the past, but if you'd like yours to join in, please be prepared to clean up after! The service will be taken by our lovely village Worship Leader, Annette Paul, at 10.30 am on 2nd October. Please join us.

| Reminders | |
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| 28 th September | PTFA meeting |
| 30 th September | School photos |
| 6 th October | Mr Nourish's Birthday Fun Lunch! |

Next Steps for Year 6

Secondary schools will be holding tours over the next few weeks be sure to look around. Choosing the right place for your child is an important decision and viewing the schools will give you a flavour of it's culture and ethos.