



Nonington Church of England Primary School Newsletter Term 1

Welcome to the latest edition of the school newsletter

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Helpful Dates for your Diary

October

17th - End of Term 1

20th - 24th - Half Term

27th - 30th - Staff Training Days

31st - Start of Term 2. Children return to school

31st - Deadline for secondary school applications (Y5)

November

4th - Police Cadets for Year 6

5th - Parent-teacher consultations - 1.30 - 6.00 pm. Please call the school office to book your appointment

7th - Non school uniform day - in exchange for tombola gifts

11th - Police Cadets for Year 6

18th - Police Cadets for Year 6

21st - Crazy Hair Day. More details to follow

December

10th - Christmas Dinner at school

12th - Christmas Jumper Day. More details to follow

12th - Christmas Fair. More details to follow

15th - Nativity at St Mary's Church 2.30pm. More details to follow

17th - Whole school trip to The Marlowe Theatre's Pantomime.

19th - Christingle and Carols Service - St Mary's Church 9.30am. More details to follow

19th - Christmas Party Afternoon. Each class will be able to take part in their Christmas Party, teachers will send out further information before the day of the party. Children may bring party clothes to school

19th - Last Day of term

January

5th - Start of Term 3. Children return to school

School News



Drop off and Collection Times

The school operates a staggered drop off from 08:40 - 09:00 in the morning. We would like to remind you that children should be in school by 09:00 sitting at their desk ready to learn.

At the end of the day, all children are brought out onto the playground at 15:15.

Children who are Late

Please can all children who are not in school by 9am be brought to the school office to be signed in by their parents.

Afterschool Clubs

Further details will be sent at the beginning of Term 2.

Parking

We are asking parents to support a one-way system around the village to ease the ongoing traffic problems. Please enter Church Street from the Chapman's Hill/Butter Street end so that the school is on the right-hand side when you pass it and then exit into Vicarage Lane. Please do not use the staff car park to temporarily park as it does restrict the walkways for the children entering and leaving the school. This area is also used as our assembly point in case of a fire evacuation.

PE and Woodland Information

Woodpeckers Yr R & 1

PE - Wednesday

Woodland - Thursday

Owls Yr 2,3,4

PE - Monday

Woodland - Wednesday

Jays Yr 5,6

PE - Thursday

Woodland - Monday



Parent-teacher meetings are being held on Wednesday 5th March from 1.30 - 6.00pm. Please call the school office to book your appointment.



A reminder that all children should have a pair of wellies or old trainers/shoes in school to use for outdoor learning. PE & Woodland days are above however children do use the grounds a lot for various learning activities so it is useful to have spare footwear to change into in school.



Well done to Reggie who recently competed in his first Jiu jitsu tournament . We are super proud of you!



LOOKING TO TRY SOMETHING NEW?

Whether you are a seasoned artist or have never picked up a paintbrush, you are welcome here. No experience needed, just bring yourself and a bit of inspiration.

Each session offers a fresh creative experience, all materials provided.

PRINTMAKING

Monthly on a Saturday
10am - 12noon
Nonington Village Hall
£15
Ink, rollers & example materials provided.

KID'S CRAFT

Monthly on a Saturday
10am - 11am
Nonington Village Hall
£10
Adult & Child
All materials provided

Come to connect, create and get social with your local community.

LET'S MAKE ART TOGETHER.

BOOK YOUR PLACE, EMAIL:

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See village timetable for dates or visit:

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KIDS CRAFTING

Saturday 25th
October
10am - 11am
Nonington Village Hall
£10
All materials provided.

HALLOWEEN CRAFTING

JOIN ME FOR HALLOWEEN CRAFTING FUN!

Make and decorate your own scary bat ready for Halloween! All the fun without the clean up.
£10 per supervised child, refreshments provided.

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News from the Classrooms

Woodpeckers Class



Learning through play is a natural way for children to relate to the world and each other and can help build a foundation for future learning. Research shows that playing can impact everything from a child's physical abilities and vocabulary to problem solving, creativity, teamwork and empathy.

The theme this term has been "Marvellous Me". The children have been telling us all about their families and pets, where they live and who they live with. They have discussed their likes and dislikes and drew wonderful self-portraits. This is a great way of encouraging children to talk about themselves and to recognise themselves as unique individuals. It also encourages children to learn all about their new friends.





The school were invited to take part in the recent Art Exhibition at St Mary's Church. Woodpeckers created a wonderful tree depicting their Class Family using hand prints and self-portraits. The Church Wardens kindly arranged for the children to enjoy some biscuits and squash, which was very much appreciated.



Owls Class



The whole school were invited to hear a presentation from the Education Intervention Officer for Kent Fire and Rescue. The children learnt how to stay safe, recognise fire risks, and know what to do in an emergency. They were also taught about escape plans and the importance of checking your fire alarm at home on a weekly basis.



In their English lessons, Owls class have been reading *George's Marvellous Medicine* by Roald Dahl.

The focus in their writing has been on the correct use of full stops, exclamation and questions marks, as well as using adjectives, adverbs and conjunctions. They have also been developing their sentence structures and how to proof read and edit their own writing.



Owls class have made wonderful Modroc masks of George's Grandma and will be painting and decorating them. The children have also been designing and drawing their own wacky concoctions using imaginative ingredients and then describing what effects their medicines would have.



The milder weather has allowed us to continue using the field for our Woodland sessions during the Autumn months. More interesting potions were made with mud and leaves after being inspired by George's Marvellous Medicine.



Being outside has a wealth of benefits for children's mental health and physical wellbeing. Connecting with nature promotes feelings of happiness, enjoyment, safety and belonging. Playing outside can also relieve stress and anxiety.

Our Woodland sessions build problem-solving skills, encourages creativity and teamwork, and helps develop communication skills.



In Maths, the children have been focusing on place values. This describes the position of a digit in a number and also gives the value of each digit in a number. The children are learning how to partition numbers and identify the value of thousands, hundreds, tens and ones. In Year 2, the children have also been developing the skill to write numbers 1-20 in words. Year 3 children have been developing number sentences and using physical resources to represent numbers up to 1000.



Jays Class



PCSO Carl has been leading the Mini Police Cadets programme for the Year 6 children. They have been learning about how to contact the police and emergency services; first aid (including CPR and abdominal thrusts); low level crimes and anti-social behaviour; and keeping safe online (social media).



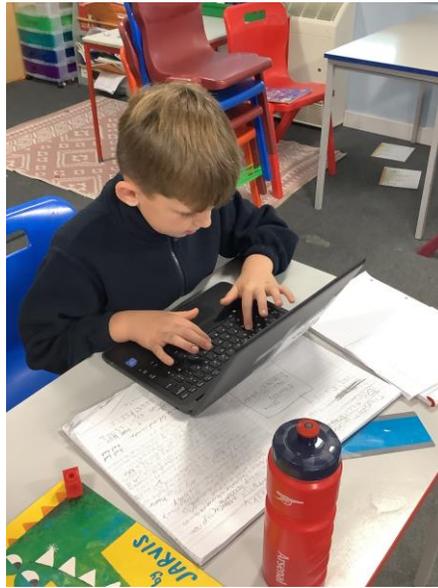
The police car was brought into the playground and the children were allowed to investigate some of the items that the officers use regularly. They looked at a breathalyser, the metal detecting wand, the riot shield and the "stinger" which has very sharp spikes to stop cars in their tracks by puncturing their tyres. They also enjoyed sitting in the car and setting off the very loud sirens!



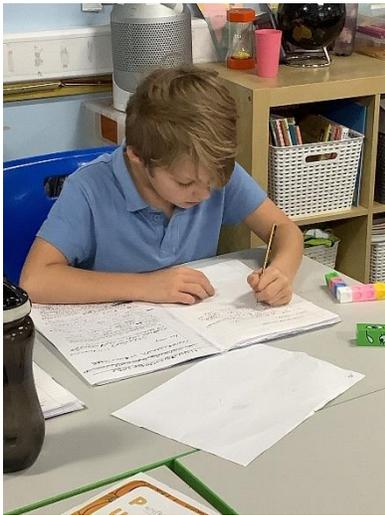


You may have noticed the pink electrical recycling bin by the school gates recently. This has formed part of a project to encourage the children to recycle their electrical goods rather than to throw them away. The Year 6 children have been sent some broken consoles to repair. The kits allow the children to disassemble, diagnose, and repair real gadgets, whilst learning the science behind them and the skills needed to repair faulty gadgets.





*Jays class have been writing diary entries based on the book *The Explorer* by Catherine Rundell. They have been writing as though they are the character, Con.*



The purpose of a diary entry is to recount important experiences and to express feelings. It follows a specific structure; is written in the first person and it uses informal language; writing in the past tense shows what the writer experienced and felt; sequencing events by arranging them in the order they happened chronologically; and present tense is used at points in a diary entry to show how the writer is feeling now.

School Term Dates 2025 - 2026

Term 1

Monday 1 September 2025 – Inset Day – School Closed

Tuesday 2 September 2025 – Friday 17 October 2025

Monday 20 October 2025- Friday 24 October 2025 Half Term

Monday 27 October 2025 – Thursday 30 October 2025 – Inset Days School Closed

Term 2

Friday 31 October 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025

Monday 22 December 2025 – Friday 2 January 2026 Christmas Holidays

Term 3

Monday 5 January 2026 – Friday 13 February 2026

Monday 16 February 2026 – Friday 20 February 2026 Half Term

Term 4

Monday 23 February 2026 – Thursday 2 April 2025

Friday 3 & Monday 6 April 2026 – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 7 April – Friday 17 April 2026 Easter Holidays

Term 5

Monday 20 April 2026 – Friday 22 May 2026

Monday 4 May is a Bank Holiday

Monday 25 May 2026 – Friday 29 May 2026 Half Term

Term 6

Monday 1 June 2026 – Tuesday 21 July 2026

Wednesday 22 July 2026 – 31 August 2026 Summer Holidays

School Returns Tuesday 1 September 2026

INSET/Non-contact days for teachers

Monday 1 September 2025

Monday 27 October 2025 – Thursday 30 October 2025

*From 1 September 2013 Headteachers are unable to agree leave of absence during term time unless they are satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances. Please note, where leave of absence has not been agreed and you take your child out of school the leave will be recorded as **unauthorised** and a Penalty Notice may be issued.*

Notices and Reminders



Our school uniform consists of:

- School jumper, cardigan or fleece in navy blue (optional - with logo)
- Polo shirt in white or navy blue
- Grey or black trousers, shorts or skirts
- Plain black shoes, trainers or ankle boots
- P.E. t-shirt in navy blue or white
- Black P.E. shorts
- Black plimsolls for indoor wear and black trainers for outdoor wear
- Plain black Tracksuit

The optional uniform consists of:

- School coat or jacket
- School book bag
- School rucksack
- School P.E. bag
- School hat/cap

The school use the The Schoolwear Centre in Margate <http://www.schoolwearcentre.net/>

Uniform can be ordered directly from the website and delivered either to your home address or to the school to be collected

All of the school's uniform (without school logos) can also be purchased from any major supermarket or clothing store.

Should you have any challenges in purchasing uniform, please do not hesitate to contact us – we have an array of second hand uniform which we may be able to provide.

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