

ST. NICHOLAS NEWS



Friday 4th September 2026

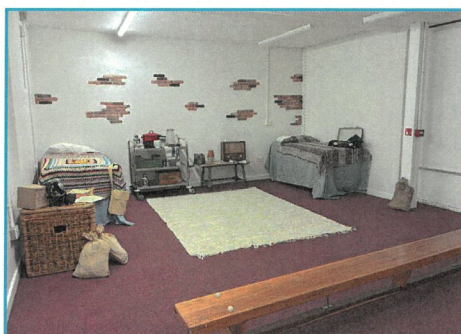
A Note from the Headteacher

Welcome back!

A very warm welcome back to all of our students and their families as we begin our new academic year. The first 2 days in school have been calm and settled, owing largely to the extended transition during the summer term but also due to the fact that we really are blessed to have a fabulous collective of students in our school. I hope your child will enjoy the year ahead and make progress both in their learning and in themselves.

Our Quest, 'Bombs Away'

With a new year, we embark on our first quest, 'Bombs Away'. This is a seven-week local history quest, focused on the experiences of children living in Southend during World War II. We will be offering a World War 2 sleepover as part of this quest which will include a night sleeping over in the school hall and participating in a recreation of a night time air raid. More details on this event will follow in due course. To launch this quest, Mrs Johnson has created our very own air raid shelter within Thunberg, so that immersive learning can take place:



School Meals

Due to the increase in food and energy costs, the school meal price has increased to £2.40 per day. Our prices continue to remain as low as we can keep them, providing the best value possible.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, then please make sure you have re-applied for them this term, as there are new rules in place nationally. If you think a new check has not taken place, then please contact Donna in the school office immediately, so we can make sure you are not charged for any meals your child eats.

Wishing you a positive weekend.



Mrs L. Fox, Headteacher

Home and School Communications



If we need to talk to you about your child, we may call or email you at any point before, during or after school hours. Weekly updates are sent on Fridays to all parents in the form of our newsletter, via Ping.

Text messages are sent out regularly via Ping.

Letters and consent forms are sent out regularly via Ping.

Please check your school ping app regularly to keep up to date with information. We will do our very best to make sure you have all the information you need but please do contact us if you are unsure and cannot find the information you need.

How to contact us:

Email the school office at: office@sns.sentrustsouthend.co.uk **Please note that this is a new email address as there has been a change to our school systems over the summer holidays. Our old email address does redirect emails to this new address, so don't panic if you have sent something to the old address already.**

Telephone: 01702 462 322

You can send emails to staff via the office email address above. We receive calls from 8.15am. The telephones automatically switch over to voicemail at 4.30pm daily.

When you call the school office, the phone will be answered by:

Mrs Donna Turner (Office Manager)

Mrs Sharon Gillespie (Site Manager)

Mrs Sarah White (Admin Assistant)

Mrs Jo Strickland (Business Administrator)

KS3 Home Economics Costs



As part of our school's curriculum, we offer home economics to all students in KS3 (years 7, 8 & 9). This requires a small fee from parents for ingredients. Students are able to bring home their food, if a contribution is received.

The cost is £10.00 per term.

This can be paid for using our online payments system. Please contact the school office if you need help in getting set up on the system.

Thank you for your contributions.

REMAINING INSET DAYS 2026-2027

2nd November, 22nd January,

12th February, 28th June

Term Dates 2026-2027

Autumn half term: 26th – 30th October

Autumn term ends: Friday 18th December

Spring term starts: Monday 4th January

Spring half term: 15th - 19th February

Spring term ends: Thursday 25th March

Summer term starts: Monday 12th April

Summer half term: 31st May – 4th June

Summer term ends: Wednesday 21st July

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:



September

10 th	11.20am – 12.30pm	Hunter class trip to Pets at Home
15 th	3.45pm-6pm	Open Evening for years 5&6
18 th	10am – 12pm	Paul Hannaford Visit for KS4 (PSHCE)
22 nd	ALL DAY	KS4 Trip to Bletchley Park for relevant students
30 th	ALL DAY	Portals from the Past WW2 Day (Whole School)

October

7 th	9.30am-12.30pm	Seeker class trip to the Garden Centre
14 th	9.30am-2.30pm	Seeker class trip to East Beach
21 st	AM	School photographs with Kittle photography

SCHOOL MEALS

Monday 7th September will be week 2 of the below menu

WEEK 1		WEEK 2		WEEK 3	
MONDAY		MONDAY		MONDAY	
MAINS	Chicken Pie	Sausages		Ham and Pineapple Pizza	
VEGETARIAN	Cheese and Sweetcorn Omelette	Quorn Sausages		Cheese Pizza	
SIDE	New Potatoes - Peas	Mash - Carrots - Peas - Gravy		Pasta - Peas - Sweetcorn	
JACKET	Baked Beans or Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Baked Beans or Cheese or Tuna Mayo		Baked Beans or Cheese or Tuna Mayo	
SANDWICH	Ham or Cheese or Tuna Mayo *Extras	Ham or Cheese or Tuna Mayo *Extras		Ham or Cheese or Tuna Mayo *Extras	
DESSERT	Fruit Yoghurt	Fruit Yoghurt		Fruit Yoghurt	
TUESDAY		TUESDAY		TUESDAY	
MAINS	Spaghetti Bolognese	Salmon and Broccoli Pasta		Sausages in Tomato Sauce	
VEGETARIAN	Vegetarian Spaghetti Bolognese	Mac and Cheese		Vegetarian Sausages in Tomato Sauce	
SIDE	Garlic Bread - Mixed Veg - Sweetcorn	Peas - Mixed Veg		Pasta - Peas - Sweetcorn	
JACKET	Baked Beans or Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Baked Beans or Cheese or Tuna Mayo		Baked Beans or Cheese or Tuna Mayo	
SANDWICH	Ham or Cheese or Tuna Mayo *Extras	Ham or Cheese or Tuna Mayo *Extras		Ham or Cheese or Tuna Mayo *Extras	
DESSERT	Rice Pudding	Apple Crumble and Custard		Banana Cake and Custard	
WEDNESDAY		WEDNESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
MAINS	Roast Chicken	Roast Chicken		Roast Chicken	
VEGETARIAN	Cauliflower Cheese	Quorn Fillet		Quorn Fillet	
SIDE	Roast Potatoes - Cabbage - Carrots	Roast Potatoes - Carrots - Peas - Swede		Roast Potatoes - Peas - Carrots	
JACKET	Baked Beans or Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Baked Beans or Cheese or Tuna Mayo		Baked Beans or Cheese or Tuna Mayo	
SANDWICH	Ham or Cheese or Tuna Mayo *Extras	Ham or Cheese or Tuna Mayo *Extras		Ham or Cheese or Tuna Mayo *Extras	
DESSERT	Tropical Fruit Pot	Tropical Fruit Pot		Tropical Fruit Pot	
THURSDAY		THURSDAY		THURSDAY	
MAINS	Chicken Tikka Masala	Chilli Con Carne		Shepherds Pie	
VEGETARIAN	Chickpea Curry	Stir Fry Noodles		Cheese and Tomato Pasta	
SIDE	Rice - Green Beans - Sweetcorn	Rice - Peas - Sweetcorn		Baked Beans - Peas	
JACKET	Baked Beans or Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Baked Beans or Cheese or Tuna Mayo		Baked Beans or Cheese or Tuna Mayo	
SANDWICH	Ham or Cheese or Tuna Mayo *Extras	Ham or Cheese or Tuna Mayo *Extras		Ham or Cheese or Tuna Mayo *Extras	
DESSERT	Fruit Muffin	Iced Sponge		Chocolate Oaty Slice	
FRIDAY		FRIDAY		FRIDAY	
MAINS	Cod Fillets	Fish Fingers		Cod Fillets	
VEGETARIAN	Fishless Fingers	Fishless Fingers		Cheese and Onion Puff	
SIDE	Chips - Baked Beans - Peas	Chips - Baked Beans - Peas		Chips - Baked Beans - Peas	
JACKET	Baked Beans or Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Baked Beans or Cheese or Tuna Mayo		Baked Beans or Cheese or Tuna Mayo	
SANDWICH	Ham or Cheese or Tuna Mayo *Extras	Ham or Cheese or Tuna Mayo *Extras		Ham or Cheese or Tuna Mayo *Extras	
DESSERT	Fruit or Yoghurt	Fruit or Yoghurt		Fruit or Yoghurt	

***Extras include Lettuce, Cucumber, Tomatoes, Peppers or Savoury Snacks**

FRESH FRUIT, YOGURTS AND WHOLEMEAL BREAD ARE AVAILABLE DAILY.

MOST DISHES ARE MADE DAILY AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES - ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

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May 2027							June 2027							July 2027							August 2027						
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	= School Days		= School Holidays		= Bank Holidays		= Non Pupil Days
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Autumn Term : Thursday 3rd September 2025 - Friday 18th December 2026 74 days

Non Pupil Day : 1st & 2nd September 2026 & 2nd November 2026

Half Term 26th to 30th Oct 2026 & Xmas 21st Dec 2026 to 31st December 2026

Spring Term : Monday 4th January 2027 - Friday 25th March 2027 54 days

Non Pupil Day 22nd January & 12th February 2027

Half Term 15th Feb to 19th Feb 2027 Easter 30th Mar to 9th Apr 2027

Summer Term : Monday 12th April 2027 - Wednesday 21st July 2027 67 days

Non Pupil Day 28th June 2027

Half Term 1st June 2027 - 4th June 2027

195 Days