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Love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.

Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 7th June 2024

June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Throughout the month of June pupils will be taking part in various devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Catholic Church sets aside June as a time for devotion to the Sacred Heart.

O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins, I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you.



Year of Prayer

Pope Francis has declared that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year for the Catholic Church. Jubilee years are very special and will unite the church around the theme of 'Hope'. In order to prepare for this Jubilee, Pope Francis has declared 2024 a Year of Prayer. Pope Francis has asked Catholics to get 'back to basics' during this year by focusing on The Lord's Prayer.

Throughout this year various prayer activities based around The Lord's Prayer will be taking place in school. **Why not make The Lord's Prayer part of your home prayer life?**

Over the next few weeks we will be looking at the Lord's prayer in different languages... this week in Finnish:

Lord's prayer in Finnish

Isä meidän, joka olet taivaassa
Pyhitetty olkoon sinun nimesi
Tulkoon sinun valtakuntasi
Tapahtukoon sinun tahtosi
Myös maan päällä niin kuin taivaassa
Anna meille tänä päivänä
Meidän jokapäiväinen leipämme
Ja anna meille meidän syntimme anteeksi,
Niin kuin mekin anteeksi annamme niille
Jotka ovat meitä vastaan rikkoneet
Äläkä saata meitä kiusaukseen
Vaan päästä meidät pahasta
Sillä sinun on valtakunta
ja voima ja kunnia
iankaikkisesti.
Aamen.



Wednesday Word

Please follow the link below to enjoy this week's Gospel as a family:

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

Gospel Virtues

Pupils are growing to be **LEARNED**, finding God in all things; and **WISE** in the ways they use their learning for the common good.

The following pupils have received an and wristband this week: Joseph (Y5) & Bianca (Y5).

Statutory Assessments - Year 4 and Year 1

Year 4 pupils continue to sit their Multiplication Tables Check this week, well done to those who have already done it.

Year 1 pupils will take their Phonics Screening Check this week. Good attendance for Year 1 is even more important this week.

Message from Father Allen - Sacramental Prep - MEETING ON SUNDAY 9TH JUNE

Meetings for parents whose children are beginning to prepare to receive Confirmation, Reconciliation & Holy Communion for the first time in 2025

Parents will want to give the very best support to their children as they prepare for these key moments in their young lives, and in their developing their lives in faith.

However parents will know the value of receiving some help and support to help them play their part as best they can. There are all sorts of reasons for this. The first of course is that parents are often hungry for help to do their best in all things. But others are that parents of families are not always themselves Catholic or even if they are, they may well not feel secure in their faith, and so can feel quite challenged in speaking about things of faith, or helping their children feel confident in exploring the various things they are being introduced to. Catechists, Schools and Parish will all do the best they can to support children, but no-one can have the impact on the children that their parents can.

As a parish we try to support parents through a booklet which contains a 'refresher' for parents offering some reflections on key aspects of Christian Life and, especially, the Mass. It also includes suggestions of activities for families and children to broaden the scope of the preparation. Copies of this are available for parents following the meeting below.

There is an on-line meeting for parents to learn more about this and ask questions about how the parish can support parents/families over the coming months at 5pm on Sunday 9th June.

Link for Zoom meeting: <https://bit.ly/3yAQbCM>

Message from Father Allen - Journey of Faith - MEETING ON THURSDAY 13TH JUNE

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Perhaps preparing for Baptism?

Perhaps by being received from another Christian church?

Or perhaps you are baptised Catholic but have never been Confirmed or received Holy Confirmation or Eucharist.

Come along to the Benedict Room at St Nicholas church on Thursday 13th June at 7pm.

Come and hear how you can be helped for the next steps you wish to take on the journey in faith.

Extreme Haircuts

[St Nicholas uniform policy](#)

Since returning to school from half term we have seen several extreme haircuts on boys where 'tram lines' or patterns are shaved into the head. This contravenes our uniform policy:

Hair must not be too short either. The hair should cover the scalp so that the scalp is not visible due to the hair being shaved or cut too short. Of course, hair can be shaved but there must be no defined lines or patterns shaved into the hair and any transitions from short hair to longer hair (and vice versa) should be blended in so that no defined lines are created.

Please also be reminded that our uniform policy applies to both sexes. If a boy has long hair he will be asked to tie it back in the same way a female pupil would be:

*Long hair must be tied back using a plain bobble or hair band.
These rules on hair are not gender specific and apply to both boys and girls.*

Thank you for your support in adhering to our uniform policy.

PFA next meeting

Matteo Belardi (PFA Chair) would like to invite you to attend the next PFA meeting on Tuesday 11th June at 6pm in the school hall.

Teddy Bear's Picnic - Thursday 13th June 2024

On Thursday 13th June, children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to a Teddy Bear's Picnic, where they will celebrate reading with their friends and teachers. Children will need to bring a small sandwich box (they will have already had lunch!), a teddy bear and their favourite book. You can also send them with a blanket if you would like to. As we have children with allergies, please don't send any food to share.

Money Week - Monday 1st-Friday 5th July 2024

Do you work in a role that involves an understanding of money, budgeting or finance? If you work in retail, banking or are involved in managing or working to a budget, would you be willing to come into school and share your experience of working with money and finance with our children? It would be fantastic for our children from Reception -Year 6 to learn how a wide variety of jobs in the real world involve a good understanding of money and financial awareness.

If you think you can help by spending a few minutes sharing with the children in class how your work involves money and answering some of their questions with the support of the class teacher, please email Miss Smith via enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk.

School Fund



This year to date, our school fund has been used to pay for Beatrix Potter dance workshops, Read Write Inc. refresher training and prayer and liturgy resources for pupils to use during their child-led liturgies.

We can't do it without you and we hugely appreciate all school fund donations! Thank you!

School fund payments can be made via Parent Mail.

There is also now an option to 'gift a school fund' if you are able to do so!

Many thanks to our wonderful PFA for supporting us with this!

Advance notice for Summer Fayre - Young Voices choir

The Young Voices choir have been invited to perform at this year's Summer Fayre on Saturday 13th July. - it would be amazing if as many as possible of our talented vocalists could make it! A parent mail will be sent out closer to the time for consent.

Peripatetic music concert - Thursday 27th June 2024

Pupils who have received music tuition, as well as the whole of Year 4, who have taken part in guitar lessons, will be performing at a music concert in the school hall on Thursday 27th June at 4:30pm. Please see the Parent Mail sent out earlier this week for further details.

This week's attendance

Let's find out which class/es had the best attendance this week:

Year group	% attendance for w/c 3.6.24
Reception	98.66%
Year 1	96.67%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	100% WINNERS!
Year 4	94.33%
Year 5	91%
Year 6	86.91% BELOW 90%

Well done to this week's winners...Year 3! You can negotiate a reward with Mrs Rehman after half term.

Dates for the diary

w/c 3/6 & 10/6	Year 4 Multiplication Check administered
w/c 10/6	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check administered
12/6 to 14/6	Year 6 trip to Blackwell Manor
14/6/24	Year 3 'Going Forth' Mass & celebrations - 9.15am Mass
17/6/24	Year 3 trip to Cadbury World
27/6/24	Music Concert - 4.30pm
4/7/24	INSET Day - school closed to children
12/7/24	Sports' Day at Braemar Fields
19/7	2pm Y6 Leavers' Assembly
19/7	3.30pm End of the Academic Year 2023/24 break up for summer

Next academic year

Monday 2nd September and Tuesday 3rd September will be INSET days and school will be closed to pupils. We will welcome Years 1-6 back to school for the academic year 2024/25 on Wednesday 4th September at 8.50am. Arrangements for the new EYFS class will be communicated separately.

PFA events

Next PFA Meeting is 11th June at 6pm in school

DATE SET Summer Fayre - Saturday 13th July - 12pm to 3pm

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I wonder who we'll be next week?

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