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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 14th February 2025



Pilgrims of Hope

[Pope Francis opening the Holy Door for Jubilee 2025](#)

We continue our celebration of the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025. On Friday, 28th February, the school will be off timetable for the day to dedicate time to our special Jubilee activities. Pupils will take part in various engaging and meaningful events to mark this important occasion.

As part of the celebrations, all classes will be creating their own Holy Door—decorating their classroom doors to symbolise this sacred tradition. Above is a link to the YouTube video of Pope Francis opening the Holy Door in the Vatican, marking the beginning of the Jubilee Year of Hope. This is only 4 minutes long, why not watch it as a family and discuss what the Jubilee means to you?

Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

End of Spring Term 1

Today marks the end of the first half of the spring term, and the school will be closed next week for the half-term holiday. We have had a successful Spring 1, and it has been wonderful to see pupils working hard, making progress, and continuing to thrive.

We wish you all a safe and happy half-term, and we look forward to welcoming pupils back for Spring 2 on **Monday, 24th February**.



Sweet Success: Y4 Girls Raise £178 for St Giles Hospice

Well done to our fantastic group of Year 4 girls who organised a cake sale today in support of a cause close to their hearts. Thanks to their hard work and the generosity of our school community, they raised an impressive £178.02 for St Giles Hospice. A big thank you to their parents for their support—what a brilliant achievement!

Reminder: Remaining INSET Days

A reminder that we have three remaining INSET days this academic year:

- **Monday, 2nd June**
- **Friday, 4th July** (New date - now confirmed by the MAC, please add to your diary)
- **Monday, 21st July**

Thank you for your support in noting these important dates.

'Do Justice' Event – Saturday, 8th March

Attached to this email, you will find a flyer from Father Allen regarding an event he is organising and hosting on **Saturday, 8th March from 11am** in the St Nicholas School hall.

'Do Justice' is an event designed to bring together schools, parishes, charities, and other voluntary sector organisations that work to improve social justice and support individuals and families in Sutton Coldfield. 'Catholic Sutton Coldfield' is an initiative designed to unite the parishes of Sutton Coldfield.

You are more than welcome to attend if you would like to learn more, join the discussion, or if you have links to any local charities or organizations that may be interested in this initiative.

We hope to see you there!



Max in Y6 Inspired by St. Francis of Assisi – SWAP SHOP

As part of his preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, Max in Year 6 has been inspired by his Confirmation

Saint, St. Francis of Assisi.

St. Francis was known for his compassion and service to others, and inspired by this, Max has decided to run a 'Swap Shop' for football boots, trainers, and shoes.

For a duration of one week (24th to 28th February), there will be a box in the entrance area where you can drop off

pairs of football boots, trainers, or shoes. Please attach them together with an elastic band or place them in a bag/box—this would be really helpful!

If you need a pair of shoes for your child, Max encourages you to take from the box as well. At the end of the week, any remaining shoes will be donated to a parish within our academy that is in need.

We are very proud of Max's thoughtful approach to his Confirmation journey, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact of his actions.

Exciting Update: Sensory Room Improvements Underway!

We're delighted to share that improvement work will be taking place on our Sensory Room over half term. A huge thank you to two of our parents, Mrs. McGarvie and Mrs. Hanna, for their dedication to this project, and to Jaguar Land Rover for generously providing some of the resources. We can't wait to see the transformed space and use it to support pupils who benefit from sensory regulation.

****Exciting Opportunity** My Mind Matters Parent Workshop**

Date: Wednesday, 26th March

Time: 9:15 AM to 10:45 AM

Location: School Hall

Hosted by: Our Place

Objective:

This workshop aims to empower parents with the knowledge and tools necessary to support their children in developing positive mental health and wellbeing. Recognising that mental health is a dynamic aspect of life, the session will focus on providing resources and strategies that parents can share with their children to foster resilience.

Key Takeaways:

- Understanding Mental Health: Learn how mental health evolves as children grow and navigate life's challenges.

- Strategies for Parents: Acquire practical tips and resources to help children build positive mental health and resilience.
- Community Support: Connect with other parents in a supportive environment to share experiences and advice.

All are welcome to attend this informative and interactive session.

PFA Updates: Upcoming Meetings

We've got two important PFA meetings coming up, and we'd love for you to get involved:

1. Father's Day Event Planning We're planning an exciting Father's Day event on Friday, 13th June, and we'd love for you to be part of it. Dads and male carers are invited to join the *Cap'n Nick Crew* for a planning meeting on **Friday, 28th February at 7:30 PM** at the **Bishop Vesey Pub** (upper floor). It's a great opportunity to share ideas, contribute to the event's success, and have some fun.

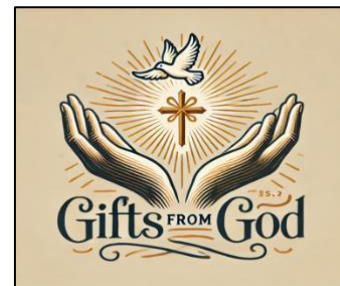
2. PFA General Meeting Our next *PFA General Meeting* will be on **Thursday, 6th March at 6:00 PM** in the school hall. We'll be discussing future events, fundraising initiatives, and key PFA matters. Everyone is welcome to join us—your ideas and input are always appreciated.

Gifts from God assemblies - future dates

During Spring 2, our school will host 'Gifts from God' celebration assemblies on the following dates:

- 7th March
- 21st March
- 4th April

These assemblies are an opportunity for pupils to reflect on and celebrate the gifts and talents given to them by God.



Attendance

Let's see which class had the highest attendance this week...

Year group	Attendance for w/c 10th February
EYFS	99.66%
Year 1	97.67%
Year 2	96.67%
Year 3	99.68% Winners!
Year 4	95.16%
Year 5	98.67%
Year 6	97.67%

Well done to this week's winners...Year 3. You can negotiate your reward with Mrs Vlahakis after the half term break!

Dates for the diary

W/c 10th February	RSHE Week across the school
Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13th February	PFA Valentines Disco - 3.30pm to 5pm - children only
Friday 14th February	Cake sale run by Y4 girls for St Giles Hospice
Friday 14th February	'Gifts from God' assembly - 2.45pm
Friday 14th February	Pre-loved uniform sale outside school after assembly
Friday 14th February	Last day of Spring 1 - break up for half term
Half Term School closed w/c 17th February 2025 All pupils back in school on Monday 24th February	
Monday 24th February	First day of Spring 2
Monday 24th February	Internet safety assemblies and workshops for all classes Online safety staff training after school
Tuesday 25th February	Campfire Stories for Y5 & Y6 5-6pm
Thursday 27th February	Year 6 Saints Project Exhibition - school hall at 2.45pm
Friday 28th February	EYFS 'Stay and Pray' - 9am
Saturday 1st March	Swimming gala at Wyndley Leisure Centre - details TBC
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day Final day to submit entries for the 'Book in a box' competition
Thursday 6th March	PFA Meeting 6pm in school
Friday 7th March	Year 5 'Stay and Pray' - 9am
W/c 10th March & W/c 17th March	Year 3 swimming at Wyndley Leisure Centre
Friday 14th March	Year 2 'Stay and Pray' - 9am
Friday 21st March	Year 6 'Stay and Pray' - 9am
Tuesday 25th March	Y3 & 4 Pyjama Stories - 5pm

Wednesday 26th March	**All parents & carers invited** 'My Mind Matters' workshop - how to help your child stay mentally healthy. School hall - 9.15am to 10.45am
Thursday 27th March	PFA Mothers' Day Tea - 3.30pm to 5pm
Friday 28th March	Year 4 'Stay and Pray' - 9am
Monday 31st March	2pm - KS2 Passion Play performance to parents
Tuesday 1st April	9.15am - KS2 Passion Play performance to parents
Wednesday 2nd April to Friday 4th April	Year 5 residential to Alton Castle
Friday 4th April	Year 1 'Stay and Pray' - 9am
Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th April	Parents' Evenings (Y3 book look)
Thursday 10th April	Year 2 trip to Twycross Zoo
Friday 11th April	Year 3 'Stay and Pray' - 9am
Friday 11th April	Last day of Spring Term. School breaks up for Easter.
Easter Holidays School closed weeks commencing 14th April and 21st April 2025 All pupils back in school on Monday 28th April	
Monday 5th May	'May Day' bank holiday - school closed
Thursday 8th May	Y1 trip to Botanical Gardens
Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May inclusive	Key Stage 2 SATs tests administered
Friday 16th May	Year 3 trip to Blists Hill Victorian Town
Friday 16th May	Official photographers to take Y6 leavers' photos
Friday 16th May	Sacrament of Confirmation for Y6 confirmandi celebrated by Bishop David Evans - 7pm
Friday 23rd May	Last day of Summer 1 - break up for half term
May half term	

School closed during week commencing 26th May 2025

Monday 2nd June	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 3rd June to Friday 13th June	Multiplication Tables Check administered to Y4 pupils
W/c Monday 9th June	Phonics Screening Check administered to Year 1
W/c Monday 9th June	Year 6 swimming week at Wyndley each afternoon
Sunday 22nd June Time TBC	All Year 3 pupils who have received their Holy Communion are invited to attend the 'Going Forth' Mass at 11am wearing their FHC clothes - official p/graphers in school beforehand.
Wednesday 2nd July	Transition Day - Year 6 to their new secondary schools
Friday 4th July	INSET day - all MAC schools closed to pupils
Monday 7th July	Sports' Day at Braemar Fields (a reserve date of 14/7 has been booked in case of inclement weather on 7th)
Saturday 12th July	Y6 Leavers' Mass in church at 6pm
Wednesday 16th July	9.10am - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Friday 18th July	9.15am - Whole School end of year Mass in church
Friday 18th July	End of academic year 2024-25 for pupils

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