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Dear Parents & Carers,

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Pilgrims of Hope - Jubilee Journey through Lent

This week, we marked Ash Wednesday across the school and began the season of Lent. Lent is a journey, just like the Jubilee journey of Pilgrims of Hope—a time to walk in faith, reflect, and grow closer to God as we prepare for Easter.

What are your Lenten promises? Have you shared them as a family?

Perhaps take some time this weekend to talk about them together, so you can support and encourage one another on this Lenten journey.



Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

Year 2 Stay and Pray - Friday 14th March

A reminder that Year 2 parents, grandparents, and carers are invited to join us for 'Stay and Pray' on Friday, 14th March. Please drop your child at the gate as usual, then enter through the front door to join us in the school hall for this special event. We look forward to welcoming you!

Stay and Pray



Baby news

We are delighted to share that Mrs. Minchin welcomed a healthy baby girl last week.

Olivia Grace is absolutely beautiful, and both mother and baby are doing well. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Minchin and their older daughter on their new addition. Wishing their family joy and blessings!

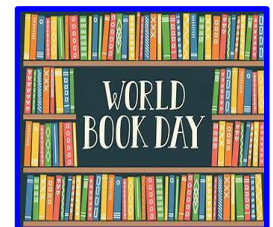


World Book Day Success

World Book Day was a huge success this week! A big thank you to Miss Smith and her Year 6 Reading Ambassadors for organising the events, and to everyone for getting into the spirit of the day. The love of reading in our school was truly evident.

Well done to everyone who entered the 'Book in a Box' competition - the effort and creativity put into each entry were incredible.

Congratulations to Gethin, Bentley, Annabel, and Olive, our winners, who each take home a £10 book token!



International Women's Day

Today, we celebrate the strength, achievements, and contributions of women everywhere. It's a day to appreciate the important women in our lives and to remember the value of equality and respect for all.

Massive congratulations to Bentley in Year 4, who raised an incredible £165 for an inspiring woman in his life who set up and now runs a cat sanctuary. Thank you all for your generosity in supporting such a good cause.

'Do Justice' Event - Saturday, 8th March

Father Allen is organising and hosting the above event **tomorrow (8/3) 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!

Ensuring Safe and Smooth Dismissals at the End of the School Day

Safeguarding our pupils is our number one priority at St. Nicholas. To ensure we have the most robust procedures in place when dismissing pupils at the end of the school day, we kindly ask for your support.



You can help us by:

- Ensuring that collection arrangements are made in good time and communicated to the school—preferably via email—**before 2:30 pm**. *Office staff regularly receive calls and emails as late as 3:28 pm! This makes it impossible to safely communicate changes to class teachers and results in office staff running around the school rather than being in the office.*
- Collecting your child/grandchild and moving away from the area as quickly as possible. We are aware that the EYFS/KS1 path can become congested, so please keep this area clear. For any after-school chats, please head up to the footpath to avoid blocking the paths.
- Not calling to your child/grandchild to come to you before the adult in charge has formally dismissed them. *Please pass this message on to grandparents and other family members who may collect your child.*

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our pupils safe!

PFA events



Mother's Day Tea - Tickets Now on Sale!

We are excited to announce that tickets are now available for our Mother's Day Tea! Join us on **Thursday, 27th March** from **3:30 pm to 5:00 pm** for a lovely afternoon celebrating all the wonderful mothers and mother figures in our community.

[Follow this link to purchase tickets for the Mothers' Day Tea](#) - Hurry, spaces are limited! We look forward to

celebrating this special day with you!

Time for the Spring Lotto!

Tickets are now available online for our Spring Lotto, and there will be another opportunity to buy tickets at a school assembly (Friday 21/3) before the draw on **4th April**.

50/50 Cash Prize Breakdown:

- 1st prize £500**
- 2nd prize £250**
- 3rd prize £100**

Tickets are also available online via the link below:

[Spring Lotto Ticket Purchase](#)

Please share this with family and friends! We are incredibly grateful for your support in raising funds for the school.

Good luck to everyone, and thank you for being part of this exciting event!

The PFA Lottery Team.

Year 6 Vocations Week

As part of our forthcoming Vocations Week in Year 6, we would like to invite you to share your career journey, experiences, and insights with our students. This is a wonderful opportunity to highlight how each of us is called to use our God-given gifts and talents in our work and daily lives as well as the diverse paths that lead us there. Please note that your child doesn't have to be in Y6 to take part. Vocations Week will be held from **Monday 23rd-Friday 27th June 2025**, and we are looking for volunteers who would be willing to speak about their careers, discuss the skills and education needed for their field, and answer any questions our students may have. If you are interested in participating, please get in touch with Miss Smith via enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk.

Reminder: Remaining INSET Days

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

- **Monday, 2nd June**
- **Friday, 4th July**
- **Monday, 21st July**

Thank you for your support in noting these important dates.

****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.

Gifts from God assemblies - future dates

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

- 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.



Additional dates for the diary - Year 1 and Year 4

To support pupils' preparation for their statutory assessments, children in Year 4 will be invited to dress up as a rockstar on **Tuesday 3rd June 2025**. They will spend the day engaging with a plethora of times tables activities.

Year 1 will also be taking part in a RWI phonics day on **Monday 9th June 2025**. Pupils are not being asked to dress up but will spend the day engaging with a variety of phonic based activities.

Attendance

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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 3rd March
EYFS	94.93%
Year 1	95.67%
Year 2	99% Winners!
Year 3	96.77%
Year 4	94.84%
Year 5	98.89%
Year 6	97.67%
Well done to this week's winners...Year 2! You can negotiate a reward with Mrs Rehman next week.	

Dates for the diary

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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