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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 4th October 2024

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?** *We continue to look at the Lord's prayer in different languages... this week in Portuguese:*

Pai nosso, que estàs nos céus;

santificado seja o teu nome;

venha o teu reino,

seja feita a tua vontade,

assim na terra, como no céu.

O pão nosso de cada dia nos dà hoje,

e perdoa-nos as nossas dívidas

assim como nós perdoamos aos nossos devedores.

E não nos induzas à tentação,

mas livra-nos do mal

Amen.

Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)



CAFOD Family Fast Day

Huge thanks to the parents & carers of Year 3 who visited school today to share a meal with their children & grandchildren as part of CAFOD Family Fast Day. The collection boxes were out in force and the event raised £144.10 for CAFOD. Thank you!

Do you know a family with a child who starts school (Reception class) in September 2025?

If so, please encourage them to attend one of our Prospective Parents Sessions. During these sessions, parents will have a short presentation on the admissions process followed by a tour of the school. Sessions are as follows:

Monday 11th November 2024 at 9.15am

Tuesday 12th November 2024 at 1.45pm

Wednesday 13th November 2024 at 11am

Thursday 14th November 2024 at 2.30pm

NHS Nasal Flu Vaccine

The immunisation team visited school today to administer the nasal flu vaccine to pupils whose parents had consented via the online portal. We are aware that some parents missed the cut off for consent; we have been advised that if you call 0121 466 3410, the main switchboard at Cottage Hospital in Sutton, you will be able to book your child elsewhere.

Year 4 Parent & Child Curriculum Workshop - Tuesday 8th October at 9am

We look forward to welcoming the parents, grandparents and carers of Y4 pupils on Tuesday morning for the curriculum workshop. This is a chance to learn with your child and experience the curriculum in their year group.

PFA New Starters' Disco - Friday 11th October 5.30pm to 7pm

Please follow the link below to purchase tickets for this exciting event. This is the only disco of the year where parents are able to stay, mingle and have a beverage! Get your dance moves ready...

[St Nicholas School PFA \(pta-events.co.uk\)](https://pta-events.co.uk)

Please note that there will be no Irish Dancing or Hurling after school clubs on Friday 11/10 to enable the PFA to set up for the disco.

World Mental Health Day - 10/10/24

This year we will be marking World Mental Health day in collaboration with our PFA in the following ways:

- All pupils are invited to wear an item of yellow clothing or a yellow accessory (hair, socks, tights etc) with their uniform (not their school polo top!) in return for a £1 donation
- Our PFA will be buying some new playground equipment and games for our pupils which will emphasise the link between exercise and positive mental health
- Class teachers will lead mindfulness activities in their classrooms
- Each class will have a workshop on mindfulness and positive mental health led by an external company and supervised by school staff

A lot is done in school on a daily basis to support pupils' social, emotional and mental health. Thursday 10/10 is an opportunity for us to shine a light on the importance of staying healthy mentally as we would physically.

PFA News

New School Year Disco

Friday, 11th October 2024, 17:30 - 19:30 in the School Hall - see notice above for link to purchase tickets. ***All children must be accompanied by an adult.***

Business Networking Meeting - Thursday 17th October

Join us for the St Nicholas School Business Networking Event!

Parents and alumni are invited to our Business Networking Event on Thursday, 17th October, 6:30-8:30pm. For £20, enjoy networking with food and drinks, with additional options available for purchase.

 Tickets: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stnickspfa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=86292>

Led by Brian Davies of BD Consultancy, a Year 6 parent and alumni relations and fundraising expert, this event offers a chance to connect with fellow St Nicholas community members. Proceeds support the PFA. While ticket costs cover food and drinks, Mr. Davies is offering his services free of charge. This event aims to foster connections between parents from different year groups and encourage business support for the school.

Pre-loved uniform sale - Friday 18th October

Mrs Tyler will be running a sale of good quality, pre-loved school uniform after Gifts from God assembly on Friday 18th October. There will be St Nicholas branded uniforms available at a fraction of the price you would pay a retailer. All proceeds go to the PFA.

Do you shop at Asda either in store or online? PLEASE SIGN UP

We're pleased to announce that St Nicholas School PFA has joined the ASDA Cash programme, so families can now earn money for the school while doing their shopping - <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

****Save the date** PFA Advent Fair (formerly called Christmas Fair) - Saturday 30th November** - more details to follow.

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 8th October	9am-10.30am Year 4 parent & child curriculum workshop in the school hall
Thursday 10th October	World Mental Health Day - activities across all classes - pupils wear yellow - £1 donation
Friday 11th October	PFA New Starters' Disco at 5.30pm
W/c 14th October	Scholastic Book Fair every day after school
Tuesday 15th October	9am-10.30am Year 5 parent & child curriculum workshop in the school hall
Tuesday 22nd October	Photographs: Individuals, families & siblings
Tuesday 22nd October and Wednesday 23rd October	Parents' Evenings
Thursday 24th October	Year 4 trip to Selly Manor - Tudors workshop
Friday 25th October	School closed to pupils - INSET day
W/c 28th October - HALF TERM - school closed	
Monday 4th November	School closed to pupils - INSET day
Tuesday 5th November	Pupils return for the second half of the Autumn Term
Tuesday 5th November	9am-10.30am EYFS parent & child curriculum workshop in the school hall & classroom
Friday 8th November	Crazy Hair Day in return for £1 donations towards the PFA Advent Fair
Tuesday 12th November 2024	Year 5 - Alton Castle information meeting via Zoom
Monday 18th November	Year 6 - Blackwell information meeting via Zoom
Wednesday 20th-Friday 22nd November	Year 5 Bikeability
Friday 22nd November	Non-uniform day in return for chocolate donations for the PFA Advent Fair
Saturday 30th November	12pm-3pm PFA Advent Fair
Wednesday 11th December	EYFS & KS1 trip to Midlands Art Centre to see Little Angel Theatre: Finding Santa
Thursday 12th December	KS2 trip to Lichfield Garrick to see Jack and the Beanstalk
Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th December	9.15am - EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play performance - tickets only

Friday 20th December	Last day of the Autumn Term - pupils break up for Christmas
Monday 6th January	First day of the Spring Term - all pupils back in school at 8.50am
Friday 31st January 2025	Young Voices concert at Resorts World, Birmingham

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