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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### **Exciting News: Jubilee Year Launch Day!**

We are thrilled to announce that Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> January, marks the launch of our school's celebration of the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pilgrims of Hope.

On this special day, pupils will participate in a livestream event hosted by the Birmingham Diocesan Education Service and engage in exciting, Jubilee-themed activities during lessons.

As part of the celebration, Mr. Reid has been teaching the children a song specially written and performed by One Life Music for the Jubilee during our 'Songs of Praise' sessions.

Stay tuned to our 'X' feed for updates and highlights from St. Nicholas' Jubilee 2025 celebrations!



### **Thank You for Supporting Non-Uniform Day**

A big thank you for supporting today's non-uniform day, organized by the Common Good Council in collaboration with Orla and Beau from Year 5.

Your generosity enables us to support St Giles Hospice and the MND Association, making a real difference in their vital work. £224.60 was raised - thank you!

We truly appreciate your continued support of our charitable outreach efforts.

### **Wednesday Word**

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

### **World Faiths Curriculum**

As part of our curriculum in Religious Education, all year groups spend one fortnight per year studying a different world faith. Over the next two weeks, Years 2-6 will be focusing on a variety of world religions (EYFS and Year 1 will study theirs in the summer term).

- Year 2 and Year 5 will be studying Sikhism
- Year 3 will be studying Hinduism
- Year 4 will be studying Islam
- Year 6 will be studying Judaism

As part of this work, Year 6 will have a virtual chat with a Rabbi, and Mrs. Rehman will be swapping classes to talk to Year 4 about Islam.

We look forward to the exciting discussions and learning that will take place over the next couple of weeks!

### **Uniform and Appearance Reminder**

Thank you for supporting us in ensuring that our children look smart and adhere to our uniform policy. We would like to remind you that any pupil with hair long enough to tie back should have it tied back for school. Additionally, as the colder weather continues, all pupils should wear a sensible, warm coat with a zip and a hood.

Your support in these matters is greatly appreciated.

### Royal Sutton Coldfield Scout Gang Show

Please find attached a flyer for the upcoming Royal Sutton Coldfield Scout Gang Show. We are excited to share that one of our Year 4 pupils will be starring in the performance!

It promises to be great fun, so do take a look and consider supporting this fantastic event.

### Upcoming PFA Meeting - 6th March

Please find attached a flyer from our PFA Chair, Matteo Belardi, advertising the next PFA meeting on 6th March. We warmly invite you to come along if you can. Your contribution, whether big or small, is greatly valued and appreciated—feel free to get involved at a level that suits you and your availability.

We hope to see you there!

### Exclusive 10% Discount from MyClothing.com

One of our uniform suppliers, [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com), has kindly provided us with a voucher code for 10% off your next purchase. Please find the code below:

Code = **UNIFORM10%**

Expires = 31/03/2025

### INSET Days

An INSET day is a staff training day when teachers and school staff take part in professional development. Children do not attend school on these days. All SJP2 academy schools have a set number of INSET days per academic year the dates of which are mostly set by the individual schools with one or two INSET dates being set centrally by the Academy.

There are three INSET days left this academic year:

**Monday 2nd June** (the Monday after May half term)

**Monday 21st July** (pupils will break up for the summer holidays on Friday 18th)

And

One additional day, with the date yet to be confirmed by the academy, is likely to fall in the Summer Term. We will let you know the date as soon as it is finalised.

### Parents' Evening Dates

A date for your diary - Spring Term Parents' Evenings will take place on **Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th April 2025**. Appointments will go live a few weeks in advance.

**\*\*\*Parents of pupils in Year 3 only \*\*\*** - We are pleased to announce that the Year 3 Spring Term parents' meetings will take place via **Zoom** on **Monday 3rd February from 3:00pm to 5:30pm, and Tuesday 4th February from 1:30pm to 4:00pm**.

This earlier meeting provides an opportunity to speak with Mrs. Minchin before she begins her maternity leave. Details on how to book a Zoom slot will be sent out soon.

Y3 parents, please note that your child's books will be available in the classroom for you to view on 8th and 9th April should you wish. You are welcome to pop in at any time on these dates. Year 3 parents, if you have children in other year groups, their parents' meetings will still take place on 8th and 9th April.

Details of teaching arrangements for Y3 when Mrs Minchin leaves to have her baby are just being finalised and we should be in a position to write to you about this early next week.

## Attendance

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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 13th January
EYFS	98.64%
Year 1	96%
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>99.67% WINNERS!</b>
Year 3	98.39%
Year 4	98.06%
Year 5	96.67%
Year 6	98.33%

Well done to this week's winners...Year 2! You can negotiate your reward with Mrs Rehman this week.

## Dates for the diary

Friday 24th January	Launch of the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025 - whole school involved - details TBC
Friday 28th January	Year 6 trip to St Chad's Cathedral
Friday 31st January	Young Voices concert at Resorts World, Birmingham
Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th February	Year 3 Parent Consultations with Mrs Minchin via Zoom
Monday 3rd to Friday 7th February	Children's Mental Health Week
W/c 10th February	RSHE Week across the school
Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 14th February	Last day of Spring 1 - break up for half term
<b>Half Term</b> School closed w/c 17th February 2025 All pupils back in school on Monday 24th February	
Monday 24th February	First day of Spring 2
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	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
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.
<b>Easter Holidays</b> 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
<b>May half term</b> 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
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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