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Love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.

Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 28th June 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? Over the next few months we will be looking at the Lord's prayer in different languages... this week in Turkish...**

Lord's prayer in Turkish

Bunun için siz şöyle dua edin:

Göklerdeki Babamız, Adın kutsal kılınsın. Egemenliğin gelsin.

Gökte olduğu gibi, yeryüzünde de Senin istediğin olsun.

Bugün bize gündelik ekmeğimizi ver.

Bize karşı suç işleyenleri bağışladığımız gibi, Sen de bizim suçlarımızı bağışla.

Ayartılmamıza izin verme. Bizi kötü olandan kurtar.

Çünkü egemenlik, güç ve yücelik Sonsuzlara dek senindir! Amin.



Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

INSET day - 4th July - SCHOOL CLOSED

A reminder that school is closed to pupils on Thursday 4th July for the whole MAC Inset day where all staff will be at another academy school. Please note that school is open as normal for pupils on Friday 5th July.

Move up morning

On Wednesday (3rd) all Year 6 pupils will visit their new secondary schools, arrangements for this will have been communicated to parents by each school.

Back at school, we will take this opportunity to give each class a morning with their new class teacher/TA in their new classroom. This is a great opportunity for pupils to get to know their new staff members and vice versa and forms part of our transition process. Current teachers will also be meeting with new teachers for a thorough handover before we break up for summer; our SENDCO is involved in this process too.

Sports' Day

A reminder that Sports' Day is on Friday 12th July. If this date can't go ahead because of poor weather, we have a backup date of Monday 15th July. Say a prayer to the Holy Spirit for some sunshine!

EYFS vision test - Tuesday 2nd July

A reminder that a team from NHS will visit school on Tuesday morning (2nd) to conduct the EYFS vision test. If you **do not** want your child to participate in this, please contact the school office urgently on Monday.

Achievement Assemblies

There won't be an Achievement Assembly on Friday 12th July due to Sports' Day.

The assembly on Friday 19th July is the Leavers' Assembly where only Y6 and their siblings will receive certificates.

This means that the assembly on Friday 5th July is the last one for EYFS to Year 5 to receive certificates/awards/trophies.

Smartphone Free Movement

[Ensuring a balanced childhood in a digital age](https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/)

There is a group of St Nicholas parents, led by Mrs Higginson, who are spearheading the 'Smartphone Free Childhood' movement at St Nicholas. Inspired by the work of other groups around the country (<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>) this group of parents want to empower and educate other parents about the research which is now linking the age that a child first gets a smartphone with the mental health and safety of children.

Above is a link to the recording of a webinar set up by Mrs Higginson and paid for by our PFA. This is well worth a watch as renowned parenting expert, Anita Cleare, gives a presentation on how to balance the positives and negatives of digital devices in your home.

If you are interested in learning more about this approach, there is a meeting in the school hall on **Thursday 11th July** at 5.45pm. All are welcome.

Message from Mrs Higginson:

If you do have any feedback from the presentation, please let me know on 07793 131918, and if you are eager to get involved more in this subject, or know someone who has presented on this issue, please get in touch!

Summer Reading Challenge

As always, we are joining with Boldmere library to launch the Summer Reading Challenge (see attached flyer). This encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays - and to enjoy reading anything they like! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. It's completely FREE to take part. It is an amazing way to boost children's confidence - last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident reading.

Reasons to take part:

- Children will be better prepared to return to school in the autumn.
- The Challenge supports the move into a new year group.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's confidence and self-esteem. The library provides free access to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

To take part, visit Boldmere library after 6th July to sign up!

For more information, please call Boldmere library on 0121 464 1048 or visit

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>.

We look forward to celebrating all of the reading achievements in the Autumn term!

School uniform sales

Thank you to one of our parents who shared this social media post which gives information about upcoming school uniform discount events at various retailers.

Whilst the St Nicholas branded items can't be bought from these retailers, the plain grey trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafores can be found as can summer dresses.

Young Voices choir - Performance at the Summer Fayre

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! Please give consent via Parent Mail.

There will be a short rehearsal on Wednesday 10th July from 3:30-4:15pm.

School Fund

	<p>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.</p> <p>We can't do it without you and we hugely appreciate all school fund donations! Thank you!</p> <p>School fund payments can be made via Parent Mail.</p> <p>There is also now an option to '<u>gift a school fund</u>' if you are able to do so!</p> <p>Many thanks to our wonderful PFA for supporting us with this!</p>
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This week's attendance

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

Year group	% attendance for w/c 24.6.24
Reception	93.3%
Year 1	97.67%
Year 2	93.3%
Year 3	99% WINNERS!
Year 4	99% WINNERS!
Year 5	98.67%
Year 6	90.67%
Well done to this week's winners...Year 3 and Year 4. You can negotiate a reward with your class teachers!	

Dates for the diary

w/c 1/7/24	Money Week
1/7/24	New starters' parent induction meeting at 5.45pm
3/7/24	Secondary transition day / move up morning
4/7/24	INSET Day - school closed to children
10/7/24	Pupil Profile Reviews
11/7/24	5.45pm - Smartphone Free Meeting in school hall
12/7/24	Sports' Day at Braemar Fields
16/7/24	New starters' stay and play sessions (either AM or PM)

19/7/24
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2pm Y6 Leavers' Assembly
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 have been communicated separately.

PFA events

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

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