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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 20th December 2024

End of Autumn Term 2024 - A Heartfelt Thank You

As we come to the close of the Autumn Term 2024, I would like to extend my sincere thanks for your support and communication throughout the term. All year groups have settled well and made great progress academically, socially and spiritually. A special mention must go to our wonderful new EYFS class, who have settled in beautifully and are now celebrating their very first full term of school!

On behalf of all the staff at St. Nicholas, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for the many cards, gifts, and kind words we have received over the past few days. Your generosity is never expected, but it is always deeply appreciated.

As we approach the final days of Advent, on behalf of the staff and governors, I wish you all a peaceful conclusion to this season, a joyful Christmas, and a happy and healthy 2025. Christmas can be a difficult time for some, and we pray that everyone feels the peace, joy, and inclusivity of the Christ child during this festive season.

Mrs Noble-Barton

Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

A Heartfelt Thank You for an incredible Nativity Play

EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, along with their teachers and TAs, came together to create a truly memorable Nativity play this year. *The Nativity* took us on a journey from Mary and Joseph seeking shelter to the visits of the



Parish services: Advent & Christmas

Advent Penitential Service:

Monday 16th December at 7pm.

All are welcome - and it is a liturgy particularly appropriate for all parents and children who have made their first confession.

Christmas Eve

- **Masses at 3 & 6pm** are prepared for families with children in KS1 and KS2 (who are invited to come in Nativity costume - *simple designs are available on our parish blog*)
- **9pm Mass** in the Night

Christmas Day: Mass at 9am and 11am

Thursday 26 December: St Stephen - 10am

Friday 27 December: St John - 10am

Saturday 28/Sunday 29 December:

Holy Family - Saturday 6pm; Sunday 9am & 11am

Monday 30 December: 10am

Tuesday 31 December: 10am, followed by parish social

Wednesday January 1: Mary, Holy Mother of God, 10am



Concert of favourite Christmas Carols

St Nicholas Parish Church,
Sunday 22nd December, 4pm

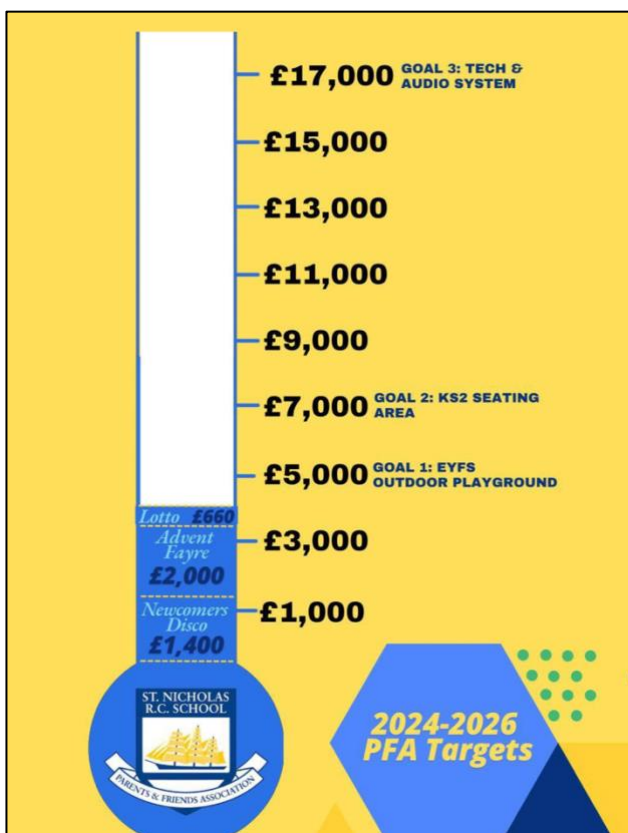
This event is being shared with
Holy Cross Parish, Walmley
— building up our Cluster community

shepherds and the Magi, beautifully reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas. A big thank you to all the parents and carers for supporting the children in their efforts and for being such a wonderful audience. We also want to express our deepest gratitude for your generosity during the closing collection. An amazing £251 was raised for the St. Nicholas World Development Group. Thank you once again for your continued support.

Christmas Disco - thank you

What a busy week we have had! Tuesday afternoon saw the fantastic PFA Christmas Disco. A huge thank you to Mrs. Condron, her team of volunteers, and the school staff who stayed to help make this event such a success. The children had an amazing time, and we are thrilled to share that over £500 was raised for our PFA.

Thank you once again for your support.



PFA Fundraising Update

Here is a 'totaliser' image shared by Matteo Belardi (PFA Chair) to show just how much money has been raised this term. Please note, this amount does not yet include the fantastic total from the Christmas Disco! The image also outlines the fundraising goals.

A huge thank you to the PFA for providing this visual so that you can see exactly where your money is going and what we are working towards. Your support is truly appreciated.

A huge thank you to Matteo Belardi and all PFA members for their hard work, dedication, and persistence this term. Your commitment and communication have made a real difference, and we truly appreciate everything you do.

St Edmund Campion Catholic School - Admissions Policy Consultation 2026/2027

In line with the Schools Admissions Code we are required to consult on the Admissions Policy for the Academic year 2026/2027 and beyond. Reasons for consultation include: 7 Year Rule - policy has existed for 7 years without change and needs re-consultation or the policy is within the 7 Years but includes changes to the arrangements.

Please visit the school website: stedcamp.bham.sch.uk for more information.

Consultation goes LIVE on 20th December for a period of 6 weeks.

Phonics home links

Group	Reading sounds	Writing/spelling	Reading words
Miss Godfreys' group A	y ch v sh Speed minute set 1 Pinny time set 1	y v	y ch v sh Learning to blend 11 Learning to blend 12
Miss Godfrey's group B	qu Speed minute set 1 Pinny time set 1	Word time 1.5	qu Word time 1.5
Mrs Connor's group C	v i r w Speed minute set 1 Pinny time set 1 Speed minute (special friends) Pinny time (special friends)	v i r w Word time 1.7	v i r w Word time 1.7
Miss Trappett's red group	ay ee igh ow oo oo ar or air ir ou oy Speed minute (special friends) Pinny time (special friends) Speed minute (set 2) Pinny time (set 2)	ar or air Word time 1.7	Fred talk Word time 1.7 Red words
Miss Guest's green group	ay ee igh ow oo oo ar or air ir ou oy ea oi a-e i-e o-e u-e aw are ur er ow ai oa ew ire ear ure Speed minute (special friends) Pinny time (special friends)	Read and hold a sentence	Fred talk Red words Chips

	Speed minute (set 2) Pinny time (set 2)		
Mrs Maguire's orange group	e-e Speed minute set 2 Pinny time set 2 Speed minute set 3 Pinny time set 3	Read and hold a sentence	Fred talk Haircuts Red words
Mrs Shephard's blue group	are aw tious/cious	are aw tious/cious Read and hold a sentence	Reading longer words - air are Reading longer words - or aw Reading longer words - tious Reading longer words - cious Jellybean Red words
Mrs Vale's and Miss Smith's grey group	are ear	are ear Read and hold a sentence	Reading longer words - air are Reading longer words - ear How silly! Red words

Attendance

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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 16th December
EYFS	91.3%
Year 1	90%
Year 2	98.5% Winners!
Year 3	98%
Year 4	95.8%
Year 5	98%
Year 6	92.3%

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

Code Camp - after school club open to Years 3,4,5 & 6 from Spring Term

We are excited to announce that Code Camp will be returning to St. Nicholas in the Spring Term, offering a fantastic opportunity for pupils in Years 3-6 to develop their coding skills in a fun and engaging environment.

The camp will provide a hands-on learning experience, helping students improve their problem-solving, creativity, and technical abilities. It's a great way for your child to explore the world of coding outside of the classroom!

Booking Details: To book a place for your child, please contact the company directly. Full details are available in the attached flyer.

Don't miss out - spaces are limited!

Dates for the diary

Christmas Holidays	
Monday 6th January	First day of the Spring Term - all pupils back in school at 8.50am
Tuesday 7th January	Pupils in St Francis house group having their afternoon tea reward with Mrs Noble-Barton.
Wednesday 15th January	Diocesan Climate Change Workshop for 10 Upper KS2 pupils at Oscott College.
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
Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day
Half Term	
School closed w/c 17th February 2025 All pupils back in school on Monday 24th February	
Saturday 1st March	Swimming gala at Wyndley Leisure Centre - details TBC
Thursday 6th March	PFA Meeting 6pm in school
W/c 10th March & W/c 17th March	Year 3 swimming at Wyndley Leisure Centre
Tuesday 25th March	Y3 & 4 Pyjama Stories - 5pm
Thursday 27th March	PFA Mothers' Day Tea - 3.30pm to 5pm
Wednesday 2nd April to Friday 4th April	Year 5 residential to Alton Castle

Thursday 10th April	Year 2 trip to Twycross Zoo
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	

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