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Dear Parents & Carers,

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### Pilgrims of Hope: Luce the official mascot

Luce is the official mascot of the Catholic Jubilee Year 2025. He is a radiant, childlike figure symbolising **light, hope, and pilgrimage**—key themes of the Jubilee.

Key Features of Luce include:

- **Glowing Appearance** - Represents Christ as the "Light of the World."
- **Pilgrim's Attire** - Emphasises the journey of faith.
- **Friendly, Smiling Face** - Welcomes all with joy and inclusivity.
- **Outstretched Arms** - A gesture of embrace and invitation.
- **Cross or Jubilee Logo** - Connects him to the sacred event.



### Wednesday Word

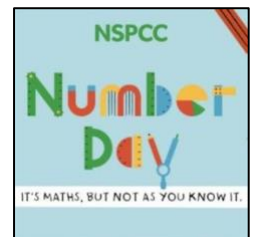
Please follow the link below to enjoy this week's Gospel as a family:

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

### Well done to everyone who has supported NSPCC Number Day today! 🐼

NSPCC Number Day is a fantastic initiative that raises awareness and funds to support the important work of the NSPCC in protecting children. Through fun, number-themed activities, we've come together to celebrate maths while making a difference.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part, dressed up, donated, and made the day a success!



### National Children's Mental Health Week (3rd to 7th February)

This week, we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week with activities, lessons, discussions, and workshops across the school. The theme, *Know yourself, grow yourself*, lent itself to all sorts of activities linked to self-awareness, emotional well-being, and personal growth. Check out our Twitter feed (@StNicholasCP) for more information!

Mrs. Noble-Barton sent out this month's Safeguarding Newsletter this week, which contains lots of information about children's mental health and the importance of sleep.

### RSHE (Relationships, Sex & Health Education) - focus week



This coming week (w/c 10th February) is one of our RSHE focus weeks. Pupils across the school will be studying Module 2: *Created to Love Others* from our RSHE curriculum, using materials from a company called Ten:Ten. Our RSHE programme is called 'Life to the full' and is taught through the lens of the Catholic Church and is always supported by scripture and discussion.

Attached to this email, you will find an overview of the content for each phase of the school this week. Please be prepared to continue the conversation with your child at home. RSHE at the primary level is key to building a strong foundation of respect for self and others, consent, and healthy relationships, making it very important.

If you have any queries, please contact Mrs. Noble-Barton through enquiry@.



#### **Pre-loved uniform sale**

There will be a sale of good quality pre-loved St. Nicholas uniforms on Friday, 14th February, after the Gifts from God assembly, under the shelter at the front of the school. We appreciate how expensive uniforms can be, so why not take advantage of this sale, where you can get them at a vastly reduced price? A big thank you to Mrs. Tyler, who runs the pre-loved uniform section of the PFA. Remember to name all of your child's uniform to lessen the chance of it getting lost.

#### **PFA Valentines Disco - 13/2/25**

The PFA Valentine's Disco is on Thursday, 13th February, from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. The event will be supervised by PFA volunteers and school staff.

Pupils should be picked up promptly at 5:00 pm. Please note that pick-up will be via the junior gate and through the back of the school and you will leave with your child through the front door. Thank you for your cooperation. Looking forward to a great fundraising event!



#### **Cake Sale - Friday 14/2/25**

A group of kind-hearted Year 4 girls are organising a cake sale to raise funds for St Giles Hospice. The sale will take place during the school day, and cakes will be available for £1 each.

If your child would like to buy a cake, please ensure they bring £1 on the day. We would be very grateful for any cake donations! If you are able to contribute, please drop them off at the **school office by Thursday, 13th February**. Thank you for your support!

#### **Term dates 2025-26**

The Board of Directors of the St. John Paul II MAC, our family of schools, has agreed on the 2025/26 term dates. These are in line with Birmingham City Council. Details can be found attached to this email.

#### **PFA Updates: Upcoming Meetings**

We've got two important PFA meetings coming up, and we'd love for you to get involved:

**1. Father's Day Event Planning** We're planning an exciting Father's Day event on Friday, 13th June, and we'd love for you to be part of it. Dads and male carers are invited to join the *Cap'n Nick Crew* for a planning meeting on **Friday, 28th February at 7:30 PM** at the **Bishop Vesey Pub** (upper floor). It's a great opportunity to share ideas, contribute to the event's success, and have some fun.

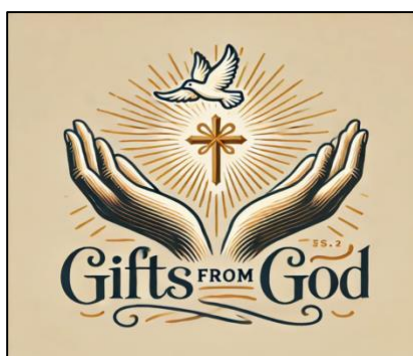
**2. PFA General Meeting** Our next *PFA General Meeting* will be on **Thursday, 6th March at 6:00 PM** in the school hall. We'll be discussing future events, fundraising initiatives, and key PFA matters. Everyone is welcome to join us—your ideas and input are always appreciated.

### Safer Internet Day - 11/2/25

This Tuesday (11th February) is UK Safer Internet Day. Online safety is embedded throughout all curriculum areas at St. Nicholas, including Computing, PSHE, RSHE, and English.

On Tuesday, all KS2 classes will take part in a live lesson focused on online safety, helping pupils develop the skills and awareness needed to navigate the digital world safely and responsibly.

On Monday, 24th February, a specialist company will be visiting the school to deliver assemblies and workshops on internet safety. Staff will also receive up-to-date online safety training after school on that day. Our commitment to keeping our children safe in this digital world is clear to see.



### Gifts from God assembly

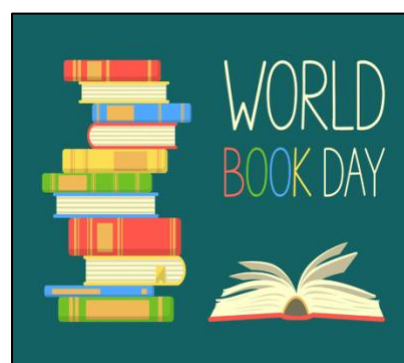
A reminder that our next *Gifts from God* assembly is on Friday, 14th February, at 2:45 pm. Parents will receive a ParentMail on 13/2 to inform them if their child is receiving a certificate from school.

If you wish to bring something in from outside of school to be presented in the assembly, please bring it to the school office by 9 am on 13/2. Kindly attach a post-it note or a slip of paper with your child's name and a brief overview of what the award is and how it was earned.

### World Book Day - Thursday 6th March

As part of our celebrations, we are inviting all children to take part in our 'Book in a box' competition. It's really simple to take part! All you need is a cereal or shoe box to get started and the aim is to design the inside of your box in the most creative way possible to display your favourite book! Your entries need to be submitted by Thursday 6th March. The Reading Ambassadors will decide on a winner and two runners up! These lucky children will receive a reading related prize. We can't wait to see all of your amazing ideas!

Please note that pupils are not being asked to dress up this year but can choose to enter this competition instead.



### Attendance

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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 3rd February
EYFS	99.66%
Year 1	93.33%
Year 2	99.67% <b>WINNERS!</b>
Year 3	95.81%
Year 4	94.84%

Year 5	99%
Year 6	94.1%
Well done to this week's winners...Year 2! You can negotiate your reward with Mrs Rehman next week.	

*As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting your child's education, we closely monitor school attendance. Regular attendance is essential for academic success, and we appreciate your partnership in ensuring your child attends school consistently.*

*Over the next week, if your child's attendance for the academic year to date is below 90%, you will receive a Stage 1 letter from Mr. Porter and Mrs. Noble-Barton. This letter will include details of your child's attendance, and you will be invited to discuss any concerns with a member of our senior team. Our goal is to work together to address any challenges and support your child in maintaining good attendance.*

*If you have any questions or require support, please do not hesitate to reach out.*

#### Dates for the diary

W/c 10th February	RSHE Week across the school
Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13th February	PFA Valentines Disco - 3.30pm to 5pm - children only
Friday 14th February	Cake sale run by Y4 girls for St Giles Hospice
Friday 14th February	'Gifts from God' assembly - 2.45pm
Friday 14th February	Pre-loved uniform sale outside school after assembly
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
Monday 24th February	Internet safety assemblies and workshops for all classes Online safety staff training after school
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	World Book Day

	Final day to submit entries for the 'Book in a box' competition
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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