



## St. Nicholas Catholic Primary School

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*Love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.*

Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 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 weeks we will be looking at the Lord's prayer in different languages... this week in Hindi:**

### Lord's prayer in Hindi

हे हमारे स्वर्गबासी पिता,  
तेरा नाम पवित्र माना जाए,  
तेरा राज्य आए,  
तेरी इच्छा जैसे स्वर्ग में पूरी होती है,  
वैसे ही पृथ्वी पर पूरी हो,  
हमारे रोज़ की रोटी आज हमें दे,  
और जैसे हम आपने रिणियों को क्षमा करते हैं तैसे हमारी रिणों को क्षमा कर,  
और हमें परीक्षा में मत डाल,  
परन्तु दुष्ट से बचा।

[क्योंकि राज्य और पराक्रम और महिमा सदा तेरे हैं। आमीन]

Amen.

### Gospel Virtues

This half term, the pupils of St Nicholas are working to show that they are ELOQUENT and TRUTHFUL. The following pupils have exhibited one or both of these virtues this week and have received a wristband: Charlie (Y6) & Luca (Y1).

### Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

### KS2 SATs

Next week is KS2 SATs week. This is the week where Year 6 pupils across the country will be sitting tests in English & Maths. We know that our Year 6 pupils are worth far more than a test score. All we ask is that they try their best. Please keep Year 6 pupils & staff in your prayers next week.

### Pyjama Day - well done

Huge thanks to everyone who supported pyjama day on Friday. Kitty & Cora in Year 5 instigated this and they have requested that the money raised goes into our school fund to help buy everyday essentials for school. The day raised £160.55. Thank you!



**Message for parents of current Year 5 - secondary school admissions**

Parents of pupils in the current Year 5 should be starting to think about their choices for secondary school admissions. The application period to Birmingham City Council Admissions will open at the beginning of September and close at the end of October. Secondary schools will hold their open days/evenings early in the Autumn Term; it is really important that you and your child look around any schools that you may be interested in. It is also important that you consider your home address and whether or not you have any faith claim when deciding on your choices. It is important to make realistic applications.

If you are interested in applying for your child to sit a grammar school entrance test, you will need to register on this website: [www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk](http://www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk)

The closing date for registration for grammar schools is 4pm on 28th June. The entrance test will take place on 14th September.

**\*\*Bead amnesty for the Summer Fayre - Wednesday 15th May\*\***

On **Wednesday 15th May** our PFA will hold a bead amnesty. They are looking for bags of beads, buttons etc which can be used for threading to make bracelets. If you have anything to donate please send it in with your child on Wednesday morning. Thank you.

**Wednesday 22nd May** will be a book amnesty where the PFA will be looking for good quality used books.

Any help you can give the PFA in this intense period of preparation for the Summer Fayre would be greatly appreciated. Remember to save the date of the Fabre in your diaries, **Saturday 13th July**.

**PFA Fathers' Day Present Sale**

Mark your calendars...our PFA volunteers will be running a sale of Fathers' Day gifts for children to purchase for their Dads & Grandpas. This will take place on Tuesday 11th June during school time. Pupils will need to bring some loose change if they want to participate. More details will be sent out closer to the time.

**PFA next meeting - flyer**

Please find attached to this email a flyer from our new PFA Chair, Matteo Belardi. Mr Belardi would like to invite you to attend the next PFA meeting on Tuesday 11th June at 6pm in the school hall.

**School Fund**



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.

We can't do it without you and we hugely appreciate all school fund donations! Thank you!

School fund payments can be made via Parent Mail.

There is also now an option to 'gift a school fund' if you are able to do so!

Many thanks to our wonderful PFA for supporting us with this!

**Advance notice for Summer Fayre - Young Voices choir**

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! A parent mail will be sent out closer to the time for consent.

### This week's attendance

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

Year group	% attendance for w/c 6.5.24
Reception	97.5%
Year 1	93.75%
Year 2	98.3%
Year 3	99.58% <b>Winners!</b>
Year 4	98.75%
Year 5	97.92%
Year 6	95.83%

Well done to this week's winners...Year 3! You can negotiate your reward with Mrs Rehman next week.

### Dates for the diary

15/5 to 16/5	KS2 SATs Week
17/5	St Nicholas football team in National Football Final
w/c 20/5	Year 6 swimming every day @ Wyndley
w/c 27/5	Half Term - school closed to children
w/c 3/6 & 10/6	Year 4 Multiplication Check administered
5/6/24	Year 6 Leavers' official photos
6/6/24	Year 1 trip to Warwick Castle
w/c 10/6	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check administered
12/6 to 14/6	Year 6 trip to Blackwell Manor
17/6/24	Year 3 trip to Cadbury World
4/7/24	INSET Day - school closed to children
19/7	2pm Y6 Leavers' Assembly
19/7	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 will be communicated separately. \*\*

### PFA events

Next PFA Meeting is 11th June at 6pm in school

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

# What is on offer in our local community?

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**I ♥ Pyjama Drama.**

This week we flew to the moon and last week I was a jungle explorer!

It's such fun pretending and playing with all my new Pyjama Drama friends.

I wonder who we'll be next week?

Drama develops a child's key skills such as communication, confidence, concentration and co-operation. And what's more, it's lots and lots of fun! Even babies as young as six months can benefit from drama and imaginative play.

For more info, or to book, contact  
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God bless,

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