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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### Exciting News: Jubilee Year Launch Day!



We had a truly wonderful time today celebrating our **Jubilee Launch Day!**

The day began with a special moment as we joined every school in the Archdiocese for a live-streamed event featuring scripture readings, reflections, and uplifting songs. It was an inspiring way to come together as a community of faith.

Following this, each class explored the theme of the Jubilee, 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Students

were introduced to 'Luce', our delightful Jubilee mascot (pictured left), who embodies the spirit of hope and light guiding us through this special year.

In the afternoon, creativity and teamwork were on full display.

Each class worked on their assigned section of the Jubilee logo,

which represents the unity and shared journey of our school. The day culminated in a touching moment when all the sections were joined together to form our **St Nicholas Jubilee logo**. This beautiful symbol will remain on display in the school hall until November, serving as a reminder of the hope and togetherness we celebrate.

Thank you to all the pupils, staff, and families who made this day so memorable.



### Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

### Important Information: 'Should My Child Attend School?'

We are sharing an important resource from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) titled 'Should My Child Attend School?'

Attached to this email, you'll find a helpful flyer that provides guidance on a range of common childhood illnesses. It includes the latest government advice on whether and when a child should attend school if they are unwell. We hope you find this information useful in supporting your child's health and well-being.

### Correction: Date for the Next 'Gifts from God' Assembly

Please note a correction to the date of our next 'Gifts from God' assembly.

This will now take place on **Friday, 14th February**, NOT Friday, 7th February.

### Young Voices Concert

Final rehearsals are well underway for the much-anticipated 'Young Voices' concert, which will take place on **Friday, 31st January**.

A huge thank you to **Miss Smith** for organising this event, and to **Mrs Shephard** and **Mrs Vale** for their invaluable support.

We're looking forward to a brilliant evening filled with music and joy!

### NSPCC Number Day - Friday 7th February

As part of our celebrations for Children's Mental Health Week, we are excited to take part in the NSPCC Number Day on Friday 7th February 2025. This event is not only a fun and creative way to engage with numbers, but it also supports a very important cause. On this day, pupils are invited to wear a number of their choice—whether it's a favourite number, a sporting number, or a creatively designed outfit featuring numbers! The more imaginative, the better! We also ask for a minimum £1 donation to NSPCC as part of this initiative. Additionally, we are aiming to fill a large 'Number 25' in the hall with coins, as we celebrate 25 years of NSPCC Number Day. We are kindly asking pupils to bring in as many coins or loose change as possible to help us reach our goal. We are excited to support this event and look forward to seeing all the creative outfits and contributions from the children. Thank you for your ongoing support of this fantastic cause.

### 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!

### 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 20th January
EYFS	97.97%
Year 1	93.67%
Year 2	98.33%
Year 3	98.71% <b>WINNERS!</b>
Year 4	97.1%

Year 5	98.67%
Year 6	92.67%
Well done to this week's winners...Y3! You can negotiate your reward with Mrs Minchin next week.	

### Dates for the diary

Tuesday 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
Friday 7th February	NSPCC Number Day - Dress up in a number related outfit
W/c 10th February	RSHE Week across the school
Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 14th February	'Gifts from God' assembly - 2.45pm
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	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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