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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

### Pilgrims of Hope - Jubilee Journey through Lent

As we journey through this Jubilee Year, our pupils have truly embodied the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." Their dedication and hard work in exploring sites of Catholic pilgrimage have been inspiring. We invite you to take a moment during Parents' Evening to admire their incredible displays on the hall boards.



This week, KS2 led us in moving Passion Play performances—more than just plays, they were profound liturgical experiences, drawing us into the emotional depth of Christ's journey. These were truly prayerful encounters with our faith, and we are so proud of their reverence and commitment. A heartfelt thank you to all our pupils and staff for making this such a meaningful time in our school. Well done!

### Year 5 Residential Trip to Alton Castle

This week, our Year 5 class embarked on an exciting, busy, and successful residential trip to Alton Castle. Our pupils behaved brilliantly, demonstrating bravery, resilience, and excellent reflection skills throughout the experience. It was a truly memorable adventure, filled with challenges, teamwork, and personal growth. Well done to all our Year 5s for making it such a fantastic trip!

A huge thank you to Miss Smith for planning and risk-assessing the trip, and to Mrs. Burling-Finn, Mrs. Vale, and Mrs. Rehman for accompanying the children. Staff giving their time to provide pupils with amazing opportunities is what makes our community so special.



### Open for Lent - Holy Week Liturgies

Throughout Lent, our pupils have been enjoying the *Open for Lent* daily short video liturgies by Dan & Emily of One Life Music. As we will not be in school for Holy Week, Dan & Emily have kindly recorded four special liturgies for pupils to watch and reflect on at home.

We encourage families to watch these together and take a moment to pray as a family. The liturgies are short but powerful, offering a meaningful way to prepare for Easter.

Holy Week Liturgies:

Monday, 14th April: [https://youtu.be/6OC\\_GTMeT7U](https://youtu.be/6OC_GTMeT7U)

Tuesday, 15th April: <https://youtu.be/CG6U3hDZtr4>

Wednesday, 16th April: <https://youtu.be/4oC8aW9k3jY>

Maundy Thursday, 17th April: <https://youtu.be/N6fQocmFdel>

We hope these liturgies bring peace and reflection to your Holy Week.





### Father Hudson's Collection

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to the retiring collection after our KS2 Passion Play this week. Thanks to your kindness, we raised an incredible **£179.86** for Father Hudson's Caritas. Your generosity will make a real difference, and we truly appreciate your support. Speaking of Father Hudson's, our KS2 pupils will be creating care packages on Tuesday and Wednesday, which will be sent to Father Hudson's Caritas to distribute to those who are homeless or seeking refuge.

In another act of charity, our EYFS & KS1 classes will be taking part in various sponsored events to raise money for CAFOD—please see the separate ParentMail from Mrs. Noble-Barton for more details. You can give to EYFS & KS1 here: [EYFS, Y1 and Y2 are raising money for CAFOD - click here to sponsor their afternoon of charity fun!](#)



### Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

### Wave Goodbye and Say Hello!

This week, we say **goodbye and thank you** to **Mrs. Vlahakis**, who has been teaching our Year 3 class this half term. We are so grateful for her hard work and dedication, and we wish her all the best for the future.

At the same time, we are delighted to say **welcome back** to **Mrs. Bowen**, who returns from maternity leave on Wednesday! We know that Mrs. Bowen is excited to get to know Year 3—and we're sure the children will give her a warm and enthusiastic welcome.

### Stay and Pray - Year 3

In the final of our Lenten *Stay and Pray* sessions, Year 3 parents, grandparents, and carers are warmly invited to join us straight after drop-off on Friday, 11th April.

Please drop your child at the gate as usual and then come to the front door, as the session will take place in the hall. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with your child through prayer and reflection. We hope to see you there!

**Stay and Pray**



### Parents' Evenings

We're looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school for our forthcoming parent/teacher conversations on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th April. You should have made your appointment through Parentmail. Please contact the school office if you have any difficulties. Classrooms will be open for you to explore your child's learning environment, and their books will be available for you to browse. Your child will also leave a name card for you—please feel free to write them an encouraging message to find later!

Please note that meetings with teachers are strictly limited to 10 minutes to ensure everyone has an opportunity to speak.

As we do not have the facilities to supervise children during these meetings, we kindly ask that you make childcare arrangements in advance or use the Lighthouse Club if needed.

### **SVP Parish Tea - 12th April - all families welcome!**

The SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society) warmly invites all families to a **Parish Tea** on Saturday 12 April from 3:00 to 4:30 PM in the Newman Centre. There is no charge for this event, and there will be tea, coffee, and cakes for the adults, along with drinks, games, toys, and books for the children to enjoy.

All are welcome!



### **PFA News**

#### **Spring Lotto Winners**

Well done to our three Spring Lotto winners who were announced in Gifts from God assembly on Friday. The PFA will contact you about transfer of winnings! Thank you to Rose O'Connor for organising the raffle and to everyone who bought a ticket.

#### **PFA Summer Fair Date Change**

Please note that the date for our Summer Fair has changed. The event will now take place on Saturday 28th June from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

Make sure to put the final date in your diaries! We look forward to seeing you there for a fun afternoon.

#### **Join the Captain Nick Crew in the Great Midlands Fun Run - Help Us Raise £5,000 for St Nicholas School!**

Ten determined dads — the Captain Nick Crew — are running the Great Midlands Fun Run on 1 June 2025 to raise £5,000 for a new audio-visual system for St Nicholas School.

Everyone is welcome to join the run or support their fundraising efforts!

• Sign up: <https://royalsuttonfunrun.org>

• Donate: <https://bit.ly/nickcrewfun>

For more info, contact Matt Gannon or the PFA.



#### **Year 6 Vocations Week**

As part of our forthcoming Vocations Week in Year 6, we would like to invite you to share your career journey, experiences, and insights with our students. This is a wonderful opportunity to highlight how each of us is called to use our God-given gifts and talents in our work and daily lives as well as the diverse paths that lead us there. Please note that your child doesn't have to be in Y6 to take part. Vocations Week will be held from **Monday 23rd-Friday 27th June 2025**, and we are looking for volunteers who would be willing to speak about their careers, discuss the skills and education needed for their field, and answer any questions our students may have. If you are interested in participating, please get in touch with Miss Smith via [enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk).

#### **Gifts from God assemblies - future dates**

During Summer 1, our school will host 'Gifts from God' celebration assemblies on the following dates:

- 2/5/25
- 9/5/25
- 23/5/25

These assemblies are an opportunity for pupils to reflect on and celebrate the gifts and talents given to them by God.



### A Date for Your Diary - School Music Concert

We are excited to announce that our school music concert will take place on **Thursday 26th June at 4pm** in the school hall.

Pupils who receive peripatetic music lessons in school will be invited to perform and showcase what they've been learning. This also includes all of Year 4, who will be sharing their progress from their whole-class music tuition.

We really hope that all participating pupils will be able to attend. If, for any reason, your child is unable to join us, please email [enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk) to let us know.

Please note that you will not need to collect your child at 3:30pm on the day of the concert. Music teachers will supervise the children for a short rehearsal ahead of the performance.

We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate our pupils' musical achievements!

### Easter Holiday camps at Bishop Walsh School

Please see below the link to book an Easter Holiday camp at BWS. This is provided by Microsports, not St Nicholas.

<https://www.microsportsltd.co.uk/bishop-walsh>

### Attendance

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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 7th April
EYFS	98.64%
Year 1	96.55%
Year 2	96.67%
Year 3	95.48%
Year 4	97.1%
Year 5	97%
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>99%      Winners!</b>

Well done to this week's winners...Year 6! You can negotiate your reward with Miss Gamlen next week.

### Reminder: Remaining INSET Days

A reminder that we have three remaining INSET days this academic year:

- **Monday, 2nd June**
- **Friday, 4th July**
- **Monday, 21st July**

Thank you for your support in noting these important dates.

### Dates for the diary

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 28th April	First day of the Summer Term - all pupils back in school at 8.50am
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.

Thursday 26th June	Music Concert 4pm - school hall All of Y4 (guitar) and any pupil who has peripatetic music lessons in any instrument.
Saturday 28th June	PFA Summer Fair 1pm to 3pm
Wednesday 2nd July	Transition Day - Year 6 to their new secondary schools
Friday 4th July	INSET day - all MAC schools closed to pupils
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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