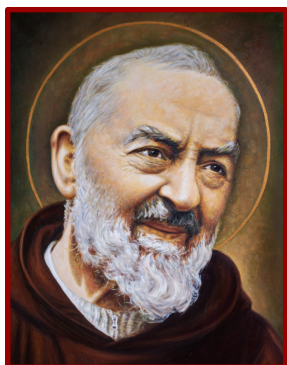




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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 25th September 2026



Reflection – Pray, Hope and Don't Worry: Learning from Padre Pio

This week, we celebrated the **Feast of Padre Pio**, a saint known for his deep faith, kindness and trust in God. Throughout his life, Padre Pio faced many challenges, yet he remained devoted to prayer and to serving others. His example reminds us that faith is lived out not only in extraordinary moments but also in the small acts of love, patience and care we show each day.

As families journey through the busyness and challenges of everyday life, Padre Pio's simple but powerful words continue to inspire people around the world:

"Pray, hope and don't worry."

These words encourage us to place our trust in God, especially when life feels uncertain or difficult. They remind us that through prayer, hope and faith, we can find strength and

peace, knowing that God is always with us.

May we all take a moment this week to reflect on the many blessings in our lives and ask for the grace to share kindness, compassion and love with those around us. Together, as a school and parish community, let us continue to support one another and grow in faith.

Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

Do you know a child starting school in September 2027?

If so, please encourage them to come along to one of our Prospective Parents' Sessions to hear about the admissions process and tour the school. There is a flyer attached to this email containing dates and other information.



PFA New Starters' Disco

On Friday night, we enjoyed a wonderful New Starters' Disco. It was fantastic to see so many children and families enjoying the event and making new friends.

A huge thank you to Mrs Condron and Mrs McGarvie for organising and running their first event as PFA Chairs. We are incredibly grateful for all their hard work and enthusiasm. Thank you also to the PFA volunteers who worked tirelessly throughout the evening, painting faces and helping to create so much fun for the children.

Finally, a special thank you to the school staff who gave up their Friday evening to supervise and support the event, ensuring it was a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.

Whilst we appreciate that sold-out events can be frustrating, please remember that attendance limits are determined by the school's risk assessments and safety requirements, not by the PFA. Our priority must always be to ensure that events can be run safely and that the building can be evacuated quickly and effectively if required.



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We would also ask for kindness towards our PFA team. These events are organised entirely by volunteers who generously give their time for the benefit of our children and families, often balancing this alongside work and family life. Their efforts help create memorable experiences for our school community, and we are enormously thankful for their commitment and support.

PFA Dates for your diary!

🎄 **Christmas Wreath-Making Workshop Saturday 28th November, 4pm to 6pm** Get into the festive spirit and create a beautiful Christmas wreath to take home.

🍷 **Christmas Fayre Saturday 5th December, 2pm to 4pm** Join us for an afternoon of festive fun, games and seasonal treats. Further information, including ticket details, will be shared via class WhatsApp groups and future school newsletters.

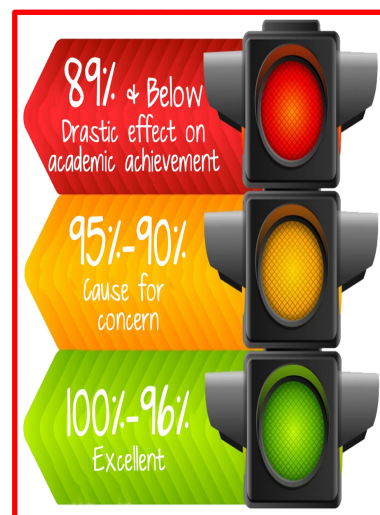
Gifts from God Assemblies

Our remaining *Gifts from God* assemblies for the Autumn Term will take place on **Friday 2nd October 2026**, and **Friday 16th October 2026**. If your child is receiving a certificate from school, you will receive an MCAS message from Mrs Noble-Barton on the Wednesday before the assembly. If you are sending in a medal, trophy or certificate from outside of school that your child would like to have presented, please bring it to the school office by Thursday morning at the latest, ensuring it is in a clearly named bag or container. All Gifts from God assemblies begin at 2.45pm. Due to space restrictions, we kindly ask that families only attend if their child is receiving an award. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Attendance

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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 21/9/26
EYFS	99%
Year 1	98.33%
Year 2	100% WINNERS!
Year 3	98.28%
Year 4	93.33%
Year 5	96.33%
Year 6	98.28
Well done to this week's winners...Year 2! You can negotiate a reward with Mrs Burling-Finn next week.	



Dates for the diary



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Please continue to check this section frequently as it is subject to change.

New academic year - 2026/27

Monday 28th September THIS WEEK	9am - Year 4 Curriculum Workshop in school hall - all parents invited (can you send a grandparent or other relative if you're not available? A great chance to work with your child and experience the teaching techniques used in class.)
Friday 2nd October THIS WEEK	9am - Year 5 Curriculum Workshop in school hall - all parents invited (can you send a grandparent or other relative if you're not available? A great chance to work with your child and experience the teaching techniques used in class.)
Friday 2nd October	2.45pm Gifts from God assembly - you will get an email on Wednesday 16/9 if your child is receiving a school certificate.
W/c 5th October & W/c 12th October	Harvest Collection across the school - please be generous as we will be supporting a local foodbank!
Tuesday 6th October	Year 6 class trip to Oscott College for 'Laudato Sii - Care for Creation Workshop' - walking there & back, packed lunch needed, consent form will be sent closer to time.
Wednesday 7th October	9am - Year 2 Curriculum Workshop in school hall - all parents invited (can you send a grandparent or other relative if you're not available? A great chance to work with your child and experience the teaching techniques used in class.)
Monday 12th October	9am - Year 3 Curriculum Workshop in school hall - all parents invited (can you send a grandparent or other relative if you're not available? A great chance to work with your child and experience the teaching techniques used in class.)
Thursday 15th October	9am - EYFS Curriculum Workshop in school hall - all parents invited (can you send a grandparent or other relative if you're not available? A great chance to work with your child and experience the teaching techniques used in class.)
Friday 16th October	2.45pm Gifts from God assembly - you will get an email on Wednesday 16/9 if your child is receiving a school certificate.
Monday 19th October	2.15pm Whole school Harvest Mass in church - parents & grandparents welcome





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Tuesday 20th October PHOTO DAY	Families, siblings and individual photographs - all pupils having their photo taken, sibling groups in school taken, those with pre-school children or children who don't attend St Nicholas will be invited to come in at 8.30am if they want a photograph. All photos available to purchase afterwards.
Wednesday 21st October	Parents' Evening in school hall (bookings will open closer to the time).
Thursday 22nd October	Parents' Evening in school hall (bookings will open closer to the time).
Friday 23rd October	INSET day - school closed to children. End of Autumn 1. Break up for half term.
October half term - school closed to children during w/c 26/10/26	
Monday 2nd November	School reopens at 8.50am - Autumn Term 2
Monday 2nd November	11am Prospective Parents' Sessions for EYFS 2027
Wednesday 4th November	2pm Prospective Parents' Sessions for EYFS 2027
Friday 6th November	9.15am Prospective Parents' Sessions for EYFS 2027
Tuesday 10th November	Flu Vaccinations - consent will be sent out beforehand and only where consent has been provided will pupils be vaccinated.
Friday 13th November PHOTO DAY	Class Photographs
Saturday 28th November	4pm-6pm PFA Christmas Wreath making workshop - school hall <i>We apologise, but there will be no parking available on the school site for this event.</i>
Thursday 3rd December	4pm Centrestage Recital - in the school hall
Saturday 5th December	2pm to 4pm PFA Christmas Fair - school hall





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Tuesday 15th December	EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity Play in the school hall @ 9.15am - ticket information TBC
Wednesday 16th December	EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity Play in the school hall @ 9.15am - ticket information TBC

INSET Days 2026/27

The remaining scheduled INSET Days for the 2026/27 academic year are:

Friday 23rd October 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Monday 22nd February 2027

Monday 12th April 2027

Friday 2nd July 2027

St John Paul II Multi Academy Schools – Term Dates 2026/27

Our MAC term dates follow **Birmingham City Council (BCC)** dates.

Autumn Term 2026

- Term starts: Tuesday 1 September 2026
- Half-term: Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October 2026
- Term ends: Friday 18 December 2026

Spring Term 2027

- Term starts: Monday 4 January 2027
- Half-term: Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February 2027
- Term ends: Thursday 25 March 2027

Summer Term 2027

- Term starts: Monday 12 April 2027
- Half-term: Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2027
- Term ends: Wednesday 21 July 2027

Mr Porter

Mrs Noble-Barton

Miss Smith

Executive Principal

Head of School

Assistant Head

