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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 17th April 2026

Reflection: Focus Prayers for Eastertide

As we journey through the joyful season of Easter, we are reminded that Easter is not just one day, but a special season in the Church that lasts **seven weeks** until we celebrate **Pentecost**. During this time, we will be helping pupils to nurture and grow their prayer life by learning, exploring, and connecting with some key prayers of the Catholic Church.

- EYFS/KS1 will be focusing on the prayer “**Glory Be**”
- KS2 will be learning and reflecting on “**Come, Holy Spirit**”

We encourage you to include these prayers in your family prayer time at home, helping children to deepen their relationship with God as we prepare our hearts for Pentecost.

Please feel free to share any photos of family prayer time or reflections on these prayers with us via **enquiry@**.

May God bless you and your families during this Easter season.

<u>Come, Holy Spirit (KS2)</u>	<u>Glory Be (EYFS/KS1)</u>
<p>Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. Amen.</p> 	<p>Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.</p> 

Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

First Sacraments - Please Keep Our Pupils in Your Prayers

As we move into this very special part of the year, we ask our school community to keep our Year 3 and Year 6 classes in your prayers as they enter their final preparations for the sacraments.

Year 3 are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, and Father Allen has been in school this week working closely with the children as they complete their final steps towards the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Year 6 are also preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, a milestone in their journey of faith. Please keep all of our pupils, their families, and their catechists in your prayers during this important time.



Year 3 - Going Forth Celebration: Save the Date

Please hold the date of Friday 26th June for our Year 3 Going Forth Celebration. This celebration is for all First Holy Communicants, regardless of where they received the sacrament.


Children will be invited to come to school wearing their First Holy Communion clothes, and Tempest Photographers have been booked for the morning. Final timings will be shared shortly.

Parents/grandparents are warmly encouraged to join us for Mass in St Nicholas Church at 9.15am, as we celebrate this special moment of Mission after Holy Communion.

Lighthouse Preschool - PLACES AVAILABLE

Lighthouse Preschool, run by Mrs Carole Baird, offers a high-quality, nurturing early years provision for 3 and 4 year olds, helping children grow in confidence and prepare for school life.

Parents are welcome to get in touch for an informal chat or visit:

 **07590 411118**

 Lighthousechildcare2023@outlook.com

Resignation of Matteo Belardi as Chair of St Nicholas PFA

Attached to this email is a letter from Matteo Belardi, our PFA Chair, sharing his decision to step down as chair at the end of this school year.

The school wishes to thank Matteo publicly for all that he has done over the past two years. His leadership, organisation and commitment have strengthened our community and helped the PFA achieve so much for our children.

Please take a moment to read his message and give some thought to whether you might be able to lead our PFA, either on your own or alongside another parent. It's a wonderful opportunity to build on the success Matteo and the team have created. The PFA's financial contribution is essential in helping us provide the high-quality resources, events and enhancements that our children benefit from throughout the year.



Smartphone Free Childhood Movement

A reminder that we shared an important message on Friday 17th April via MCAS about our community's work (spearheaded by a group of parents) with *Smartphone Free Childhood*. The notice included a link to a short anonymous parent survey to help us understand views across our school community which can be found here: <https://forms.gle/H1p7auQJni2vZBbn9>



We would be very grateful if you could take a moment to fill this in. Your feedback will help shape how we continue to support families and keep children safe.

Thank you for taking part and for supporting this whole-community conversation.

Summer Term school uniform guidance - socks

Girls

If your child is wearing the blue and white checked summer dress or playsuit, they may wear plain white socks (or can stick with grey).

If they are wearing the standard uniform, they must wear plain grey socks or tights. All socks must be plain - no sports stripes, patterns, lines, motifs or logos.

Boys

Boys should continue to wear plain grey socks with both the standard uniform and the summer uniform option (grey shorts). All socks must be plain, with no sports stripes, patterns, lines, motifs or logos.



Thank you for helping us keep our uniform smart and consistent for the warmer weather.



Gifts from God Assemblies These assemblies are a special time to celebrate our pupils' gifts and achievements.

Remaining Gifts from God assemblies for Summer 1 will be on: **Friday 1st May and Friday 15th May.**

Attendance

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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 13/4/26
EYFS	99.58% Winners!
Year 1	95%
Year 2	97.92%
Year 3	96.25%
Year 4	95.42%
Year 5	97.5%
Year 6	99.17%
Well done to this week's winners...EYFS! You can choose a reward with Mrs Bowen next week!	

Dates for the diary

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

March 3rd - April 28th	St Nicholas Parish Sacrament of Reconciliation
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Week commencing 20/4/26	<p>Year 6 swimming each afternoon - <i>Children will need to bring the following kit in a separate bag every day:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Girls: one-piece swimsuit</i> • <i>Boys: swimming trunks or shorts (not long board shorts)</i> • <i>A towel</i> <p><i>If your child wishes to bring swimming caps or goggles, they must be able to put these on independently.</i> <i>A reminder that all jewellery and watches should be left at home for safety.</i></p>
Thursday 30th April	Year 2 trip to Sea Life Centre
Friday 1st May	Pyjama Day - £1 to Cancer Research UK
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday - school closed
Weekends of: 9th/10th May 16th/17th May 23rd/24th May	St Nicholas Parish First Holy Communion Masses
W/c 11th May 2026	KS2 SATs Week (Y6)
Thursday 14th May	2.15pm Whole School Mass - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord - in church
Friday 15th May	Year 4 trip to Ironbridge 'Enginuity' Museum
Friday 15th May	Academy Photography to shoot Y6 leavers' photos
Thursday 21st May 2026	Year 3 to visit Blists Hill Victorian Town
Friday 22nd May 2026	Sacrament of Confirmation Mass @ 7pm in church
MAY HALF TERM Week commencing 25th May 2026 School closed to children	
Monday 1st June 2026	TT Rockstars Day - Y4 only
Friday 5th June 2026	Year 1 trip to Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Monday 8th June 2026	Phonics Day - Y1 only
Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th June	Y6 to Blackwell Adventure

Friday 26th June	Year 3's 'Going Forth' Celebration 8.30am - Photographs 9.15am - Mass in church
Friday 3rd July 2026	INSET Day - school closed to children
Friday 10th July 2026	***Sports' Day*** first choice date
Wednesday 15th July 2026	***Sports' Day*** back up date in case of rain on 10/7.
Friday 17th July 2026	2pm - Leavers' Assembly

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

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

INSET days will be published separately before the start of the 2026/27 school year.

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

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Miss Smith

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