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Dear Parents & Carers,

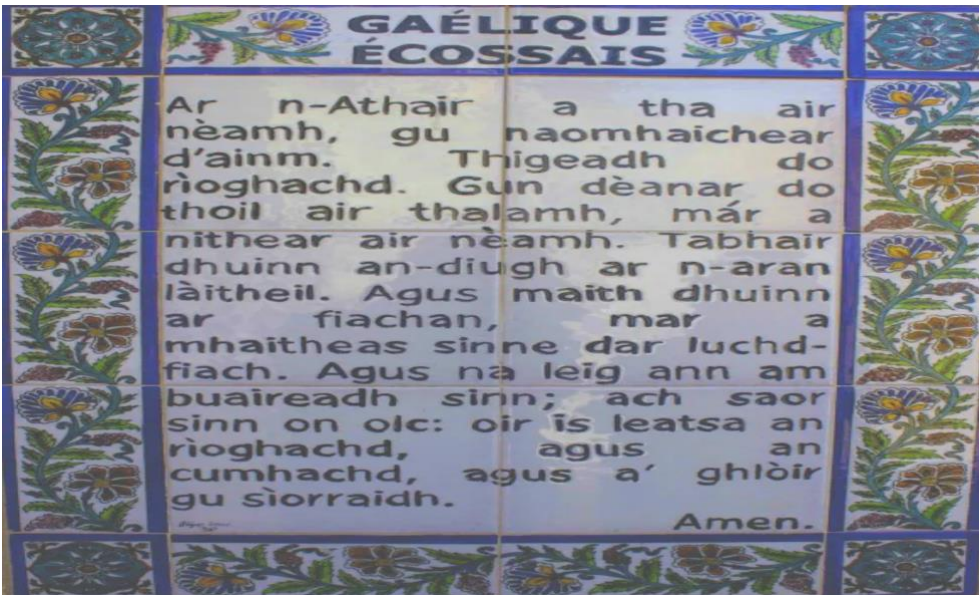
Friday 18th October 2024

### 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?**

*We continue to look at the Lord's prayer in different languages... this week in Gaelic:*



### Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

### Harvest Appeal

During our 'Gifts from God' assembly yesterday our Mini Vinnies launched the annual Harvest Appeal. This year we are collecting for Bethany Foodbank who do brilliant work locally. Attached to this email is a poster advertising what we need. Please be as generous as possible. **The collection period runs from Monday to Thursday next week** please send goods into the classroom with your child.

### Twitter

School staff put lots of effort into posting photos on Twitter of the exciting events happening in school. If you would like to follow us, please put in a follower request to @StNicholasCP

If your Twitter handle doesn't immediately identify you, please drop a quick email to enquiry@ to let us know that it's you.

If you already follow us, please could you tap the heart button on any posts you have enjoyed? Getting a 'like' really makes our day and shows us that you are engaging with our posts. Thank you.

### Do you know a family with a child who starts school (Reception class) in September 2025?

If so, please encourage them to attend one of our Prospective Parents Sessions. During these sessions, parents will have a short presentation on the admissions process followed by a tour of the school. Sessions are as follows:

Monday 11th November 2024 at 9.15am

Tuesday 12th November 2024 at 1.45pm

Wednesday 13th November 2024 at 11am

Thursday 14th November 2024 at 2.30pm

### Stay and Pray - 9am **\*\*Dates for your diary\*\***

Over the course of the Autumn Term, each class will hold a 'Stay and Pray' session. During these sessions, parents, carers & grandparents are encouraged to drop their children at school and then make their way into the classroom for a short prayer session with their child/grandchild.

Each session will start at 9am and run for approximately 20 minutes. This is a wonderful opportunity to join in prayer with your child and their class. Everyone is invited, regardless of faith. Dates are below:

Friday 8/11: Year 3

Friday 15/11: Year 4

Friday 22/11: EYFS

Friday 29/11: Year 1

Friday 6/12: Year 6

Friday 13/12: Year 5

### Curriculum Workshops

So far this term we have hosted several successful Parent & Child Workshops. These events are wonderful opportunities for parents & carers to experience the curriculum and work with their child. Below are the dates of the remaining workshops, all are a 9am start and last for around 90 minutes:

Tuesday 5th November - EYFS

Tuesday 19th November - Year 2

Tuesday 26th November - Year 3

### New Starters' Disco - thank you

The New Starters' Disco on Friday 11/10 has made an incredible £1400 for our PFA. Huge thanks to Mrs Simpson and Mrs Davies who arranged the event and to the wider PFA for their continued support. Thank you for attending.

### Parking - a very difficult situation

As a school, we are in a very precarious situation when it comes to parking. It is important that you are aware that St Nicholas Catholic Primary School **does not have a car park of its own**. We do not control any of the land past the front curb of the school - this is all Parish land. Motorists who receive parking fines from the cameras in the parish car park are finding that it is increasingly difficult to get them reversed. School staff have received fines as have people coming to visit or work in our school.

We have now received an email from the Sutton Park Hotel Pub stating that they are irritated by the number of parents parking in their car park and that they will refuse to cancel car parking fines incurred in the pub car park unless the motorist can provide proof of purchase within the establishment.

On top of this, we have had a very irate altercation with a resident of Wakefield Close who took issue to the use of the back gates when the playground was opened up as a car park for the New Starters' Disco.

This all adds up to a very difficult car parking situation.

It is important that everyone is safe. So please avoid the parish car park from 8.40am to 9.10am and then from 3.20pm to 3.40pm. Please try to leave yourself enough time in the mornings to find a suitable space in the surrounding roads. We will continue to try to work with our neighbours, including the parish, to alleviate the situation in any way possible.

### **Family, individual and sibling photographs - Tuesday 22nd October**

Academy Photography will visit school on Tuesday 22/10 to take photographs of each child, sibling groups and any desired family groups. ***If you have children who don't attend St Nicholas and you would like a family/sibling photo, please arrive at the school hall at 8.30am.*** Siblings who all attend St Nicholas do not need to arrive early; they will be photographed during the school day. All pupils will also have an individual photo.

***All pupils should wear full school uniform (including jumper or cardigan) on this day and not PE kit.***

Proofs will be sent to you shortly and you will have a deadline date to order directly from Academy Photography.

### **Cookery Letter - KS2**

Please find attached a letter from Nikki Talbot, owner of 'Pudding and Pie'. Nikki offers really good quality cookery lessons which take place during lunchtimes at school. Nikki is opening up her club to any child in KS2 during Autumn 2. Please contact her directly if you wish to book.

### **Centrestage Recital - Thursday 14th November at 4pm**

A date for your diary if your child has Centrestage lessons in school. There will be a concert on 14/11/24 at 4pm in school for you to see what your child has been learning during their speech and drama lessons.

### **HALF TERM CAMPS at Bishop Walsh School**

#### **Bishop Walsh Football Camp**

Dates: Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

Times: 9:30am - 11:30am (morning) 12pm - 2pm (afternoon) Wraparounds available in the morning and afternoons.

Ages: 4 - 12

Fee: From £9

<https://www.microsportsltd.co.uk/bishop-walsh/p/football-octoberhalfterm2024>

#### **Bishop Walsh Tennis Camp**

Dates: Tuesday 29th - Thursday 31st October

Times: 9:30am - 11:30am (morning) 12pm - 2pm (afternoon) Wraparounds available in the morning and afternoons.

Ages: 4 - 12

Fee: From £9

<https://www.microsportsltd.co.uk/bishop-walsh/p/tennis-octoberhalfterm2024>

Any questions about the above please email [Staff@micro-sports.co.uk](mailto:Staff@micro-sports.co.uk) or [Charlotte@micro-sports.co.uk](mailto:Charlotte@micro-sports.co.uk)

### **Starting Secondary School - September 2025 - a message from Admissions**

Applications are now open for current Year 6 children to apply to transfer to secondary school in September 2025. Parents/carers can apply up to **11.59 pm on 31 October 2024**.

Applications received after the closing date are treated as 'late applications' and less likely to be offered one of their preferred schools.

Information to support parent/carers can be found on the council website:

[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school\\_admissions/1778/secondary\\_school\\_year\\_7\\_admissions/1](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1778/secondary_school_year_7_admissions/1)

We recommend that parents/carers use all of their six preferences to maximise their chances of getting a place at one of the schools that they prefer.

If you live in Birmingham, please submit your child's application before the final closing date of **31 October 2024** via the following link <https://eadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/prefs.php>

If you live outside of Birmingham, please contact the local authority which you pay your Council Tax to regarding how to apply for your child's secondary school place.

## PFA News

### Do you shop at Asda either in store or online? PLEASE SIGN UP

We're pleased to announce that St Nicholas School PFA has joined the ASDA Cash programme, so families can now earn money for the school while doing their shopping - <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

### Captain Nick Crew: Fri 8th Nov, 7.30pm

More details to follow...join us for our next Captain Nick adventure with Dads, grandpas and all other male figures in children's lives.

### Advent Fayre: Sat 30th Nov, 12pm-3pm - message from the organising committee

The St Nicholas Advent Fayre is just around the corner! This is our official school event and we can't wait to welcome you all for a day filled with festive fun and activities, including craft stalls and creative activities for the whole family, festive games, raffles, and prizes to be won!

### Save the Dates!

Crazy Hair Day in exchange for £1 donation: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Non-Uniform Day in exchange for a chocolate donation: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Let's get ready to make some merry memories together! See you all there!

### Christmas After School Disco: Tues 17th Dec, 3:30-5pm (children only)

### Dates for the diary

Tuesday 22nd October	Photographs: Individuals, families & siblings
Tuesday 22nd October and Wednesday 23rd October	Parents' Evenings
Wednesday 23rd October	Whole School Harvest Mass at 2.15pm in church. Parents and carers are welcome.
Thursday 24th October	Year 4 trip to Selly Manor - Tudors workshop
Friday 25th October	School closed to pupils - INSET day
<b>W/c 28th October - HALF TERM - school closed</b>	
Monday 4th November	School closed to pupils - INSET day
Tuesday 5th November	Pupils return for the second half of the Autumn Term
Tuesday 5th November	9am-10.30am EYFS parent & child curriculum workshop in the school hall & classroom
Friday 8th November	Year 3 Stay and Pray at 9am - ALL INVITED

Friday 8th November	Crazy Hair Day in return for £1 donations towards the PFA Advent Fair
Tuesday 12th November 2024	Year 5 - Alton Castle information meeting via Zoom
Thursday 14th November	Centrestage Recital at 4pm
Friday 15th November	Year 4 Stay and Pray at 9am - ALL INVITED
Monday 18th November	Year 6 - Blackwell information meeting via Zoom
Tuesday 19th November	9am-10.30am Year 2 parent & child curriculum workshop in the school hall
Wednesday 20th-Friday 22nd November	Year 5 Bikeability
Friday 22nd November	Non-uniform day in return for chocolate donations for the PFA Advent Fair
Friday 22nd November	EYFS Stay and Pray at 9am - ALL INVITED
Tuesday 26th November	9am-10.30am Year 3 parent & child curriculum workshop in the school hall
Friday 29th November	Year 1 Stay and Pray at 9am - ALL INVITED
Saturday 30th November	12pm-3pm PFA Advent Fair
Friday 6th December	Year 6 Stay and Pray at 9am - ALL INVITED
Friday 6th December	Whole School Mass for Feast of St Nicholas - 9.15am in church
Wednesday 11th December	EYFS & KS1 trip to Midlands Art Centre to see Little Angel Theatre: Finding Santa
Thursday 12th December	KS2 trip to Lichfield Garrick to see Jack and the Beanstalk
Friday 13th December	Year 5 Stay and Pray at 9am - ALL INVITED
Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th December	9.15am - EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play performance - tickets only
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Jumper Day PFA Christmas Disco 3.30pm to 5pm
Friday 20th December	Last day of the Autumn Term - pupils break up for Christmas
Monday 6th January	First day of the Spring Term - all pupils back in school at 8.50am
Friday 31st January 2025	Young Voices concert at Resorts World, Birmingham

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