



**Together with Christ we
love, live & learn.**

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 29th May 2026

Reflection: As May Draws to a Close

As we come to the end of May, we pause to notice just how much grace has been woven through our school community in these past weeks. *We have honoured Mary, our Mother, with prayers and flowers; we have celebrated the fire and joy of Pentecost; our Year 6 pupils have been strengthened by the Holy Spirit in Confirmation; and our Year 3 children have gathered around the table of the Lord for their First Holy Communion.*

Now we step quietly into Ordinary Time, a season that is anything but ordinary. It is the time when the lessons, blessings, and encounters of these past weeks settle into our hearts and begin to shape the way we live each day.



We carry Mary's gentleness into the way we speak to one another.

We carry Pentecost's courage into the choices we make.

We carry the joy of the sacraments into our friendships, our learning, and our care for others.



In this next part of the year, may we walk forward with steady hearts, trusting that God is at work not only in the big celebrations, but in the small, faithful moments of each ordinary day.

Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

Message from Father Allen - ACTION NEEDED IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY!

First Communions and Confirmation 2026-27 - CURRENT YEAR 2 AND YEAR 5

Parents of children currently in Year 2 and Year 5 who would like them to prepare for First Holy Communion, First Confession, or Confirmation in St Nicholas Parish during the 2026-27 programme are invited to contact Fr Allen to arrange an initial meeting.



Short 15-minute parent meetings will take place in the Benedict Room on Saturdays and Sundays throughout June. Please email stnicholas.boldmere@rcaob.org.uk as soon as possible to receive the available dates and times.

- Children preparing for First Holy Communion must be in Year 3 or older. Please note that, beginning this year, preparation for First Confession will start in Year 2 during the summer term.
- Children preparing for Confirmation must be in Year 6 or older.
- Children aged 6 or above who are not yet baptised can also be prepared for Baptism and the other sacraments through the parish programme.

The programme is open to all children—whether they attend a Catholic school, another school, or are home-schooled. Preparation will be adapted to meet each child's needs.

Enrolment for the 2026-27 programme will take place at all Sunday Masses on 11/12 July.

Supporting Successful Learning Together

At the start of this new half term, it's important to remind ourselves of our St Nicholas Expectations for Learning. *These shared expectations help all pupils, whatever their age or ability, create a calm, focused atmosphere where everyone can learn.*

Pupils with SEND are also expected to follow the St Nicholas Expectations for Learning and they are supported and scaffolded appropriately to help them meet these expectations in a way that meets their individual needs.

We appreciate your support as we work together to help our pupils thrive.

Please support us by ensuring your child does not bring toys, keyrings or any other items from home that may cause a distraction in school.

Please also help by encouraging positive routines such as arriving on time, being ready to learn, and talking positively about school at home.

Thank you for everything you do to support your child's learning.



Assessment Information and End-of-Year Reports

As we move into the final part of the school year, we want to ensure all families are fully informed about the statutory and internal assessments taking place across the school.

Statutory Assessments (required by the Department for Education):

- **KS2 SATs** for Year 6 have now been completed and sent away for external marking.
- **Phonics Screening Check** for Year 1 will take place during the week commencing **1st June**. Any Year 2 pupils who need to retake the check will also complete it at this time.
- **Multiplication Tables Check** for Year 4 will take place across the weeks commencing **1st June** and **8th June**.

Internal Assessments:

- Pupils in **Years 1-5** will complete a set of internally marked assessments during the week commencing **8th June**. These help teachers understand pupils' progress and identify next steps for learning.

All assessment information, statutory and internal, will be used to inform your child's end-of-year report. This year, our reports have been streamlined so teachers can provide more targeted, personalised comments about your child's achievements and areas for development.

If your child has completed a statutory assessment, their report will include an additional sheet outlining their results. This will allow you to benchmark both your child's performance and St Nicholas' outcomes against national data.

We aim to send all reports home by Friday 10th July, giving you time to contact your child's class teacher if you would like to discuss anything in more detail.

As always, if you wish to talk about your child's academic progress at any time, their class teacher should be your first point of contact. You can reach them via the school office.

Thank you for your continued support, and for engaging with the Curriculum Newsletter to help challenge and encourage your child at home. We know family life is busy, and we truly appreciate anything you are able to do. Every bit of support makes a meaningful difference to your child's progress.



*****PFA Summer Fair*** - Saturday 11//7/26 - 1pm to 3pm**

Huge thanks to Mrs Belardi who has taken over the running of this year's Summer Fair and to her committee of volunteers who met this week. Please see below a message from them:

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to announce that our Summer Fair is returning on Saturday 11th July from 1:00pm-3:00pm – make sure to save the date in your calendars!

There will be plenty of fun activities, games, and stalls for everyone to enjoy.

Tickets will be going live in the coming weeks, so keep an eye out for further information.

To help support our Summer Fair planning, we will also be holding:

- *Non-uniform day - Thursday 4th June*
- *Crazy Socks Day - Thursday 18th June*

Children are invited to take part in exchange for a £1 donation for each activity, with all contributions going towards the Summer Fair.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to celebrating with you all!

Kind regards,

The PFA Summer Fair Team

Staying Safe Around Water This Summer

With the warmer weather arriving, many of us will be spending more time near rivers, lakes, canals and the coast. This week, we've all heard heart-breaking reports of young people getting into difficulty in open water. As a school community, we want to help our children enjoy the outdoors safely and confidently.

The RNLI has just launched its 2026 "Float to Live" campaign, which teaches a simple, life-saving message: if you fall into water unexpectedly, tilt your head back, spread your arms and legs, and float until you can catch your breath. It's a calm, practical technique that every child and adult can learn.

You can find the RNLI's short videos and guidance here: [RNLI launches its Float to Live campaign for 2026 | RNLI](#)

As we move into the summer months, let's keep talking to our children about staying safe, making sensible choices, and looking out for one another.



Would you like to share your expertise with our pupils?

Pupils will be celebrating Money Week during the week commencing 15th June 2026. They will have the opportunity to explore finances, budgeting and savings through a range of exploratory, age-appropriate activities. If you have a job in finance, investments or budgeting and would like to share your expertise with our children, we would love to welcome you into school. If you are willing and able, please contact Miss Smith via enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk. Parents we have had in previous years have really brought pupils' learning to life so we would be hugely grateful for any volunteers!

Music Concert - Friday 18th June

If your child plays a musical instrument through school, including all Year 4 pupils who learn guitar, *they are invited to take part in our School Music Concert on Thursday 18th June at 4.15pm.*

Parents, carers and grandparents are warmly invited to attend and celebrate the children's hard work and musical progress.

If your child plays an instrument but cannot attend or does not wish to take part, please let us know by emailing

enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk by Friday 5th June. Thank you.



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



PFA Fathers' Day Event - Friday 12th June 2026

[Follow this link to book your tickets!](#)

Please see the event poster to the left for full details about the PFA Father's Day celebration taking place on 12th June in Sutton Park. We hope many of you can join in this lovely community event.

Gifts from God Assembly Dates

There will be three Gifts from God assemblies during Summer 2. These will be on the following dates:

Friday 5th June, Friday 19th June & 2nd July (THURSDAY due to INSET on Friday).

There will be an assembly at 2pm on Friday 17th July. This will be our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, and on this occasion only Year 6 pupils and their siblings will receive certificates or awards.

Attendance

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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 18/5/26
EYFS	98.67% Winners!
Year 1	93.29%
Year 2	92.67%
Year 3	93%
Year 4	93.33%
Year 5	95.33%
Year 6	94%
Well done to this week's winners...EYFS! Your attendance has stayed high despite a slight slip across the rest of the school. 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.

MAY HALF TERM Week commencing 25th May 2026 School closed to children	
Monday 1st June 2026	TT Rockstars Day - Y4 only
W/c 1st June and 8th June	**Statutory Assessment** Administration of the Y4 Multiplication Tables Check to all of Y4.
Tuesday 2nd June 2026	Year 4 cinema trip
Tuesday 2nd June 2026	Year 5/6 cricket competition at BVGS - PM (emails sent to those taking part)
Thursday 4th June 2026	Non-uniform day - £1 towards Summer Fair setup please
Thursday 4th June 2026	Year 6 cinema trip
Friday 5th June 2026	Year 1 trip to Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Friday 5th June 2026	Gifts from God assembly at 2.45pm
Monday 8th June 2026	Phonics Day - Y1 only
W/c 8th June 2026	**Statutory Assessment** Administration of the Y1 Phonics Screening Check to Y1 (and some Y2 retakes).
W/c 8th June 2026	Internal assessment week for Years 1-5
Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th June	Y6 residential trip to Blackwell Adventure
Friday 12th June	Y3 rescheduled trip to Blists Hill
Friday 12th June	PFA Fathers' Day Celebration - Sutton Park, 5.30pm to 7.30pm https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stnickspfa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=117952#
W/c 15th June	Money Week
Thursday 18th June	Odd/silly socks day - £1 towards Summer Fair setup please
Friday 19th June	EYFS trip to Lower Drayton Farm
Friday 19th June	Gifts from God assembly at 2.45pm
Tuesday 23rd June	NHS team visiting to give EYFS vision tests (please email enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk if you wish to opt out your child)
Friday 26th June	Year 3's 'Going Forth' Celebration 8.30am - Photographs 9.15am - Mass in church
Wednesday 1st July	Transition Day for Y6 (up to new schools) Transition morning for the rest of school (new classes)
Thursday 2nd July	Gifts from God assembly at 2.45pm (due to INSET tomorrow)
Friday 3rd July 2026	INSET Day - school closed to children

Monday 6th July	11am Teddy Bears' Picnic for new starters (EYFS Sept 2026)
Friday 10th July 2026	***Sports' Day*** first choice date
Saturday 11th July	1pm - 3pm PFA Summer Fair
Tuesday 14th July 2026	PFA end of year treat - Silent Disco (during the school day)
Wednesday 15th July 2026	***Sports' Day*** back up date in case of rain on 10/7.
Thursday 16th July 2026	Stay & Play for new starters (EYFS Sept 2026)
Friday 17th July 2026	9.15am Whole school Mass in church (including prayers for leavers) - all welcome
Friday 17th July 2026	2pm - Leavers' Assembly for Y6 parents & families

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

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

INSET Days for 2026-27:

Tuesday 1st September: INSET

Wednesday 2nd September: INSET

Other INSET days TBC.

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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