



*Love, live and learn with
Jesus Christ.*



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Thursday 28th March 2024

Holy Week & Easter

Today, Maundy Thursday, we break up for our Easter break. The next few days are some of the most special & solemn in the church's year. Please make an effort to attend Mass over the Easter Triduum as a family...no matter where you might be! For those families staying local, the times of the key Masses & services at local parishes are listed below.

Wishing everyone a safe, happy & holy Easter break. We will see all pupils on Tuesday 16th April at 8.50am.

If you need the assistance of a school DSL over the Easter holidays, please contact dsl@stnicholassutton.org.uk This email address is not for urgent referrals. For this, please use 0121 675 4806 (CASS) or dial 999.

St Nicholas Catholic Church, Boldmere	Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Four Oaks	Abbey Catholic Church, Erdington
Maundy Thursday (28/3): 7.30pm Mass	Maundy Thursday (28/3): 7pm Mass	Maundy Thursday (28/3): 8pm Mass
Good Friday (29/3): 3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	Good Friday (29/3): 3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	Good Friday (29/3): 3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday 30/3): 8pm Mass	Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday 30/3): 7pm Mass	Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday 30/3): 9pm Mass
Easter Sunday (31/3): 9am Mass 11am Mass	Easter Sunday (31/3): 9am Mass 11am Mass 6pm Mass	Easter Sunday (31/3): 8am Mass 9.15am Mass 10.30pm Mass Midday Mass 6pm Mass

Big Lent Walk

Well done to all pupils, staff & parent helpers who took part in our 'CAFOD Big Lent Walk' on Tuesday. Pupils walked varying distances in Sutton Park and around Boldmere for this Lenten fundraising activity which is also one of our 'Live Simply' actions. Our fundraising target was £600, at the time of writing this, our total is **£917!** Thank you! It's not too late to donate...

[CAFOD Big Lent Walk - St Nicholas](#)

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 be taking place in school. **Why not make The Lord's Prayer part of your prayer life?**

Prayer will
home

Over the next few weeks we will be looking at the Lord's prayer in languages... this week is Malayalam:



different

Our Father in Malayalam

Swargasthanaaya Njangalude Pithaave,
Angayude Naamam Poojitham Aakaname,
Angayude Rajyam Varaname,
Angayude Thirumanasu Swargathile pole Bhoomiyilum Aakaname.
Anannu Vendunha Aahaaram Innu Njangalkku Tharaname,
Njangalodu Thettu Cheyyunavarodu Njangal Shemichirikunathu Pole Njangalodum Shemikkaname,
Njangale Pralobanathil Ullpedutharuthe,
Thinmayil Ninum Njangale Rakshikkaname.
Amen

Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

P.E. days

There will be a change to PE days for some classes during the Summer Term. These will be communicated before we return.

PFA thanks

Heartfelt thanks to our wonderful PFA who have recently paid for the following:

- Nearly £1000 for a consumables order for teaching & learning in the summer term; this includes pens, glue sticks, exercise books & other essential items
- £100 for gifts from the PFA for pupils receiving the sacraments of Eucharist & Confirmation (Y3 and Y6) this summer
- £500 for some CPD for all staff on diversity and inclusion

Help from the PFA is essential for us as our budget is so tight. Thank you to our PFA and to all of you who have supported PFA events.

Remember...the PFA Summer Fayre is Saturday 13th July - save the date!

Recommended reading tree

Your child has brought home a fresh set of leaves for our recommended reading trees. Each time your child reads a book for enjoyment, they can write the name of the book and the author on a leaf and bring it into school. This creates an excellent set of book recommendations for each class as well as celebrating each child's reading achievement.

This week's attendance

Let's find out which class/es had the best attendance this week.

Year group	% attendance for w/c 25.3.24
Reception	99.2%
Year 1	100% Winners!
Year 2	91.3%
Year 3	95.8%

Year 4	98.3%	
Year 5	94.2%	
Year 6	83.8%	BELOW 90%
Well done to this week's winners... Year 1! You can negotiate a reward after Easter with Miss Guest.		

Dates for the diary

15/4/24	INSET Day - school closed to children
24/4 to 26/4	Year 5 trip to Alton Castle
26/4/24	Sacrament of Confirmation Mass in church at 7pm
15/5 to 16/5	KS2 SATs Week
w/c 20/5	Year 6 swimming every day @ Wyndley
w/c 27/5	Half Term - school closed to children
w/c 3/6 & 10/6	Year 4 Multiplication Check administered
5/6/24	Year 6 Leavers' official photos
w/c 10/6	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check administered
12/6 to 14/6	Year 6 trip to Blackwell Manor
4/7/24	INSET Day - school closed to children

PFA events

****DATE SET**** Summer Fayre - Saturday 13th July - 12pm to 3pm

God bless,

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