



## St. Nicholas Catholic Primary School

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*Love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.*

Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 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?**

**Over the next few weeks we will be looking at the Lord's prayer in different languages...this week is Welsh!**

### Our Father in Welsh

Ein Tad,

y sy yn y nefoedd,

sancteiddier dy enw,

deled dy deyrnas,

bydded dy ewyllys ar y ddaear megis yn y nef.

Dyro i ni heddiw ein bara beunyddiol,

a maddau i ni ein dyledion,

fel y maddeuwn ninnau i'n dyledwyr.

Ac nac arwain ni i brofedigaeth,

eithr gwared ni rhag drwg.

Amen

### Gospel Virtues

This half term we are focused on living out the Gospel Virtues of COMPASSIONATE and LOVING. Pupils are growing to be **compassionate** towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and **loving** by their just actions and forgiving words.

The following pupils have been spotted by staff members this week living out our focus virtues and have received a Gospel Virtues wristband from Mrs Noble-Barton: Francesca (Y2), Alex (Y1) & Freddie T (Y1).

### Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

### Curriculum Workshops

So far this academic year we have had successful Curriculum Workshops for Year 6, Year 3, EYFS, Year 2, Year 4 & Year 1. Dates of forthcoming workshops have been sent out but please find below a reminder:

- **Year 5 Tuesday 6/2 at 9am**

Please try to attend so that you can work with your child. If work commitments mean that you can't attend, why not send a Grandparent instead.

### RSHE Week - w/c 5th February

A busy week coming up! Next week is our second RSHE block week of the year. Mrs Noble-Barton sent out curriculum coverage information via Parentmail earlier this week. As ever, if you have any questions about RSHE please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Noble-Barton.

### Children's Mental Health Week - w/c 5th February

In addition to all that we do on a daily basis to safeguard pupils' health & wellbeing, we will also be taking part in activities to mark Children's Mental Health Week next week. Pupils will be reading a book called 'No longer alone' by Joseph Coelho and completing various activities according to their age and stage.

Year 4 will be having a workshop on Monday 5/2 which has the theme 'My voice matters'. This workshop will be delivered by Cherished with whom we have worked before.

Finally, all members of staff will be writing a message to their 10 year-old self, these will be compiled and shared with Years 5 and 6.

Look out for these activities on Twitter!

### Term dates - a reminder that our Easter dates differ from the Local Authority

**Half term** - school closed - w/c 12th February 2024. ALL pupils return on Monday 19th February.

**Easter Holidays** - last day of Spring term is Thursday 28th March. School closed on Friday 29th March (Good Friday) and w/c 1st April and w/c 8th April.

**INSET Day** - school closed to pupils on Monday 15th April. ALL pupils return on Tuesday 16th April.

**Half term** - school closed - w/c 27th May.

**INSET Day (whole MAC)** - school closed to pupils on Thursday 4th July.

**End of academic year** - last day of summer term - Friday 19th July.

**Academic year 2024/25:** September INSET days - Monday 2nd September and Tuesday 3rd September. Years 1-6 return to school on Wednesday 4th September.

### This week's attendance

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

Year group	% attendance for w/c 29.1.24	
Reception	97.3%	
Year 1	97%	
Year 2	99.3%	
Year 3	97.7%	
Year 4	94%	BELOW 95%
Year 5	99.3%	
Year 6	92.7%	BELOW 95%

Congratulations to our joint winners this week...Year 2 and Year 5! You can negotiate a reward with your class teachers!

### Lighthouse Preschool

Places are still available for pre school children. If you are interested, please contact Carole Baird on 07590411118.

## **PFA News**

Our PFA Chair, Mrs Sarah Hale, is undertaking a 100km charity trek in June to raise money for a cancer charity. What an incredibly brave thing to agree to! If you would like to support Mrs Hale in her fundraising you can visit her Just Giving page here:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/sarah-hale-1705005853499?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Fsarah-hale-1705005853499&utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share](https://www.justgiving.com/page/sarah-hale-1705005853499?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fsarah-hale-1705005853499&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share)

## **Phones and smart watches**

Just a reminder that mobile phones should only be brought to school by members of Y6 if your child is walking home. On entry to school, they need to be switched off and handed to Mr Reid and not switched on again until children have been dismissed. **Smart watches of any kind are not allowed to be worn at school.**

## **Young Voices**

**Your Young Voices tickets have been sent via Parent Mail.**

If your child is part of the Young Voices choir, please use this link to access the music room. Here, you will find backing tracks, lyric videos and the song sheets.

[Young Voices music room](#)

**Our Young Voices choir will be performing in the school hall on Monday 4th March at 3:45pm.** This will be a short ensemble for those who were unable to attend the concert at Resorts World. Please see Parent Mail for further details.

## **Years 5 & 6 Campfire stories - Thursday 29th February 2024**

On Thursday 29th February, pupils in Years 5 & 6 are invited back into school at 4:45pm to share stories and toast marshmallows around the campfire. Pupils may wear pyjamas and bring a blanket but, as we are outside, these will need to be warm. Students can bring their favourite text to read and share with their friends. If you would like your child to attend, please respond to the form via Parent Mail. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **Years 3 & 4 Bedtime stories - Tuesday 12th March 2024**

On Tuesday 12th March, pupils in Years 3 & 4 are invited back into school at 5pm to read stories in the hall. They can wear pyjamas and bring their favourite book, a teddy and a blanket. If you would like your child to attend, please respond to the form via Parent Mail. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **World Book Day - Thursday 7th March 2024**

We will be celebrating World Book Day this year on Thursday 7th March. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character or bring in a prop from their favourite book. They will take part in a variety of activities across the day including a live BBC lesson, creating a bookmark and sharing stories with their friends from different classes.

## **Sports' News**

St Nicholas Year 6 basketball team took part in the Sutton Schools' tournament this week. Although it was their first foray into this type of competition, they performed extremely well and won every game in their group. They were narrowly defeated in the final and lost by one point in extra time (the scores being tied at the end of full time). The children gave their all and were great ambassadors for the school.

## **Dates for the diary**

W/c 5/2	RSHE week across the school
23/2/24	Young Voices concert
24/2/24	EYFS & Year 6 Height/Weight checks by school nurse
29/2/24	Campfire stories - Yrs 5 & 6

4/3/24 Young Voices additional concert for other relatives  
7/3/24 World Book Day  
12/3/24 Bedtime stories - Yrs 3 & 4  
19/3/24 and 20/3/24 KS2 Holy Week Services (Passion Play) at 9:10am - **tickets only**  
**26th & 27th March** **Parents' Evenings**  
15/4/24 INSET Day - school closed to children  
4/7/24 INSET Day - school closed to children  
**PFA events**  
5/7/24 Summer Festival from 4pm-6pm

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God bless,  
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Executive Principal

Mrs Noble-Barton  
Head of School

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Assistant Head

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