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Dear Parents & Carers,

Sunday 8th November 2026

Reflection: Remembrance Day: Blessed Are the Peacemakers



"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." Matthew 5:9

As we approach Remembrance Day, we remember those who sacrificed their lives in war and pray for all those affected by conflict in our world today.

Jesus calls us not simply to wish for peace, but to be peacemakers. As a school and parish community, we are all called to live out this message in the way we treat one another each day.

Whether it is showing kindness to a neighbour, offering a listening ear, helping someone through a difficult time or teaching our children the importance of forgiveness and understanding, we are bringing Christ's peace into the lives of others.

Peace begins with small acts of love, compassion and understanding. As we remember those who gave their lives in the hope of a more peaceful world, let us reflect on how we can each be peacemakers in our homes, our school and our wider community.

Wednesday Word

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

Click HERE for the Wednesday Word



Congratulations to Mrs Bowen

We send our warmest congratulations to Mrs Bowen, who welcomed a healthy baby boy over half-term! Both mother and baby are doing well, and we send our love and very best wishes to Mr and Mrs Bowen as they enjoy this special time together as a family of four.

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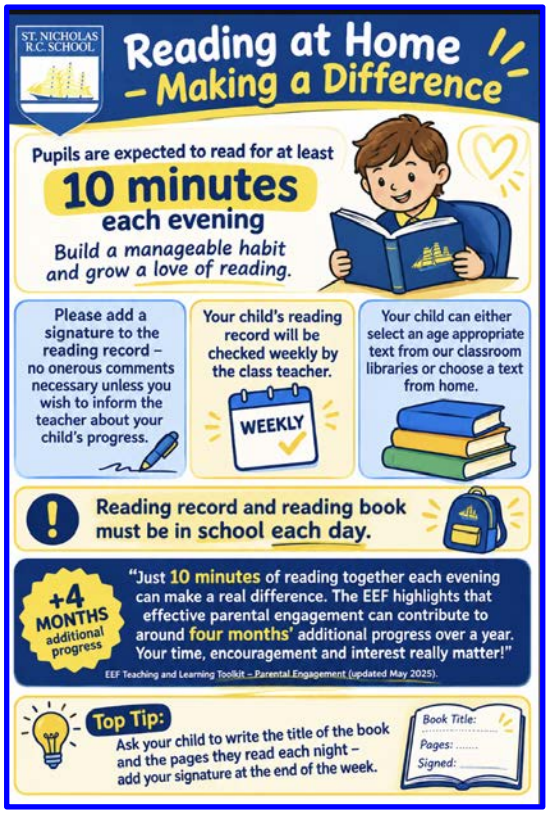
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Reading Records

Just 10 minutes of home reading each day can make a real difference to your child's progress and help foster a lifelong love of reading!

Please take a moment to read our Reading at Home guide (attached to the email also), which outlines our expectations and offers some simple tips to make home reading manageable and enjoyable.

A reminder that reading books and reading records should be in school every day, with records signed by a parent or carer each week. Thank you for your continued support in helping our children become confident, enthusiastic readers!



November Remembrance Board

During the month of November, we will be displaying our annual **November Remembrance Board** in the school hall. This is a special opportunity for our school community to remember and pray for loved ones who have died.

If you would like a loved one to be remembered on our board throughout the month, please send a photograph or funeral order of service into school, clearly labelled with the person's name. We will keep them in our prayers and remember them with love during this special month of remembrance.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."

School Photographs

A reminder that **class photographs will be taken on Friday 13th November**. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing full school uniform, not PE kit, on this day.

The deadline for ordering individual and sibling photographs is Monday 16th November. Full ordering details can be found on the photographic proofs sent home with your child.

Thank you for your support.



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PFA Events, Red Wednesday & Shine Like a Saint Day

We have lots of exciting events coming up over the next few weeks! Please make a note of these important dates.

- **Thursday 12th November – Silly Hair Day!** Come to school with your silliest, craziest hairstyle in return for a **£1 donation** to help our wonderful PFA prepare for the Christmas Fair! *Remember that the following day is class photos…be careful with any spray paint!
- **Silly Socks Day (with uniform) -** to celebrate our differences as part of Kindness Week (national anto bullying week) across the school.
- **Wednesday 18th November – Red Wednesday** We invite all children and staff to wear **an item of red with uniform** in support of Aid to the Church in Need, standing in solidarity with Christians around the world who face persecution for their faith. **No donation is required** – this is simply an opportunity to show our support and raise awareness. *I.e. red jumper, red t-shirt, red socks, red tights, red hair accessories etc…*
- **Friday 27th November – Non-Uniform Day** 🍫 Children are invited to wear their own clothes in return for a **chocolate donation** for our PFA Christmas Fair.
- **Friday 4th December – Shine Like a Saint Day!** 🌟 Inspired by a wonderful suggestion from AJ in Year 4, we are inviting children to dress up as their **favourite saint** as part of our celebrations for the Feast of St Nicholas on 6th December. We can't wait to see the wonderful variety of saints represented across our school!
  Please see our Shine Like a Saint Day flyer for more information and costume inspiration. Thank you, as always, for your fantastic support of our school community and PFA!

PFA Dates for your diary!

🎄 **Christmas Wreath-Making Workshop: Saturday 28th November, 4pm to 6pm** Get into the festive spirit and create a beautiful Christmas wreath to take home.

🎅 **Christmas Fair: Saturday 5th December, 2pm to 4pm** Join us for an afternoon of festive fun, games and seasonal treats. Further information, including ticket details, will be shared via class WhatsApp groups and future school newsletters.

Gifts from God Assemblies

Remaining *Gifts from God* assemblies in Autumn 2 will take place as follows: **Friday 20th November, Friday 27th November & Friday 11th December.**

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Attendance

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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 2/11/26
EYFS	**99.33% WINNERS**
Year 1	98.33%
Year 2	98.62%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	98.33%
Year 6	95.67%
Well done to this week's winners, EYFS. You can negotiate your reward with Mrs Rehman next week.	



Dates for the diary

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

October half term - school closed to children during w/c 26/10/26	
Tuesday 10th November **THIS WEEK!**	****Y5 parents**** **Alton Castle information meeting at 5:15pm** - via Zoom https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79314558741?pwd=wbEBAbQ4WQfjda4bkW73jh9PXyzNPF.1
Thursday 12th November **THIS WEEK!**	**Compass coffee morning - 9am in the school hall** An opportunity to access free support and resources to support your child's mental health and emotional wellbeing.
Thursday 12th November **THIS WEEK!**	**Silly Hair Day -** £1 for PFA Christmas Fair set up
Friday 13th November **THIS WEEK!** **PHOTO DAY**	**Class Photographs**
Monday 16th November	**Silly socks day** with normal school uniform to celebrate Kindness

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	Week.
Wednesday 18th November	**'Red Wednesday' all pupils are invited to wear an item of red clothing with their uniform (jumper, socks, tights, hair accessory etc) -** supporting the charity 'Aid to the Church in Need' and their 'Red Wednesday' campaign about standing in solidarity with persecuted Christians around the world. No charge - just a visual symbol of our solidarity.
Tuesday 24th November	****Y6 parents**** **Blackwell information meeting at 5:15pm -** via Zoom https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73722566420?pwd=XndIkbz1hjY4Pv7v3igNsbnEt3oUJg.1
Friday 27th November	**Non-uniform day -** in return for bringing a donation of chocolate for PFA Christmas Fair.
Saturday 28th November	**4pm-6pm PFA Christmas Wreath making workshop -** school hall *We apologise, but there will be no parking available on the school site for this event.*
Thursday 3rd December	**4pm Centrestage Recital -** in the school hall *We apologise, but there will be no parking available on the school site for this event.*
Friday 4th December	**Shine Like a Saint Day -** dress up as your favourite saint! 
Saturday 5th December	**2pm to 4pm PFA Christmas Fair -** school hall *We apologise, but there will be no parking available on the school site for this event.*

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Thursday 10th December	**Christmas Dinner for pupils in dining room**
Tuesday 15th December	**EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity Play in the school hall @ 9.15am - ticket information TBC** *We apologise, but there will be no parking available on the school site for this event.*
Wednesday 16th December	**Flu Vaccinations KS2**
Thursday 17th December	**4.15pm Guitar Concert in the school hall -** all of Y4 and any pupils who do elective guitar lessons in school
Wednesday 16th December	**EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity Play in the school hall @ 9.15am - ticket information TBC** *We apologise, but there will be no parking available on the school site for this event.*
Tuesday 26th January	**Flu vaccinations EYFS/KS1**

INSET Days 2026/27

The remaining scheduled INSET Days for the 2026/27 academic year are:

Monday 4th January 2027
Monday 22nd February 2027
Monday 12th April 2027
Friday 2nd July 2027

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

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

Autumn Term 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

Mr Porter	Mrs Noble-Barton	Miss Smith
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