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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 13th November 2026

Reflection: *"You have been faithful in small things."*



As parents, we all know that it is often the little moments that mean the most – a bedtime story, a reassuring hug, a word of encouragement or simply finding time to listen. These everyday acts of love may seem small, but they help shape the people our children will become.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that God has entrusted each of us with gifts and talents, not to keep to ourselves, but to use in the service of others.

As parents and educators, we have the wonderful privilege and responsibility of helping our children discover and develop their own God-given gifts. It is often through the smallest acts that we make the greatest difference.

We may not always see the fruits of our love and efforts, but God sees the care and faithfulness with which we nurture those entrusted to us.

Our challenge this week is to remember that even the smallest things we do, when done with love, can have a lasting impact on a child's life.

Wednesday Word

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

Click HERE for the Wednesday Word

Red Wednesday – Wednesday 18th November

On Wednesday, we will be supporting Red Wednesday, an initiative organised by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) to raise awareness of Christians around the world who face persecution or discrimination because of their faith.

Pupils will take part in a short liturgy, during which we will pray for those who suffer because of their beliefs and stand in solidarity with them.

To show our support, children are invited to wear an item of red, such as a red jumper, socks, tights or hair accessories. This is not a non-uniform day – children should otherwise wear their usual school uniform.

By wearing red, we offer a simple but powerful sign that we stand together in faith, hope and love.

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November Remembrance Board

Our November Remembrance Board in the school hall continues to grow, and we feel truly honoured to have the faces of so many dearly loved and sadly missed family members and friends looking down on us.
It is a beautiful reminder of the love that remains with us, even when those we hold dear are no longer by our side.
If you would still like a loved one to be included, please feel welcome to send in a photograph or funeral order of service, clearly labelled with their name. We would be privileged to remember them alongside those already on our board.
Throughout November, we will continue to hold all those who have died, and the families who miss them, in our thoughts and prayers.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

Kindness Week – Anti-Bullying Workshops



As part of our Kindness Week celebrations, we are looking forward to welcoming external visitors into school on Tuesday to deliver a series of engaging anti-bullying workshops and performances to all pupils. These sessions are designed to deepen pupils' understanding of bullying, encourage kindness and respect and stimulate thoughtful discussions back in the classroom.
A huge thank you to our wonderful PFA for generously funding these valuable experiences, helping us to reinforce the importance of treating everyone with kindness, compassion and respect.

"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." - Ephesians 4:32

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.

- **Monday 16th November – Silly Socks Day -** no charge - As part of 'Kindness Week', Silly Sock Day celebrates our differences and reminds us that everyone is unique, valued and deserving of kindness.
- **Silly Socks Day Monday 16th November (with uniform) -** to celebrate our differences as part of Kindness Week (national anti 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.

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- **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 Fayre Saturday 5th December, 2pm to 4pm:** Join us for an afternoon of festive fun, games and seasonal treats.

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.**

Attendance

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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 9/11/26
EYFS	100% WINNERS!
Year 1	99%
Year 2	99.66%
Year 3	99.33%
Year 4	90%
Year 5	100% WINNERS!
Year 6	94.67%
Well done to this week's joint winners…EYFS & Y5! You can negotiate your reward with Mrs Rehman and Miss Guest next week.	



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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	
Monday 16th November **THIS WEEK!**	**Silly socks day** with normal school uniform to celebrate Kindness Week.
Wednesday 18th November **THIS WEEK!**	**'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!

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Saturday 5th December	**2pm to 4pm PFA Christmas Fair** - school hall
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.***

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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 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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