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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 27th March 2026

Reflection: Journeying into Holy Week

We ended the term this afternoon with a beautiful whole-school Stations of the Cross liturgy, journeying together along the Way of the Cross with our Lord. As we now move towards Easter, we hope you all enjoy a wonderful and restful holiday.

Please remember that Holy Week and Easter are profoundly important to us as Catholic Christians. We encourage all families to make time to visit church over the Triduum and take part in these sacred celebrations. Mass and service times at St Nicholas church are shown on the image to the right.

It has been a busy, productive and very successful Spring Term. *We look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on Tuesday 14th April at 8.50am.*

Wishing you every blessing for Easter.

Holy Week & the Triduum	
Palm Sunday March 29/30 6pm/9am, 11am	Sunday Masses at usual times
Weds April 1: 12 noon	Chrism Mass, St Chad's Cathedral
Maundy Thursday April 2 7pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday April 3	11am Stations of the Cross 3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday April 4 8pm	Easter Vigil, beginning at 8pm
Easter Sunday April 5 9am and 11am	Mass



Putting Faith Into Action: Our Lenten Achievements

A huge well done to all our KS2 pupils and staff for their wonderful Passion Play performance this week. It was a moving and prayerful retelling of the final hours of Jesus' life, and we are incredibly proud of the reverence and maturity shown by everyone involved.

We are also delighted to share the fantastic generosity of our school community this Lent. **The retiring collections after the Passion Play raised £335.66 for the St Nicholas World Development Group, supporting vital outreach work. Our Big Lent Walk added a further £645 for CAFOD, an amazing achievement that reflects both enthusiasm and compassion.**

A special thank you goes to our charitable Year 5 pupils, who independently organised and ran a raffle over the last two days. **Their efforts raised an additional £107.25 for the World Development Group.** Their initiative and kindness are a real credit to them.

We are equally grateful for the many donations of items that enabled us to assemble 12 large care packages, which have now been delivered to Father Hudson's Caritas for Tabor House, supporting those experiencing homelessness. This practical act of love is a powerful witness to our faith in action.

Through all these efforts, our pupils and families have been living out the Catholic Social Teaching principle of the Preferential Option for the Poor; placing the needs of the most vulnerable at the centre of our choices, just as Jesus taught us.

Thank you for your continued generosity, compassion, and commitment to serving others.

Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

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

PE Kit Days for Summer 1

The days on which pupils should wear their PE kit during Summer 1 will be confirmed and sent out to all families before we return to school. Thank you for your patience.

Summer Uniform Option From 14th April 2026

From Tuesday 14th April 2026, pupils may return to school in either full school uniform or the optional summer uniform, as outlined in our School Uniform Policy. This option remains in place from the start of the Summer Term until October Half-Term.

To help families, here is a quick reminder of the difference between the two:

School Uniform (worn all year)

- Grey trousers, grey skirt or pinafore
- Gold polo shirt with school logo
- Blue jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan with logo
- Dark socks or tights (not flesh-coloured)

Optional Summer Uniform (available Summer 1, Summer 2 & Autumn 1)

- Grey shorts
- Blue and white checked summer dress or playsuit

Pupils may choose whichever option they feel most comfortable in. Thank you for supporting our uniform expectations and helping pupils return smart, ready, and proud to represent St Nicholas.



Gifts from God Assemblies These assemblies are a special time to celebrate our pupils' gifts and achievements.

Gifts from God assemblies for Summer 1 will be on: **Friday 17th April, Friday 1st May and Friday 15th May.**

Term dates

As we approach the end of the Spring Term, please note the following dates:

- Friday 27th March - Last day of the Spring Term
- w/c 30th March - School closed for the Easter break
- w/c 6th April - School closed for the Easter break
- Monday 13th April - INSET day; school closed to pupils (first day of the Summer Term)

Attendance

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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 23/3/26
EYFS	96.33%
Year 1	96.67%
Year 2	89.67%
Year 3	95.33%
Year 4	99% Winners!

Year 5	95.33%
Year 6	96%
Well done to this week's winners...Year 4! You can negotiate a reward with Mr Reid after the Easter break.	

Dates for the diary

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

March 3rd - April 28th	St Nicholas Parish Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday 27th March	Last Day of Spring Term - break up for Easter
EASTER HOLIDAYS - School closed to children W/c 30th March W/c 6th April INSET Day - Monday 13th April	
Tuesday 14th April 2026	First day of Summer Term Summer Uniform permitted
Wednesday 15th April 2026	2.30pm - Years 4, 5 & 6 to Mass in church
Week commencing 20/4/26	Year 6 swimming each afternoon - details TBC
Thursday 30th April	Year 2 trip to Sea Life Centre
Friday 1st May	Pyjama Day - £1 to Cancer Research UK
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday - school closed
Weekends of: 9th/10th May 16th/17th May 23rd/24th May	St Nicholas Parish First Holy Communion Masses
W/c 11th May 2026	KS2 SATs Week
Thursday 14th May	2.15pm Whole School Mass - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord - in church
Friday 15th May	Year 4 trip to Ironbridge 'Enginuity' Museum
Friday 15th May	Academy Photography to shoot Y6 leavers' photos
Thursday 21st May 2026	Year 3 to visit Blists Hill Victorian Town
Friday 22nd May 2026	Sacrament of Confirmation Mass @ 7pm in church

MAY HALF TERM Week commencing 25th May 2026 School closed to children	
Monday 1st June 2026	TT Rockstars Day - Y4 only
Friday 5th June 2026	Year 1 trip to Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Monday 8th June 2026	Phonics Day - Y1 only
Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th June	Y6 to Blackwell Adventure
Friday 3rd July 2026	INSET Day - school closed to children
Friday 17th July 2026	2pm - Leavers' Assembly

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

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

INSET days will be published separately before the start of the 2026/27 school year.

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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