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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 16th October 2026

Reflection: October - Luminous Mystery - The Wedding at Cana

During October, the Month of the Rosary, we reflect on the [Wedding at Cana](#), one of the Luminous Mysteries.

In this Gospel, Mary notices a need and brings it to Jesus, trusting that He can help. Her simple faith reminds us that we can turn to Jesus with the joys, worries and challenges of everyday family life.

Perhaps this week you could spend a few moments praying together at home, asking Mary to help your family grow closer to Jesus.

[Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.](#)



Harvest Collection and Harvest Mass

A huge thank you for your generosity towards our Harvest Collection. The Bethany Foodbank in Erdington will be incredibly grateful for these donations. It is wonderful to see our school community putting faith into action by supporting those in need.

The whole school will be attending our [Harvest Mass at 2.15pm on Monday 19th October](#) and parents, grandparents and family members are warmly invited to join us as we give thanks to God for the gifts of creation and the harvest. We would love to celebrate with you.

Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

Do you know a child starting school in September 2027?

If so, please encourage them to come along to one of our Prospective Parents' Sessions to hear about the admissions process and tour the school. There is a flyer attached to this email containing dates and other information.

PFA Dates for your diary!

Christmas Wreath-Making Workshop on 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.

Further information, including ticket details, will be shared via class WhatsApp groups and future school newsletters.





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Gifts from God Assemblies

Gifts from God assemblies in Autumn 2 will take place as follows: Friday 6th November, Friday 20th November, Friday 27th November & Friday 11th December.

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INSET Day - Friday 23rd October 2026

As we continue to race towards the end of a busy and successful Autumn 1, we would like to remind families that children finish school on Thursday 22nd October. **Friday 23rd October is an INSET Day, so school will be closed to pupils.**

We look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on Monday 2nd November at 8.50am.

Thank you for your continued support during what has been a fantastic start to the school year.

School photographs - Tuesday 20th October

If you have pre-school children, or children who attend other schools, and you would like a sibling or family photograph, please arrive at the school hall at 8.30am. All other individual photographs, along with sibling photographs for children who attend St Nicholas, will be taken during the school day. Please ensure that your child comes to school in full school uniform. **If Tuesday is normally their PE day, they should wear their uniform rather than their PE kit.** We would also ask that children arrive looking neat and tidy for their photograph.

Hair may be worn down for photographs; however please send them with a hairband so that it can be put back up afterwards.

Photograph proofs will be sent home as soon as they are available from the photographer.

Parents' Evenings - THIS WEEK

Thank you to all parents and carers who have now booked their Parents' Evening appointments. We look forward to welcoming you to school and sharing your child's successes and progress with you.

Please remember that **Parents' Evening is not an event for pupils.** Children are not permitted in the hall, as discussions about pupils may be overheard, and we do not have sufficient staff available to supervise children elsewhere in school during appointments.

Lighthouse Wraparound Care is available until 6.00pm. Where alternative childcare is not available, parents may wish to consider one parent attending whilst the other remains with the children. We are aware that some families require separate appointments and these arrangements will, of course, be accommodated.

Appointments are limited to **10 minutes** to ensure all families can be seen promptly. Classrooms will be open for you to look through your child's core curriculum books (or Learning Journey in EYFS) and to see the learning environment in which they work each day.

We look forward to seeing you next week

Don't forget
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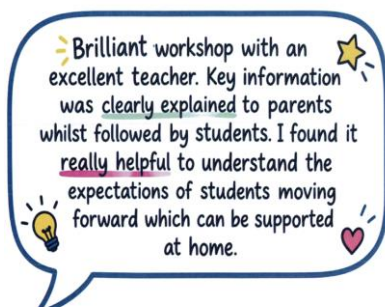
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Curriculum Workshops

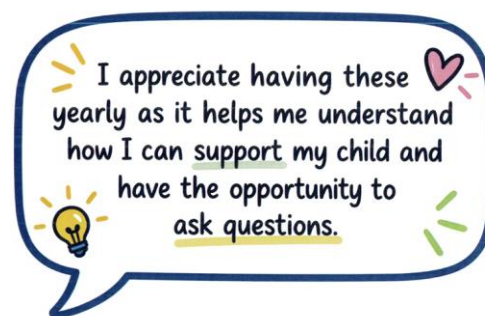
Our programme of Curriculum Workshops has now come to an end for this term. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended and to our staff for the time and effort they put into planning and delivering these sessions.

The feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive. Parents described the workshops as "*wonderful and engaging*", "*really helpful*", and "*informative and reassuring in equal measure*". Many commented on how valuable it was to gain a better understanding of how learning takes place in school

and how they can support their children at home.

We also received some very helpful feedback suggesting that the workshops could be shorter. We will certainly take this on board and look at streamlining future sessions whilst ensuring that parents still receive the key information they need.

We know that scheduling parent events is not always straightforward. We have to balance a busy school calendar, staff workload and the needs of working families and we appreciate that no single time/duration will suit everyone. Thank you for working with us and for your continued support and engagement in your child's education.



Nasal Flu Vaccination

The Nasal Flu Vaccination will take place in school on 10th November 2026.

Parents and carers should complete the online consent form, whether they do or do not wish their child to receive the vaccine. *Please note that the consent form will close promptly at 9.00am on Thursday 5th November and late consents cannot be accepted.*

Further information about the vaccine can be found on the NHS website.

If you have any questions, please contact the school via our enquiries email address. Whilst we are happy to help where we can, school staff are not medically trained and cannot provide medical advice. Questions regarding eligibility, allergies, medical conditions or suitability for vaccination should be directed to your GP or practice nurse.

Nasal Flu Vaccine Consent Form - Deadline 5th November





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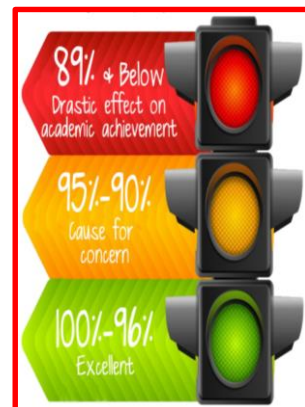
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Attendance

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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 12/10/26
EYFS	98.67%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	100% WINNERS!
Year 3	99.33%
Year 4	100% WINNERS!
Year 5	98.33%
Year 6	98.97%
Well done to this week's joint winners...Year 2 and Year 4! You can negotiate your rewards with Mrs Burling-Finn & Mr Reid next week.	





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Dates for the diary

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

New academic year - 2026/27	
Monday 19th October THIS WEEK	2.15pm Whole school Harvest Mass in church - parents & grandparents welcome
Tuesday 20th October PHOTO DAY THIS WEEK	Families, siblings and individual photographs - all pupils having their photo taken, sibling groups in school taken, those with pre-school children or children who don't attend St Nicholas will be invited to come in at 8.30am if they want a photograph. All photos available to purchase afterwards.
Wednesday 21st October THIS WEEK	Parents' Evening in school hall (bookings will open closer to the time).





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Thursday 22nd October THIS WEEK	Parents' Evening in school hall (bookings will open closer to the time).
Friday 23rd October THIS WEEK	INSET day - school closed to children. End of Autumn 1. Break up for half term.
October half term - school closed to children during w/c 26/10/26	
Monday 2nd November	School reopens at 8.50am - Autumn Term 2
Monday 2nd November	11am Prospective Parents' Sessions for EYFS 2027
Wednesday 4th November	2pm Prospective Parents' Sessions for EYFS 2027
Friday 6th November	9.15am Prospective Parents' Sessions for EYFS 2027
Tuesday 10th November	Flu Vaccinations - Consent form to be filled in by 5th November please.
Tuesday 10th November	**Y5 parents** Alton Castle information meeting at 5:15pm - via Zoom https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79314558741?pwd=wbEBAAbQ4WQfjda4bkW73jh9PXyzNPF.1
Thursday 12th November	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.
Friday 13th November PHOTO DAY	Class Photographs
Tuesday 24th November	**Y6 parents** Blackwell information meeting at 5:15pm - via Zoom https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73722566420?pwd=Xndlkzbz1hjY4Pv7v3igNsbNt3oUJg.1
Saturday 28th November	4pm-6pm PFA Christmas Wreath making workshop - school hall <i>We apologise, but there will be no parking available on the school site for this event.</i>





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Thursday 3rd December	4pm Centrestage Recital - in the school hall
Saturday 5th December	2pm to 4pm PFA Christmas Fair - school hall
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Dinner for pupils in the dining room
Tuesday 15th December	EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity Play in the school hall @ 9.15am - ticket information TBC
Wednesday 16th December	EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity Play in the school hall @ 9.15am - ticket information TBC

INSET Days 2026/27

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

Friday 23rd October 2026

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

God bless,

Mr Porter
Executive Principal

Mrs Noble-Barton
Head of School

Miss Smith
Assistant Head

