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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 5th June 2026

Reflection: June is the month of the Sacred Heart

June reminds us that the Sacred Heart is all about the way Jesus loves – **gently, patiently, and with a heart open to everyone.**

For us in our St Nicholas community, it's a simple call to show that same love in small, everyday ways: a kind word, a calm response, a moment of patience, a fresh start for a child who needs it.

The Sacred Heart invites us to let compassion shape our day and to remember that every act of care in school reflects Christ's love.



Wednesday Word

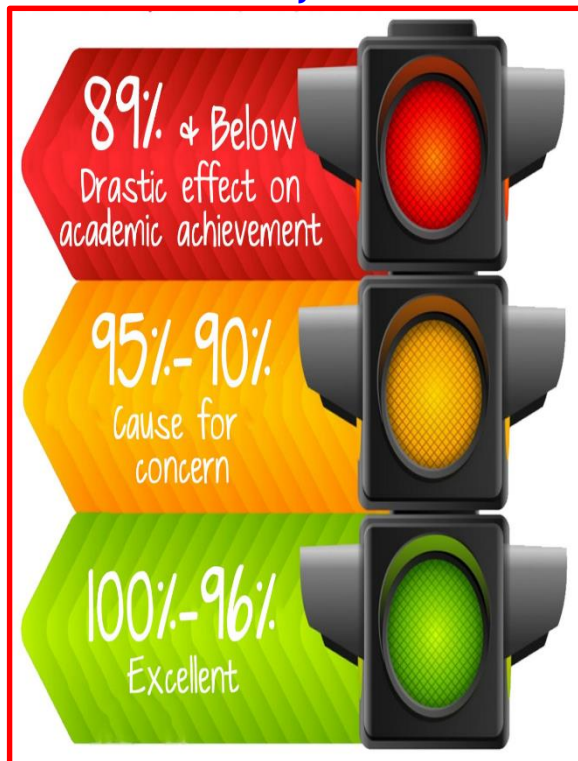
Please follow the link below to enjoy this week's Gospel as a family:

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

School Attendance Matters

A gentle reminder about the importance of good attendance. Our whole-school attendance has slipped this week and we have noticed a pattern where the last week of a half-term and the first week back can be affected by families extending holidays. As a school, we must work together to avoid this.

We aim for every pupil to have at least 95% attendance. Anything below 90% is classed by the DfE as Persistently Absent. You can check your child's current attendance at any time on the MCAS App.



Even one day of absence has an impact; missing just one day every two weeks adds up to a month of lost learning over a school year.

As we move into the rest of the summer term, we ask all families to prioritise strong attendance, particularly for pupils who are currently below, or at risk of falling below, the 95% benchmark.

If you have an attendance query or concern or just want some support with attendance, please contact Mrs Noble-Barton through the school office.

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child is in school, on time, and ready to learn.



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*****PFA Summer Fair*** - Saturday 11/7/26 - 1pm to 3pm**

Huge thanks to Mrs Belardi who has taken over the running of this year's Summer Fair and to her committee of volunteers who met this week. Please see below a message from them:

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to announce that our Summer Fair is returning on Saturday 11th July from 1:00pm-3:00pm – make sure to save the date in your calendars!

There will be plenty of fun activities, games, and stalls for everyone to enjoy. Tickets will be going live in the coming weeks, so keep an eye out for further information.

To help support our Summer Fair planning, we will also be holding:

~~Non-uniform day - Thursday 4th June~~ Thank you for your support - £160.10 was raised!

• Crazy Socks Day - Thursday 18th June

Children are invited to take part in exchange for a £1 donation for each activity, with all contributions going towards the Summer Fair.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to celebrating with you all!

Kind regards,

The PFA Summer Fair Team

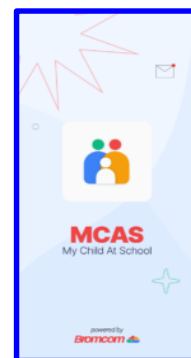
Home/school communication - MCAS

Clear communication between school and home matters and one of the most effective ways to support this is by *setting aside a few moments each day to check your MCAS app and emails*. We know that MCAS has its weaknesses; it does not always send notifications and messages for siblings are grouped together. These are platform limitations outside our control, though our Academy Central Team continues to raise them with the platform managers.

Important information about events, trips, deadlines and updates is often shared through MCAS messages or this newsletter. When the app isn't checked regularly, these details can be missed, and we are frequently asked questions about information that has already been sent out.

Please take a short moment each day to review your MCAS messages and emails so that we can maintain strong, reliable communication.

Thank you for your support.



Would you like to share your expertise with our pupils?

Pupils will be celebrating Money Week during the school commencing 15th June 2026. They will have the opportunity to explore finances, budgeting and savings through a range of exploratory, age-appropriate activities. If you have a job in finance, investments or budgeting and would like to share your expertise with our children, we would love to welcome you into school. If you are willing and able, please contact Miss Smith via enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk. Parents we have had in previous years have really brought pupils' learning to life so we would be hugely grateful for any volunteers!





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Music Concert - Friday 18th June

If your child plays a musical instrument through school, including all Year 4 pupils who learn guitar, **they are invited to take part in our School Music Concert on Thursday 18th June at 4.15pm.**

Parents, carers and grandparents are warmly invited to attend and celebrate the children's hard work and musical progress.

If your child plays an instrument but cannot attend or does not wish to take part, please let us know by emailing enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk by Friday 5th June. Thank you.

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

PFA Fathers' Day Event - Friday 12th June 2026

[Follow this link to book your tickets!](#)

Please see the event poster to the left for full details about the PFA Father's Day celebration taking place on 12th June in Sutton Park. We hope many of you can join in this lovely community event.

PFA Spending:

A huge thank you to our St Nicholas PFA, who have generously agreed to fund seven new standing desks for use in classrooms. These will support teachers when using visualizers to model work during lessons, an important part of our pedagogical approach. This represents nearly £600 of PFA investment, directly contributing to improving pupil outcomes.

We are also very grateful to the PFA for funding Year 6's end-of-term treat, enabling pupils to enjoy a cinema trip this week. In addition, they have kindly agreed to fund an end-of-year treat for all pupils, which will take place in July.

Their continued support makes a meaningful difference to our school community, and we are sincerely thankful for everything they do.



Gifts from God Assembly Dates

There are two Gifts from God assemblies left during Summer 2. These will be on the following dates at 2.45pm: **Friday 19th June & Thursday 2nd July (THURSDAY due to INSET on Friday).**

There will be an assembly at 2pm on Friday 17th July. This will be our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, and on this occasion only Year 6 pupils and their siblings will receive certificates or awards.



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Attendance

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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 1/6/26
EYFS	95.33%
Year 1	95.67%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	98.33% WINNERS!
Year 4	90.33%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	94%
Well done to this week's winners...Year 3! You can negotiate a reward with Mrs Minchin next week.	

Dates for the diary

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

MAY HALF TERM Week commencing 25th May 2026 School closed to children	
W/c 1st June and 8th June	**Statutory Assessment** Administration of the Y4 Multiplication Tables Check to all of Y4.
Monday 8th June 2026	Phonics Day - Y1 only
W/c 8th June 2026	**Statutory Assessment** Administration of the Y1 Phonics Screening Check to Y1 (and some Y2 retakes).
W/c 8th June 2026	Internal assessment week for Years 1-5
Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th June	Y6 residential trip to Blackwell Adventure
Friday 12th June	Y3 rescheduled trip to Blists Hill
Friday 12th June	PFA Fathers' Day Celebration - Sutton Park, 5.30pm to 7.30pm https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stnickspfa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=





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W/c 15th June	Money Week
Thursday 18th June	Odd/silly socks day - £1 towards Summer Fair setup please
Friday 19th June	EYFS trip to Lower Drayton Farm
Friday 19th June	Gifts from God assembly at 2.45pm
Tuesday 23rd June	NHS team visiting to give EYFS vision tests (please email enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk if you wish to opt out your child)
Friday 26th June	Year 3's 'Going Forth' Celebration 8.30am - Photographs 9.15am - Mass in church
Wednesday 1st July	Transition Day for Y6 (up to new schools) Transition morning for the rest of school (new classes)
Thursday 2nd July	Gifts from God assembly at 2.45pm (due to INSET tomorrow)
Friday 3rd July 2026	INSET Day - school closed to children
Monday 6th July	11am Teddy Bears' Picnic for new starters (EYFS Sept 2026)
Friday 10th July 2026	***Sports' Day*** first choice date
Saturday 11th July	1pm - 3pm PFA Summer Fair
Tuesday 14th July 2026	PFA end of year treat - Silent Disco (during the school day)
Wednesday 15th July 2026	***Sports' Day*** back up date in case of rain on 10/7.
Thursday 16th July 2026	Stay & Play for new starters (EYFS Sept 2026)
Friday 17th July 2026	9.15am Whole school Mass in church (including prayers for leavers) - all welcome
Friday 17th July 2026	2pm - Leavers' Assembly for Y6 parents & families





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

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

INSET Days for 2026-27:

Tuesday 1st September: INSET

Wednesday 2nd September: INSET

Other INSET days TBC.

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

Mrs Noble-Barton

Miss Smith

Executive Principal

Head of School

Assistant Head

