



**Together with Christ we
love, live & learn.**

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 15th May 2026

Reflection: Crowning Our Lady with flowers and love

As a school community, we will be honouring Our Lady with a short May procession on Tuesday 19th May, followed by the traditional crowning of Mary. Our Lady is our constant source of love and a truly inspirational model of faith, and this celebration is a special moment in our school calendar.

If your child wishes to place flowers at the feet of Our Lady during the event, they are welcome to bring a small bunch of flowers to school on Tuesday morning.



Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

Easter Garden Trail

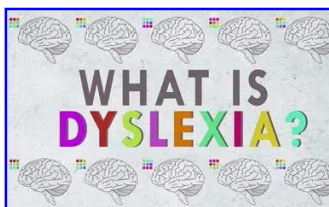
We're looking forward to welcoming families to our Easter Prayer Garden event on **Wednesday 20th May, 3pm-4pm.** The children have created a wonderful collection of reflective Easter gardens, and it's been lovely to see their creativity and faith shine through.

Everyone is invited to come along, walk through the displays and take a quiet moment to reflect as we approach the end of the Easter season.

There will also be a pupil-led cake sale, with all proceeds supporting Father Hudson's Caritas. Please bring a few coins if you can.

Would you like to share your expertise with our pupils?

Pupils will be celebrating Money Week during the week 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!



Understanding the Dyslexic Brain

What is dyslexia? A short film.

A huge thank-you to one of our parents who shared this brilliant video explaining how the dyslexic brain works and the incredible strengths it can offer. It's an inspiring watch and a great reminder of the creativity, problem-solving and resilience that so many dyslexic learners show every day. Please take a look or pass it on to someone who may find it helpful.

The future of St Nicholas PFA - a message from outgoing chair

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our PFA is essential in providing the "extras" that enrich our children's education, from new equipment to teacher training and classroom/outdoor resources. However, we have reached a critical juncture.

To continue into the next academic year, we urgently need volunteers for three specific leadership roles. Our primary need is for a PFA Chair, supported by a Treasurer and Secretary.



What is at stake?

I must be transparent: if these roles are not filled, the PFA charity may be forced to close. This would mean an immediate end to the funding that provides our indoor/outdoor play equipment and vital school materials. The wonderful community events we all know and love are at stake.

Support is available

You won't be doing this alone. The current team will provide a full handover and support you through to the new year elections. We also strongly welcome co-roles (e.g., Co-Chair) if you'd like to share the responsibility with a friend.

Action Required by 31 May

To ensure we have enough time for a smooth handover, **please step forward by Friday, 5 June.**

If you can help, either in a formal role or as an ad-hoc volunteer, please:

- Message Matteo or Louise directly (stnicholasschoolpfa@gmail.com)
- Speak with your Year Rep.
- Contact Mrs Noble-Barton via the School Office.

Thank you for helping us keep our school community vibrant and well-resourced.

Matteo Belardi

Outgoing PFA Chairperson

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

Gifts from God Assembly Dates

There will be three Gifts from God assemblies during Summer 2. These will be on the following dates:

Friday 5th June, Friday 19th June & 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.

Smartphone Free Childhood Movement

If you haven't already, school and the SFC parent movement would be grateful if you would fill in a short anonymous parent survey to help us understand views across our school community which can be found here: <https://forms.gle/H1p7auQJni2vZBbn9>

Your feedback will help shape how we continue to support families and keep children safe.

Thank you for taking part and for supporting this whole-community conversation.



Attendance

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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 18/5/26
EYFS	98.67% Winners!
Year 1	96%
Year 2	98.33%
Year 3	95.67%

Year 4	97%
Year 5	90.67%
Year 6	98.67% Winners!
Well done to this week's winners...EYFS & Year 6! You can negotiate your rewards with Mrs Bowen and Miss Guest next week.	

Dates for the diary

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

Weekends of: 9th/10th May 16th/17th May 23rd/24th May	St Nicholas Parish First Holy Communion Masses
Tuesday 19th May	May Procession & Crowning of Our Lady for the whole school - pupils can bring flowers to adorn our Lady if they wish.
Thursday 21st May 2026	Year 3 to visit Blists Hill Victorian Town
Friday 22nd May 2026	Sacrament of Confirmation Mass @ 7pm in church Official photographs available in the school hall from 6pm.
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 26th June	Year 3's 'Going Forth' Celebration 8.30am - Photographs 9.15am - Mass in church
Friday 3rd July 2026	INSET Day - school closed to children
Friday 10th July 2026	***Sports' Day*** first choice date
Wednesday 15th July 2026	***Sports' Day*** back up date in case of rain on 10/7.
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

Mr Porter

Mrs Noble-Barton

Miss Smith

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Assistant Head