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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 27th September 2024

### Year of Prayer

Pope Francis has declared that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year for the Catholic Church. Jubilee years are very special and will unite the church around the theme of 'Hope'. In order to prepare for this Jubilee, Pope Francis has declared 2024 a Year of Prayer. Pope Francis has asked Catholics to get 'back to basics' during this year by focusing on The Lord's Prayer.

Throughout this year various prayer activities based around The Lord's Prayer will be taking place in school. **Why not make The Lord's Prayer part of your home prayer life?**

*Over the next few weeks we will be looking at the Lord's prayer in different languages... this week in Afrikaans:*

Ons Vader wat in die hemel is,  
laat u Naam geheilig word;  
laat u koninkryk kom;  
laat u wil ook op die aarde geskied,  
net soos in die hemel.  
Gee ons vandag  
ons daaglikse brood;  
en vergeef ons ons oortredings  
soos ons ook dié vergewe  
wat teen ons oortree;  
en laat ons nie in die versoeking kom nie  
maar verlos ons van die Bose.



### Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

### PFA New Starters' Disco - Friday 11th October 5.30pm to 7pm

Please follow the link below to purchase tickets for this exciting event. This is the only disco of the year where parents are able to stay, mingle and have a beverage! Get your dance moves ready...

[St Nicholas School PFA \(pta-events.co.uk\)](#)

**Please note that there will be no Irish Dancing or Hurling after school clubs on Friday 11/10 to enable the PFA to set up for the disco.**

### Welcome

This week we welcomed Miss Lauren Flemming to work in our school office. Miss Flemming will be working every Thursday and Friday; she joins us from a background in legal administration. I'm sure you will give her a warm St Nicholas welcome.

### Payments for trips and visits

As we have previously communicated, our budget is always tight at St Nicholas. We endeavour not to let that stop us organising trips, visits and extra-curricular activities but it does mean that we need your help. **When we ask for payment for something we would be really grateful if you could pay if you have the means.** This stops our office staff having to chase. Requests for school fund payment will be coming out soon, this is a crucial source of income for us so please pay if you can.

We are aware that some of the activities we offer (Pudding and Pie, Football, Rugby Tots etc) come at a cost to you. However, some of the activities we offer (Hurling, sporting events etc) are free. If you are ever struggling with the cost of something, please talk to Mrs Noble-Barton.

### Young Voices 2024-25

All of the places for our Young Voices choir have now been filled - thank you. Miss Smith is in the process of organising t-shirts and tickets. Please reply to the Parent Mail that you have been sent regarding these as soon as possible to ensure that we can order enough tickets for everyone.

### World Mental Health Day - 10/10/24

This year we will be marking World Mental Health day in collaboration with our PFA in the following ways:

- All pupils are invited to wear an item of yellow clothing or a yellow accessory (hair, socks, tights etc) with their uniform (not their school polo top!) in return for a £1 donation
- Our PFA will be buying some new playground equipment and games for our pupils which will emphasise the link between exercise and positive mental health
- Class teachers will lead mindfulness activities in their classrooms
- Each class will have a workshop on mindfulness and positive mental health led by an external company and supervised by school staff - this is being paid for by our PFA.

A lot is done in school on a daily basis to support pupils' social, emotional and mental health as well as positive SEMH being a thread throughout our curricula. Thursday 10/10 is an opportunity for us to shine a light on the importance of staying healthy mentally as we would physically.

### PFA News

Please find below details of some events coming up:

#### THIS WEEK - PFA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Please attend the PFA AGM on Thursday, 3rd October 2024, 18:00 in the School Hall.

All parents and carers are welcome to discuss and decide future

#### New School Year Disco

Friday, 11th October 2024, 17:30 - 19:30 in the School Hall - see notice above for link to purchase tickets. ***All children must be accompanied by an adult.***

#### Do you shop at Asda either in store or online? PLEASE SIGN UP

We're pleased to announce that St Nicholas School PFA has joined the ASDA Cash programme, so families can now earn money for the school while doing their shopping - <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

### Dates for the diary

W/c 30th September	Balance Bike training - EYFS pupils to wear their PE kit on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
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Tuesday 1st October	9am-10.30am Year 1 parent & child curriculum workshop in the school hall
Thursday 3rd October	National Poetry Day - activities across all classes
Friday 4th October	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Friday 4th October	CAFOD Family Fast Day Year 3 parents invited to 'Share a meal' - see parentmail for details
Friday 4th October	Gifts from God assembly at 2.45pm
Tuesday 8th October	9am-10.30am Year 4 parent & child curriculum workshop in the school hall
Thursday 10th October	World Mental Health Day - activities across all classes - pupils wear yellow - £1 donation
Friday 11th October	PFA New Starters' Disco at 5.30pm
W/c 14th October	Scholastic Book Fair every day after school
Tuesday 15th October	9am-10.30am Year 5 parent & child curriculum workshop in the school hall
Tuesday 22nd October	Photographs: Individuals, families & siblings More details TBC
Tuesday 22nd October and Wednesday 23rd October	Parents' Evenings
Thursday 24th October	Year 4 trip to Selly Manor - Tudors workshop
Friday 25th October	School closed to pupils - INSET day
<b>W/c 28th October - HALF TERM - school closed</b>	
Monday 4th November	School closed to pupils - INSET day
Tuesday 5th November	Pupils return for the second half of the Autumn Term
Tuesday 5th November	9am-10.30am EYFS parent & child curriculum workshop in the school hall & classroom
Tuesday 12th November 2024	Year 5 - Alton Castle information meeting via Zoom
Monday 18th November	Year 6 - Blackwell information meeting via Zoom
Wednesday 20th-Friday 22nd November	Year 5 Bikeability
Wednesday 11th December	EYFS & KS1 trip to Midlands Art Centre to see Little Angel Theatre: Finding Santa
Thursday 12th December	KS2 trip to Lichfield Garrick to see Jack and the

	Beanstalk
Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th December	9.15am - EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play performance - tickets only
Friday 20th December	Last day of the Autumn Term - pupils break up for Christmas
Monday 6th January	First day of the Spring Term - all pupils back in school at 8.50am
Friday 31st January 2025	Young Voices concert at Resorts World, Birmingham

God bless,

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