



*Love, live and learn with  
Jesus Christ.*

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Dear Parents & Carers

### **Gospel Virtues**

*At St. Nicholas School we are growing to be **curious** about everything and **active** in our engagement in the world, changing what we can for the better.*

During this half term we are learning to become more **CURIIOUS** and **ACTIVE**. Let's see who has been seen living out these virtues this week and has been awarded a wristband: Annie (Y6), Joseph (Y1), Finley (Y1,) Cillian (Y1) , Jake (Y6), Adam B (Y6) & Finn D (Y6).

### **May is the month of Mary**

As we continue our journey through the month of May, why not try saying a 'Hail Holy Queen' during family prayer time?

*Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,  
Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope.  
To thee do we cry,  
poor banished children of Eve.  
To thee do we send up our sighs,  
mourning and weeping in this veil of tears  
Turn then, most gracious advocate,  
thine eyes of mercy toward us,  
and after this exile  
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb,  
Jesus.  
O clement, O loving,  
O sweet Virgin Mary.*

**Wednesday Word - please follow this link to enjoy this weekend's Gospel as a family**

[Click here for the Wednesday Word](#)

### **KS2 SATs**

Next week is KS2 SATs week and our Y6 pupils will be sitting some tests which take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Year 6, together with Miss Smith & Mrs Maguire, have worked really hard to prepare for these tests and we know that Y6 will try their very best. Remember Year 6, God created you for a specific purpose, you are a beautiful & perfect creation of His; these tests don't define you and are not a measure of your worth. You are amazing!

### **Lighthouse Club**

There is availability at Lighthouse Club preschool for September 2023. There is also availability for Lighthouse's wraparound care for before and after school. If you are interested then please email Mrs Carole Baird at [lighthousechildcare2023@outlook.com](mailto:lighthousechildcare2023@outlook.com).

## Attendance

As you know, we monitor pupils' attendance carefully. In each newsletter we will be publishing each class' attendance for that week and the winning class will get a reward:

Year group	Weekly attendance for w/c 1.5.23
Reception	99.44%
Y1	97.13%
Y2	96.67%
Y3	100%
Y4	97.22%
Y5	99.44%
Y6	98.39%
<b>Well done, Year 3!</b>	

## Dogs

Thank you to the families who have made a concerted effort not to bring their dogs onto the school site at the start and end of the day. Unfortunately, we are still seeing dogs around the school gates and seeing evidence of them in the form of piles of dog poo! Our gate attendant, Mr Briedgewood, has picked up after irresponsible dog owners on more than one occasion which is not featured in his job description. In the interests of health and safety we would be grateful for your support in this matter. Thank you.

## Roar

This week we were visited by a local charity, Cherished, who spoke to the boys in Years 4-6 regarding a group called 'Roar' which they run every Tuesday evening. Roar aims to help boys with confidence, friendships and life skills. There is a poster attached to this email in case your son is interested.

## Sports' Day

This has been scheduled for Friday 23rd June (weather permitting) and will take place at Braemar Fields which can be accessed via Braemar Drive. KS2 events will take place in the morning and EYFS/KS1 events will take place in the afternoon. More details will follow closer to the time.

## Google Classroom

On Friday 19th May, we will be launching Google Classroom as our new homework platform and ceasing to use Purple Mash. The children will be introduced to this in school and there will be a video tutorial and information sheet for parents. We are also hosting two drop-in sessions on **Monday 22nd and Wednesday 24th May between 9:00am and 10:30am** for any parents experiencing issues using the new format.

Until Friday 19th May, homework will continue to be set on Purple Mash.

## Amazon wish list

Many thanks to all of the parents who have kindly donated books from our wish list. Your contribution to our growing love of reading at St Nicholas is greatly appreciated. For anybody who would like to purchase a book for children to enjoy, the links are as follows:

[Reception](#) [Year 1](#) [Year 2](#) [Year 3](#) [Year 4](#) [Year 5](#) [Year 6](#)

## April's word of the month

Our **word of the month is malevolent.**

How can this be incorporated into your descriptive writing?

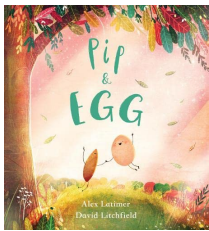
## Phonics home links

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## Staff Book Recommendations

For KS1, Mrs Rayment recommends...

*Pip and Egg* by Alex Latimer and David Litchfield

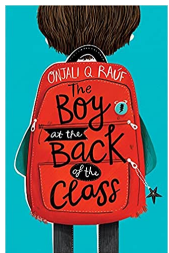


Pip is a seed from a glorious tree, and Egg is a bird's egg from a nearby nest. When Pip and Egg first meet, they are almost the same size and shape - like two peas in a pod. But as their friendship grows, so do they - for Pip this means growing roots, but for Egg? Well, Egg grows wings, and she can't wait to use them. Though Pip wishes he can follow Egg on her adventures, his roots are strong. So he watches his friend fly away. But true friends always find their way back to one another, and there are no truer friends than Pip and Egg. And if there's one thing they learn, it's that the circle of life will always lead them back to each other.

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For KS2, Miss Gamlen recommends...

*The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q Rauf



There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. He's nine years old (just like me), but he's very strange. He never talks and never smiles and doesn't like sweets - not even lemon sherbets, which are my favourite! But then I learned the truth: Ahmet really isn't very strange at all. He's a refugee who's run away from a War. A real one. With bombs and fires and bullies that hurt people. And the more I find out about him, the more I want to help. That's where my best friends Josie, Michael and Tom come in. Because you see, together we've come up with a plan. . .

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## Dates for your diary

Tues 9/5 - Fri 12/5	KS2 SATs Tests (Y6) to be administered
Tues 9/5	Reception class' coronation picnic
Weds 17/5	Year 4 visit to Birmingham Central Library (rescheduled)
Fri 19/5	Photographers in to take Y6 individual and group leavers' photos
Tues 6/6	Year 3 visit to Birmingham Central Library
Weds 7/6 - Fri 9/6	Year 6 residential trip to Blackwell Adventure
Fri 23/6	Sport's Day (weather permitting)
Thurs 6/7	MAC INSET Day - school closed to pupils

Many thanks

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