



Love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.

Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 16th June 2023

Fathers' Day

This Sunday we celebrate Fathers' Day. In St Joseph we have the perfect example of fatherhood; loving, steadfast and faithful, St Joseph protected and guided his family. Wishing every father, stepfather, grandfather and father figure a wonderful day. We also hold in our prayers the fathers who are no longer on Earth with us and those who miss them.

Dear God, Thank you for all the fathers and father-figures in this world and for the many ways you use them to lovingly guide others to Your heart. We ask that you bless them and give them great joy and peace. May they see You and know You in new ways. Show them how much you love them and care about them. Guide their steps, use their hands, and make them a blessing to others as you continue to fulfil your special purpose for their lives.

Amen.

Gospel Virtues

This week pupils have been introduced to the focus Gospel Virtues for this half term: INTENTIONAL & PROPHETIC.

The following pupils have been awarded wristbands this week as they have been seen living the focus virtues: Nicole (Y6), Jason (Y1), Chiara (Y1), Robyn (Y2), Emily (Y2), Sienna (Y2) & Isla (Y2).

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

[Click here for the Wednesday Word](#)

Attendance

Every week we print each class' attendance in the newsletter. The class (or classes) with the highest attendance can negotiate a small reward with their class teacher such as some extra playtime or IPAD time. Let's see what attendance was like this week:

Class	Attendance for w/c 12.6.23
Reception	97.08%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	96.67%
Year 3	97.08%
Year 4	97.5%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	97.58%
Well done to the winners - Year 6!	

Congratulations to Mrs Filipiuk

Huge congratulations to Mrs Filipiuk (Y1 TA) and her husband who welcomed a healthy baby boy on Thursday! Baby Leon and Mom are doing well. God bless you all.

Speech Exams with Centrestage at St Nicholas Primary School

On Friday 16th June at St Nicholas Primary School, some of the Centrestage pupils took their LAMDA Speaking Verse and Prose Exams. The pupils have been working so hard all year to improve their confidence, clarity, expression and diction. The choice to take an exam shows a great deal of confidence and we are hugely proud of each and every one of them. They showcased a huge amount of determination and talent.

Centrestage is delighted to say that we have places available for next year. If you would like some more information please email admin@centrestageschool.org.uk

Summer Fayre

Our PFA volunteers are working hard to organise a Summer Fayre for Saturday 8th July between 2pm and 4pm. A parentmail form was sent out earlier this week designed to help the PFA get an idea of numbers. They would be most grateful if you could respond to this over the weekend to help them focus their planning. Thank you.

Sports' Day - Friday 23rd June

Sports' Day is scheduled for Friday 23/6 and will take place at Braemar Fields. **All pupils should come to school on Friday wearing their PE kit**, there is no need to bring their uniform unless they wish to bring their school jumper/cardigan for warmth. Lunchtime arrangements are unaffected. Please monitor the weather forecast carefully and send your child with a refillable water bottle and sun hat / sunscreen if necessary.

Timings are as follows:

Key Stage Two begins at 9.45am and ends at approximately 11.30am.

EYFS & Key Stage One begins at 1.45pm and ends at approximately 3.15pm.

Please note that no cars can be driven onto the Braemar Fields site. Fingers crossed for good weather, any poor weather plans will be communicated via parentmail.

Please note that there will be no Achievement Assembly on Friday 23rd due to Sports' Day. The next Friday assembly will be on Friday 30th June.

Considerate parking

Please ensure that you park safely and considerately at drop off and pick up times. We are, *again*, getting reports from our neighbours of cars associated with St Nicholas blocking people's driveways and parking on pavements & grass verges.

Year 3 'Going Forth' celebrations - Friday 7th July

On Friday 7th July all Y3 pupils are invited to wear their First Holy Communion clothes to attend a special 'Going Forth' Mass with their classmates and parents at 9.15am in church. Official photographers will be in the school hall from 8.30am for any family shots, all pupils will have an individual photograph and the class will have a group shot. Please note that this day is for **all** year 3 pupils regardless of where they received the sacrament.

Mini Vinnies Bingo

On Monday 19th June, our 'Mini Vinnies' group will be running a 'Bingo and refreshments' session for over 60s! This is open to any grandparent of the school as well as any OAP parishioners. Details and cost can be found on the attached poster. Eyes down, look in!

Mini Vinnies Sleepout

Our busy Mini Vinnies are also promoting a 'Summer Sleep Challenge' to raise money for the St Vincent De Paul Society who do such good work with the vulnerable & lonely in society. Attached is a poster about how your child/family can get involved and a link to the Just Giving page if you would like to donate or sponsor your child. Thank you in advance.

EYFS/KS1 Teddy Bears picnic - Thursday 22nd June 2023

Earlier this year, children in Years 3 and 4 attended 'Stories after dark' and Years 5 and 6 attended 'Campfire stories'. To celebrate reading with our younger pupils, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be taking part in a 'Teddy Bears picnic'. This will take place during school time from 1:30-3:00pm and children are invited to bring in a small picnic (bearing in mind they will have already had their lunch!), a teddy bear and a book to read and share with their friends. **As we have several children with food allergies, please only provide food for your child to eat.**

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](#)

Summer Reading Challenge

Each year, St Nicholas takes part in the Summer Reading Challenge, where children are encouraged to read six books of any genre throughout the summer holidays. It's the UK's biggest reading for pleasure programme for children aged 4 to 11, delivered via public libraries. Children can set a reading goal and borrow books of their choice during the summer, collecting special stickers and incentives. Library staff and volunteers will help children to discover new books that suit their interests and reading level and run a programme of free themed activities in the library. Children who complete the Challenge are presented with a certificate and a medal.

For children who took part in 2022:

77% read more over the summer holidays

75% improved their reading skills

71% felt more confident about their reading

To take part, please visit Boldmere library or go online to: www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk. For further information, please visit <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/school-zone-src>.

June's word of the month

Our [word of the month is scintillating.](#)

Goodbye May! Hello June! Hello Summer! We are hoping for a scintillating half term to end this academic year and we look forward to seeing June's word of the month used in children's writing. If you have any suggestions for July's word of the month, please let Miss Smith know.

Phonics home links

Green (Miss Beamond): [ow](#) [oo](#) [oo](#)

Green (Mrs Griffiths): [oy](#) [ar](#) [ow](#)

Purple: [air](#)

Pink: [i-e](#) [o-e](#) [ir](#) [u-e](#)

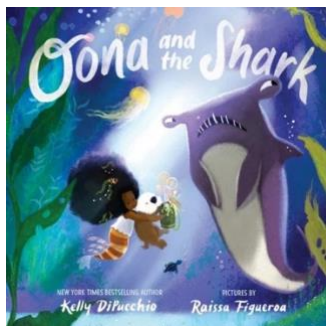
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Staff book recommendations

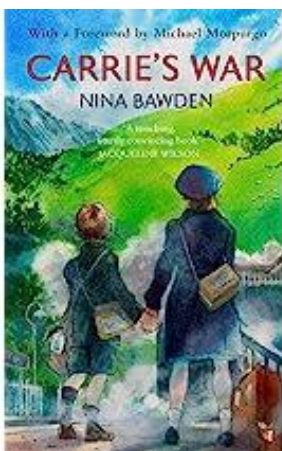


For KS1, Miss Smith recommends... *Oona and the Whale* by Kelly Dipucchio

Oona is one determined little mermaid, but she faces her biggest challenge yet in trying to make friends with Stanley the shark. Whatever will she do? A fun-filled and gorgeously illustrated celebration of friendship, creativity and perseverance. Oona loves to share her inventions with her friends. They're big and bold and loud - just like her! But there's one underwater creature who doesn't seem to enjoy Oona's company, or her creations. And that's Stanley the shark! Oona's latest hopping, chopping and popping inventions just make him angry. Oona may not know what Stanley likes, but she does know

what he doesn't. And maybe that's a good place to start. Because mermaids never stop trying . . . not when there's a friend out there to make.

[Click](#) [to](#) [purchase](#)



For KS2, Mrs Rayment recommends... *Carrie's War* by Nina Bawden

'I did a dreadful thing, the worst thing of my life, when I was twelve and a half years old, and nothing can change it' It is wartime and Carrie and her little brother Nick have been evacuated from their London home to the Welsh hills. In an unfamiliar place, among strangers, the children feel alone and find little comfort with the family they are billeted with: Mr Evans, a bullying shopkeeper and Auntie Lou, his kind but timid sister. When Carrie and Nick visit Albert, another evacuee, they are welcomed into Hepzibah Green's warm kitchen. Hepzibah is rumoured to be a witch, but her cooking is delicious, her stories are enthralling and the children cannot keep away. With Albert, Hepzibah and Mister Johnny, they begin to settle into their new surroundings. But before long, their loyalties are tested: will they be persuaded to betray their new friends?

[Click to purchase](#)

Dates for your diary

Mon 19/6	Year 6 going to St Mary's College, Oscott
Weds 21/6	Year 3 trip to Cadbury World
Fri 23/6	Sports' Day (weather permitting)
Mon 26/6	Year 5 taster day at BWS
Weds 5/7	'Move up day' - Year 6 to visit secondary schools
Thurs 6/7	MAC INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Fri 7/7	Year 3 'Going Forth' day
Sat 8/7	2pm-5pm PFA Summer Fair
Mon 17/7	4.30pm Leavers' Mass for Y6 and their families
Fri 21/7	Whole school Mass at 10am in church
Fri 21/7	2pm Leavers' Assembly
Fri 21/7	Last day in school for pupils - end of academic year 2022/23



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