



*Love, live and learn with
Jesus Christ.*



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Dear Parents & Carers

Friday 15th March 2024



Lenten Symbol of the week - THE CROWN OF THORNS

As we move closer to Holy Week, we have this very simple but arresting image. A crown is worn by a Monarch. This is usually someone with great power and riches. However, Jesus came to be a Servant King. Why not listen to this hymn together and look at the lyrics: [The Servant King With Lyrics - YouTube](#)
Allow for a period of silent, meditative prayer. How can you serve others as Jesus did? What would the world be like if we all served each other? Would we see war or any other sort of evil/injustice?

Gospel Virtues

This half term, pupils at St Nicholas are striving to be FAITH-FILLED and HOPEFUL. This week Liam (Y5) & Aoife (Y5) received wristbands.

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 is Latin.

PATER NOSTER, qui es in caelis, sanctificetur nomen tuum. Adveniat regnum tuum. Fiat voluntas tua, sicut in caelo et in terra. Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie, et dimitte nobis debita nostra sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem, sed libera nos a malo. Amen.

Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

Parents' Evenings

Appointments are now live for Parents' Evening sessions on 26th and 27th March.

Achievement Assembly

Achievement Assembly on Friday 22nd March will be the final one of this spring term. The next assembly will be on Friday 19th April.

Miss Guest & Miss Beamond

Huge congratulations to both Miss Guest and Miss Beamond who have recently become engaged to their partners! We pray for health & happiness for both couples as they plan their futures together.

Dogs on site

A reminder that dogs are not allowed anywhere on the school site. We have several children with allergies and many who are frightened of and intimidated by dogs, regardless of size.

End of day arrangements

If there is a change to your child's end of day collection arrangements, please communicate this in a timely manner by phoning the school office or emailing enquiry@. Any later than 3pm is too late for the message to get to class.

From our end, we will make a commitment not to cancel after school clubs or activities at the last minute as we know this causes issues.

This week's attendance

Let's find out which class/es had the best attendance this week.

Year group	% attendance for w/c 11.3.24
Reception	97.7%
Year 1	99.3%
Year 2	98.3%
Year 3	95.5%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	99%
Year 6	91.7%
Well done to this week's winners, Year 5! You can negotiate a reward with Mrs Minchin.	

Advertising

We will soon be providing families and friends with the opportunity to advertise their local business or service on our school newsletter for a small fee. If this is something you would be interested in and would like further information, please contact Miss Smith via the school office at enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk.

Tennis Flyer

Please find attached to this email a flyer about some tennis coaching opportunities available for children.

Sports Report

Swimming

The swimming team took part in the Sutton schools' gala at Wyndley baths on Saturday 24th February. 15 pupils from KS2 competed and we enjoyed a lot of success with many children winning their races. In the end, the boys' team finished joint second; the girls' team came third and the school was ranked 3rd overall. A fantastic achievement.

Netball

The St Nicholas netball team has had 3 matches so far and has gone from strength to strength each time with the most recent match (Thursday 14th March) ending in a nail-biting draw. The girls are great ambassadors for the school and work well as a team.

KS1 athletics

The KS1 indoor athletics team took part in a competition at Bishop Vesey school on Wednesday 6th March. Although finishing just outside the medals, they performed admirably and showed a lot of passion and commitment.

Girls' football

St Nicholas girls' football team played their first match of the season against New Hall school on a very muddy pitch on Thursday 7th March. After a slightly shaky start, the girls began to find their feet and showed some great potential. They are looking forward to their next match on Friday 15th March.

Boys' football

Following a 4-4 draw against Minworth school (coming back from being 3-0 down), the boys team played in the Midlands regional final on Wednesday 13th March. They played against the winners of other local regions and faced teams from as far away as Humberside and Gloucestershire.

The team came top of their group and won the semifinal in their way to the final. In the final, the team was victorious, winning 3-0. During the entire tournament, the team didn't concede a single goal. The passion, skill, dedication and teamwork shown by the boys was outstanding; every player played their part and showed great strength, courage and commitment in every match.

The next step is the national finals!

Dates for the diary

19/3/24 and 20/3/24

26th & 27th March

15/4/24

24/4 to 26/4

26/4/24

15/5 to 16/5

17/5/24

w/c 20/5

w/c 27/5

w/c 3/6 & 10/6

w/c 10/6

12/6 to 14/6

4/7/24

KS2 Holy Week Services (Passion Play) at 9:10am - **tickets only**

Parents' Evenings

INSET Day - school closed to children

Year 5 trip to Alton Castle

Sacrament of Confirmation Mass in church at 7pm

KS2 SATs Week

Year 6 official leavers' photographs

Year 6 swimming every day @ Wyndley

Half Term - school closed to children

Year 4 Multiplication Check administered

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check administered

Year 6 trip to Blackwell Manor

INSET Day - school closed to children

PFA events

Summer Fayre - date TBC

God bless,

Mr Porter

Mrs Noble-Barton

Miss Smith

Executive Principal

Head of School

Assistant Head

