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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 14th March 2025

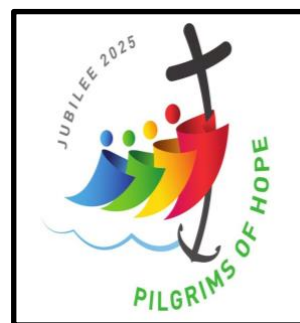
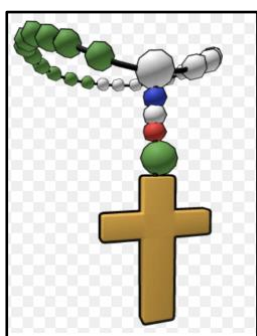
Pilgrims of Hope - Jubilee Journey through Lent

This week, our Lenten symbol is **The Cross**. The children will be learning and talking about what the cross means to us as Catholic Christians.

The cross reminds us of Jesus' great love for us. He suffered and died on the cross to save us from sin, but that wasn't the end of the story – He rose again, showing us that God's love and mercy are stronger than anything, even death.

For Catholic Christians, the cross is a sign of hope. It reminds us that even when life is difficult, God is always with us, giving us strength and guidance. This Lent let's remember the love and hope that the cross

brings into our lives.



Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Many of our Year 3 pupils will begin to receive their **Sacrament of Reconciliation** over the next few weeks. This is a wonderful and important step in their faith journey.

Reconciliation is a beautiful sacrament that brings us closer to God by allowing us to reflect on our actions, seek forgiveness, and experience God's mercy and love. Through this sacrament, we are reminded that God's love is unconditional and that He always welcomes us back with open arms. Please keep our Year 3 pupils in your prayers as they prepare for and receive this special sacrament.

Year 6 Stay and Pray - Friday 21st March

A reminder that Year 6 parents, grandparents, and carers are invited to join us for 'Stay and Pray' on Friday, 21st March. Please drop your child at the gate as usual, then enter through the front door to join us in the school hall for this special event. We look forward to welcoming you!

Stay and Pray





Lenten Fundraiser for Father Hudson's Caritas - Your donations needed

As part of our Lenten fundraiser, we will be supporting **Father Hudson's Caritas**, a charity dedicated to helping vulnerable people in our communities. Father Hudson's Caritas provides vital support to those in need, including the homeless, refugees, older people, and families facing hardship. Our KS2 pupils will be putting together small **care packages** for homeless people and asylum seekers. To support this effort, we kindly ask for donations of the following

items from **Monday, 24th March** for the duration of the week:

- **Toiletries** - travel-size shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, and wet wipes
- **Socks** - new pairs of adult socks
- **Snacks** - granola bars, trail mix, dried fruit, and crackers
- **Drinks** - bottled water or juice boxes
- **Warmth items** - lightweight gloves, hats, and scarves
- **Other essentials** - tissues, lip balm, and hand sanitiser

All donations will be greatly appreciated and will help provide comfort and support to those in need. Thank you for your generosity and kindness during this Lenten season.

PFA events



Mother's Day Tea - Tickets Now on Sale!

We are excited to announce that tickets are now available for our Mother's Day Tea! Join us on **Thursday, 27th March** from **3:30 pm to 5:00 pm** for a lovely afternoon celebrating all the wonderful mothers and mother figures in our community.

[Follow this link to purchase tickets for the Mothers' Day Tea](#) - Hurry, spaces are limited!

We look forward to celebrating this special day with you!

Time for the Spring Lotto!

Tickets are now available online for our Spring Lotto, and there will be another opportunity to buy tickets at a school assembly (Friday 21/3) before the draw on **4th April**.

50/50 Cash Prize Breakdown:

- 🏆 £500
- 🏆 £250
- 🏆 £100

Tickets are also available online via the link below:

[Spring Lotto Ticket Purchase](#)

Please share this with family and friends! We are incredibly grateful for your support in raising funds for the school.

Good luck to everyone, and thank you for being part of this exciting event! 🍀🍀🍀

The PFA Lottery Team ❤️

Year 6 Vocations Week

As part of our forthcoming Vocations Week in Year 6, we would like to invite you to share your career journey, experiences, and insights with our students. This is a wonderful opportunity to highlight how each of us is called to use our God-given gifts and talents in our work and daily lives as well as the diverse paths that lead us there. Please note that your child doesn't have to be in Y6 to take part. Vocations Week will be held from **Monday 23rd-Friday 27th June 2025**, and we are looking for volunteers who would be willing to speak about their careers, discuss the skills and education needed for their field, and answer any questions our students may have. If you are interested in participating, please get in touch with Miss Smith via enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk.

Reminder: Remaining INSET Days

A reminder that we have three remaining INSET days this academic year:

- **Monday, 2nd June**
- **Friday, 4th July**
- **Monday, 21st July**

Thank you for your support in noting these important dates.

****Exciting Opportunity** My Mind Matters Parent Workshop**

Date: Wednesday, 26th March

Time: 9:15 AM to 10:45 AM

Location: School Hall

Hosted by: Our Place

Objective: This workshop aims to empower parents with the knowledge and tools necessary to support their children in developing positive mental health and wellbeing. Recognising that mental health is a dynamic aspect of life, the session will focus on providing resources and strategies that parents can share with their children to foster resilience.

Key Takeaways:

- **Understanding Mental Health:** Learn how mental health evolves as children grow and navigate life's challenges.
- **Strategies for Parents:** Acquire practical tips and resources to help children build positive mental health and resilience.
- **Community Support:** Connect with other parents in a supportive environment to share experiences and advice.

All are welcome to attend this informative and interactive session.

Gifts from God assemblies - future dates

During Spring 2, our school will host 'Gifts from God' celebration assemblies on the following dates:

- 21st March
- 4th April

These assemblies are an opportunity for pupils to reflect on and celebrate the gifts and talents given to them by God.



Additional dates for the diary - Year 1 and Year 4

To support pupils' preparation for their statutory assessments, children in Year 4 will be invited to dress up as a rockstar on **Tuesday 3rd June 2025**. They will spend the day engaging with a plethora of times tables activities.

Year 1 will also be taking part in a RWI phonics day on **Monday 9th June 2025**. Pupils are not being asked to dress up but will spend the day engaging with a variety of phonic based activities.

Attendance

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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 10th March
EYFS	98.64%
Year 1	93.49%
Year 2	97.67%
Year 3	96.13%
Year 4	100% Winners!
Year 5	96%
Year 6	94%
Well done to this week's winners...Year 4! You can negotiate your reward with Mr Reid next week.	

Phonics Home Links

Group	Reading sounds	Writing/spelling	Reading words
Miss Godfrey's group C	ch sh th nk ck Speed minute set 1 Pinny time set 1 Speed minute special friends Pinny time special friends	Word time 1.6	ch sh th nk Word time 1.6
Miss Godfrey's ditty group	ch sh th nk ck Speed minute set 1 Pinny time set 1 Speed minute special friends Pinny time special friends	Word time 1.7	ch sh th nk Word time 1.7 Red words
Mrs Connor's green group	or air Speed minute set 1 Pinny time set 1 Speed minute special friends Pinny time special friends	or air Read and hold a sentence	Six fish Red words
Mrs Shephard's purple group	ea oi o-e a-e Speed minute special friends Pinny time special friends Speed minute set 2 Pinny time set 2	ea oi o-e a-e Read and hold a sentence	Fred talk Red words Ken's cap
Miss Guest's pink group	oi ai oa Speed minute set 2 Pinny time set 2	oi ai oa Read and hold a sentence	Fred talk Red words In the sun
Mrs Maguire's yellow group	i-e o-e a-e u-e Speed minute set 3 Pinny time set 3	i-e o-e a-e u-e Read and hold a sentence	Fred talk Red words Lost
Mrs Vale's and Miss Smith's grey group	o-e u-e aw Speed minute set 3 Pinny time set 3	o-e u-e aw Read and hold a sentence	Reading longer words - ow oa o-e Reading longer words - u-e ew oo Reading longer words - or aw

			Red words Wailing Winny's car boot sale
Mrs Trappett's fresh start group Year 3 & 4	ow (blow) oa Speed minute set 2 Speed minute set 3	ow (blow) oa	Reading longer words - ow oa o-e Jason's quest Red words
Mrs Trappett's fresh start group Year 5	ow (blow) o-e Speed minute set 2 Speed minute set 3	ow (blow) o-e	Reading longer words - ow oa o-e Beep Red words

Dates for the diary

W/c 10th March & W/c 17th March	Year 3 swimming at Wyndley Leisure Centre
Friday 21st March	Year 6 'Stay and Pray' - 9am
W/c 24th March	Collection week for Father Hudson's Caritas
Tuesday 25th March	Y3 & 4 Pyjama Stories - 5pm
Wednesday 26th March	**All parents & carers invited** 'My Mind Matters' workshop - how to help your child stay mentally healthy. School hall - 9.15am to 10.45am
Thursday 27th March	PFA Mothers' Day Tea - 3.30pm to 5pm
Friday 28th March	Year 4 'Stay and Pray' - 9am
Monday 31st March	2pm - KS2 Passion Play performance to parents
Tuesday 1st April	9.15am - KS2 Passion Play performance to parents
Wednesday 2nd April to Friday 4th April	Year 5 residential to Alton Castle
Friday 4th April	Year 1 'Stay and Pray' - 9am
Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th April	Parents' Evenings (Y3 book look)
Thursday 10th April	Year 2 trip to Twycross Zoo
Friday 11th April	Year 3 'Stay and Pray' - 9am
Friday 11th April	Last day of Spring Term. School breaks up for Easter.

Easter Holidays

School closed weeks commencing 14th April and 21st April 2025

All pupils back in school on Monday 28th April

Monday 5th May	'May Day' bank holiday - school closed
Thursday 8th May	Y1 trip to Botanical Gardens
Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May inclusive	Key Stage 2 SATs tests administered
Friday 16th May	Year 3 trip to Blists Hill Victorian Town
Friday 16th May	Official photographers to take Y6 leavers' photos
Friday 16th May	Sacrament of Confirmation for Y6 confirmandi celebrated by Bishop David Evans - 7pm
Friday 23rd May	Last day of Summer 1 - break up for half term

May half term

School closed during week commencing 26th May 2025

Monday 2nd June	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 3rd June to Friday 13th June	Multiplication Tables Check administered to Y4 pupils
W/c Monday 9th June	Phonics Screening Check administered to Year 1
W/c Monday 9th June	Year 6 swimming week at Wyndley each afternoon
Sunday 22nd June Time TBC	All Year 3 pupils who have received their Holy Communion are invited to attend the 'Going Forth' Mass at 11am wearing their FHC clothes - official p/graphers in school beforehand.
Wednesday 2nd July	Transition Day - Year 6 to their new secondary schools
Friday 4th July	INSET day - all MAC schools closed to pupils
Monday 7th July	Sports' Day at Braemar Fields (a reserve date of 14/7 has been booked in

	case of inclement weather on 7th)
Saturday 12th July	Y6 Leavers' Mass in church at 6pm
Wednesday 16th July	9.10am - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Friday 18th July	9.15am - Whole School end of year Mass in church
Friday 18th July	End of academic year 2024-25 for pupils

God bless,

Mr Porter

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Miss Smith

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