



9th September 2022

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back!

It has been wonderful to see the pupils back in school this week after the summer holidays. Pupils have been eager to share their summer stories and start working hard in their new classes. We look forward to working with you all again this year to help St Nicholas pupils love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Today we joined together as a school family to pray for the repose of the soul of Queen Elizabeth. The Queen's life was a wonderful example of Christian service and being worthy of your calling. Pupils have been spoken to about the Queen's death in an age appropriate manner and have thought about what this means for our country as we enter the era of King Charles III. The following prayer could be said at home during this period of national mourning.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We give thanks for her life of faith and service to God and to the people of this country, the Realms and the Commonwealth.

Lord in your mercy R: Hear our prayer.

Whole School Mass

We will be attending Mass as a school to mark the start of a new academic year and to offer to the Lord the blessings and challenges of this year. This will take place in church at 10am on Friday 16th September. You are, of course, more than welcome to attend.

Term dates

St. John Paul II Multi-Academy Agreed Term Dates 2022-2023

Autumn 1

Monday 5th September 2022 - Friday 21st October 2022

HALF TERM

Autumn 2

Monday 31st October 2022 - Friday 16th December 2022

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Spring 1

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 - Friday 17th February 2023

HALF TERM

Spring 2

Monday 27th February 2023 - Thursday 6th April 2023

EASTER

Summer 1

Monday 24th April 2023 - Friday 26th May 2023

HALF TERM

Summer 2

Monday 5th June 2023 - Last day for pupils Friday 21st July 2023

Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th July INSET Days.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Homework

Class teachers will be publishing their class newsletters next week. Pupils won't have any homework set this week. Homework will be set on Friday 16th September. You will have received a parentmail about phonics and reading assessments.

Sepsis Awareness Day

This Tuesday (13th) we will be marking Sepsis Awareness Day. It is a non-uniform day and all pupils are invited to wear orange, red and/or yellow in return for £1.

Reception new starters coffee morning

Parents of pupils in Reception are invited to meet up and have a coffee with each other during the Macmillan coffee morning on 30th September. More details to follow.

School Games Mark - we have a silver award!

We have just been informed that we have been successful in gaining the silver School Games Mark. The School Games Mark is a government led awards scheme that was launched in 2012. The aim is to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school. Considering we are such a small school, we offer our pupils a huge variety of opportunities to take part in sporting and games competitions. Massive thanks to all our staff but particularly to Mr Reid who drives this forward.

After school clubs

Our programme of after school clubs begins again next week. You will be receiving communications from our school office to confirm your child's place if you have applied for a club.

Parents of pupils in Y3 - dates for Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

On the St Nicholas Catholic Church website [First Holy Communion \(stnicholasboldmere.co.uk\)](http://stnicholasboldmere.co.uk) you will find information from Father Allen on the preparation for your children to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Below are some key dates for your information:

- Weekend of September 24th/25th children to 'enrol' for the sacraments by attending any of the weekend Masses (Saturday at 6pm, Sunday at 9am or Sunday at 11am).
- 20th March to 1st April - First Confessions to take place. Details will be communicated by Father Allen.
- Holy Communion Masses will be across weekends of 13/14th May, 20th/21st May & 27th/28th May. Father Allen will communicate to inform you when you can sign up for your preferred date and time.

Parents of pupils in Y6 - dates for Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

On the St Nicholas Catholic Church website [Confirmation \(stnicholasboldmere.co.uk\)](http://stnicholasboldmere.co.uk) you will find information from Father Allen on the preparation for your children to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Below are some key dates for your information:

- Weekend of October 1st/2nd children to 'enrol' for the sacraments by attending any of the weekend Masses (Saturday at 6pm, Sunday at 9am or Sunday at 11am).
- Sacrament of Confirmation **Friday 24th March at 7pm.**

Early Reading/ Phonics Parent Meeting

Parents of pupils who take part in phonics lessons (all of Reception, all of Year 1 and some pupils in Years 2 and 3) are invited to a meeting in the school hall on Monday 26th September at 9am. You have been sent a parentmail about this.

Reading Parent Meeting

Parents of all KS2 pupils (plus any pupil in Year 2 who no longer takes part in phonics) are invited to a meeting in the school hall on Monday 3rd October at 9am. You have been sent a parentmail about this.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 13/9	Sepsis Awareness Day - £1
Friday 16/9	Whole School Mass at 10am
Friday 23/9	Official class photographs being taken
Monday 26/9	Early Reading/Phonics Meeting at 9am
Friday 30/9	Macmillan coffee morning / Reception parents' meet up
Monday 3/10	KS2 + Y2 reading meeting at 9am
Friday 21/10	INSET Day - school closed to pupils

Kind regards,

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