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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 10th October 2025



Reflection - Harvest Appeal 2025 is open!

St Paul reminds us that those who plant many seeds will see a rich harvest, and those who give should do so gladly and willingly, because God loves a cheerful giver. Today, as Mrs Noble-Barton launches our **Harvest Appeal 2025**, let us remember that every gift we offer can help others and bring hope. By giving from our hearts, not because we must, but because we care, we live out our faith and share God's love with those in need. Our kindness, shared together, will make this harvest truly special for all.



Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

Safeguarding - Feeling safe at home

Domestic abuse means when someone tries to control, hurt, or frighten another person they live with. It can happen in different ways, through shouting, hurting, controlling money, or stopping someone from seeing friends or family. Children who see or hear abuse at home can feel scared or confused, even if it's not happening to them directly.

In Birmingham, reports of domestic abuse have been rising. Nationally, about 2.3 million adults experience it each year. That's why it's important everyone knows help is available.

If you're ever worried about yourself or someone else, you can talk to any member of school staff or a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Mr Porter, Mrs Noble-Barton, Miss Smith & Mrs Burling-Finn.

You can also contact **Birmingham & Solihull Women's Aid (0808 800 0028)** or the **National Domestic Abuse Helpline (0808 2000 247)** for free, confidential support.

Remember, home should be a safe place for everyone, and no one ever deserves to be hurt or frightened.

Safeguarding - Parents' Online Safety Workshop - ALL PARENTS, CARERS and GRANDPARENTS INVITED

We would like to thank one of our parents who recently signposted us to Papaya, an organisation that offers excellent online safety workshops for both parents and pupils.

Please put this date in your diary: **Tuesday 19th November at 9am - Parent Online Safety Talk.**

We hope that giving you plenty of notice means you can find time to attend and benefit from the practical advice and guidance offered.

Year 6 - applications to secondary school

Parents and carers are reminded that the deadline for submitting Year 7 secondary school applications through Birmingham City Council is **31st October 2025**. Applications must be made online: [Birmingham City Council - Apply for a Secondary School Place](#)

If you are applying to a Catholic school, you will also need to complete a supplementary form and provide a copy of your child's baptism certificate. Please note that these documents must be submitted directly to the secondary school, not to Birmingham City Council or St Nicholas.

Mrs Noble-Barton is happy to offer help or guidance with the application process. Please speak to the school office if you need assistance.

Don't miss the deadline! Getting your application in on time gives your child the best chance of securing a place at your preferred school.

Prospective Parents' Sessions - Reception 2026

We are delighted to invite families with children due to start Reception in September 2026 to attend one of our Prospective Parents' Sessions. These sessions are a wonderful opportunity to hear about the admissions process, explore the school 'in action' and ask any questions you may have.

Session dates and times:

- Monday 10/11/25 @ 9.15am
- Tuesday 11/11/25 @ 1.45pm
- Wednesday 12/11/25 @ 11am
- Thursday 13/11/25 @ 2.30pm

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing what makes our school a nurturing and inspiring place for your child's first steps in education.

Parents' Evening - Reminder

Parents and carers are reminded that Parents' Evening is an important opportunity to speak with your child's teachers about how they have settled into their new year group. An email will be sent via MCAS on Monday 13th October, containing a link to an instruction guide on how to book your appointments.

Appointments will go live on Wednesday 15th October at 7:00pm via MCAS.

We strongly encourage all parents to attend so you can discuss your child's progress and support their learning journey.

PFA News

PFA Family Quiz - Friday 17th October 5pm-7pm

[St Nicholas School PFA](#)

Follow the link above to buy tickets for the above event which promises to be an evening of family fun, laughter, and friendly competition! Bring the kids along and test your quiz skills together. You're welcome to bring your own food or maybe bring some tasty fish and chips from round the corner! Don't miss this chance to make memories with family and friends.



Lighthouse Club - Preschool Availability

Lighthouse Preschool has spaces! If you have preschool aged children, why not view their nurturing environment, speak to their experienced teachers, and learn about their engaging curriculum. Contact Carole Baird at Lighthousechildcare2023@outlook.com for a chat and a tour.

Gifts from God Assemblies

There will be a 'Gifts from God' assembly on Friday afternoons at 2.45pm on: 17th October will be the last one for this half term.



Attendance

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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 6/10/25
EYFS	99.33%
Year 1	99.65%
Year 2	100% WINNERS!
Year 3	99%
Year 4	99%
Year 5	99.35%
Year 6	97.33%
Well done to this week's winners... Year 2 with full attendance! Well done, you can negotiate your reward with Mrs Rehman next week.	

Dates for the diary

Please continue to check this section frequently as it is subject to change.

Friday 17th October	PFA Family Quiz
Monday 20th October	Year 3 Curriculum Workshop 9am to 10.45am
Tuesday 21st October	School Photographs Families, siblings & individuals (8.30am start for those not attending our school)
Wednesday 22nd October & Thursday 23rd October	Parents' Evenings Booking will open closer to the time
Friday 24th October	INSET DAY - school closed to children
W/c 27th October - HALF TERM - school closed	
Tuesday 4th November	Year 5 Curriculum Workshop 9am to 10.45am
Tuesday 4th November	Year 5 parents' virtual meeting about residential trip at 5.30pm
Wednesday 5th November	Year 6 parents' virtual meeting about residential trip at 5.30pm
Wednesday 5th November	EYFS Curriculum Workshop 9am to 10.45am
Friday 14th November	School Photographs - Class Photographs

Friday 14th November	PFA Sound Bath - 6pm - details TBC
Saturday 15th November	SVP Tea Party - 3pm to 5pm - Newman Centre - all families welcome - toys, games and cake on offer!
Wednesday 19th November	9am - Online Safety Workshop from Papaya - school hall
Thursday 20th November	Centrestage Recital at 4pm in the school hall
Monday 5th January 2026	INSET DAY - school closed to children
Tuesday 6th January 2026	INSET DAY - school closed to children

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