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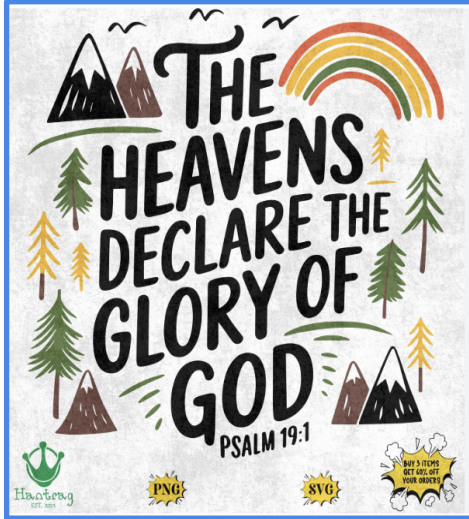
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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### Reflection: Focus Prayer - The Glory Be



As you know from last week's newsletter, our focus prayer for EYFS and KS1 this half term is 'Glory Be'.

This week we are inviting our children to notice God's glory in the everyday moments around them. The *Glory Be* reminds us that God's love is constant. It was present in the past, with us now, and guiding us into the future.

**A moment to share at home:** You might like to pause together one evening and ask, "Where did we see something beautiful, kind, or joyful today?" These small moments help children recognise God's glory shining quietly in their world.

**A simple scripture to reflect on:**

"The heavens declare the glory of God." (Psalm 19:1)

**Pray together:**

Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

### Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

### Lighthouse Preschool - PLACES AVAILABLE

Lighthouse Preschool, run by Mrs Carole Baird, offers a high-quality, nurturing early years provision for 3 and 4 year olds, helping children grow in confidence and prepare for school life.

Parents are welcome to get in touch for an informal chat or visit:

☎ 07590 411118

✉ [Lighthousechildcare2023@outlook.com](mailto:Lighthousechildcare2023@outlook.com)



**\*\*\* CHANGES \*\*\* Gifts from God Assembly Dates** In a change to the advertised dates, the remaining Gifts from God assemblies for Summer 1 will be on: **Friday 8th May and Friday 15th May.**

### Friday 1st May - Pyjama Day

Some of our Year 2 girls have shown wonderful initiative and compassion by organising a Pyjama Day to raise money for Cancer Research UK. **Pupils across the school are invited to come to school in their pyjamas on Friday 1st May in exchange for a £1 donation.**

Please note that anything worn on the day must be appropriate for school. Pupils should wear trainers or other suitable footwear; **not slippers or Crocs.**

Year 3 families: please bear in mind that pupils will be walking to and from Wyndley Leisure Centre and getting changed after swimming, so practical clothing and footwear are essential.

Participation is not compulsory. Pupils may choose to wear their uniform and still contribute the £1 donation if they wish.

Thank you for supporting our pupils' thoughtful fundraising for such an important cause.





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**Smartphone Free Childhood Movement**

If you haven't already, school and the SFC parent movement would be grateful if you would fill in a short anonymous parent survey to help us understand views across our school community which can be found here: <https://forms.gle/H1p7auQJni2vZBbn9>



Your feedback will help shape how we continue to support families and keep children safe.

Thank you for taking part and for supporting this whole-community conversation.

**Phonics home links - please access these links to support your child's phonics learning**

Group	Reading sounds	Writing/spelling	Reading words
Mrs Griffin's and Mrs Trappett's ditty group	<a href="#">n u f</a> <a href="#">Speed minute 1</a> <a href="#">Speed minute 2</a>	<a href="#">n u f</a>	<a href="#">n u f</a> <a href="#">Word time 1</a> <a href="#">Word time 2</a>
Mrs Bowen's red ditty group	<a href="#">ck</a> <a href="#">Speed minute 1</a> <a href="#">Speed minute 2</a>		<a href="#">Word time 1</a> <a href="#">Word time 2</a> <a href="#">Red words</a>
Mrs Connor's green group	<a href="#">ay ee igh</a> <a href="#">Speed minute 1</a> <a href="#">Speed minute 2</a>	<a href="#">ay ee igh</a> <a href="#">Read and hold a sentence</a>	<a href="#">The spell</a> <a href="#">Red words</a>
Mrs Maguire's pink group	<a href="#">au e-e kn</a> <a href="#">Speed minute 1</a> <a href="#">Speed minute 2</a>	<a href="#">Read and hold a sentence</a>	<a href="#">The greedy green gremlin</a> <a href="#">Red words</a>
Mrs Finn-Taylor's and Miss Smith's yellow group	<a href="#">ai are aw</a> <a href="#">Speed minute 1</a> <a href="#">Speed minute 2</a>	<a href="#">aw are ai</a> <a href="#">Read and hold a sentence</a>	<a href="#">The duckchick</a> <a href="#">Red words</a>
Mrs Shephard's grey group		<a href="#">Read and hold a sentence</a>	<a href="#">-ible</a> <a href="#">igh i-e</a> <a href="#">oo u-e ew</a> <a href="#">-ent</a> <a href="#">Rex to the rescue</a> <a href="#">Red words</a>

Let's see which Year Group had the best attendance this week...	
Year group	Attendance for w/c 20/4/26
EYFS	99.33% <b>Winners!</b>



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Year 1	96%	
Year 2	95.33%	
Year 3	98.33%	
Year 4	98.33%	
Year 5	95.33%	
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>99.33%</b>	<b>Winners!</b>
Well done to this week's JOINT winners...EYFS & Year 6! You can negotiate your rewards with Mrs Bowen and Miss Guest next week.		

**Dates for the diary**

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

March 3rd - April 28th	<b>St Nicholas Parish Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>
Weeks commencing 27th April and 4th May (minus the Bank Holiday)	<p><b>Year 3 swimming each afternoon -</b>  <i>Children will need to bring the following kit in a separate bag every day:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Girls: one-piece swimsuit</li> <li>• Boys: swimming trunks or shorts (not long board shorts)</li> <li>• A towel</li> </ul> <p><i>If your child wishes to bring swimming caps or goggles, they must be able to put these on independently.  A reminder that all jewellery and watches should be left at home for safety.</i></p>
Thursday 30th April	<b>Year 2 trip to Sea Life Centre</b>
Friday 1st May	<b>Pyjama Day - £1 to Cancer Research UK</b>
Monday 4th May	<b>Bank Holiday - school closed</b>



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Friday 8th May	Gifts from God Assembly - 2.45pm in the school hall
Weekends of: 9th/10th May 16th/17th May 23rd/24th May	St Nicholas Parish First Holy Communion Masses
W/c 11th May 2026	KS2 SATs Week (Y6)
Thursday 14th May	2.15pm Whole School Mass - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord - in church
Friday 15th May	Year 4 trip to Ironbridge 'Enginuity' Museum
Friday 15th May	Academy Photography to shoot Y6 leavers' photos
Friday 15th May	Gifts from God Assembly - 2.45pm in the school hall
Thursday 21st May 2026	Year 3 to visit Blists Hill Victorian Town
Friday 22nd May 2026	Sacrament of Confirmation Mass @ 7pm in church
<b>MAY HALF TERM</b> Week commencing 25th May 2026 School closed to children	
Monday 1st June 2026	TT Rockstars Day - Y4 only
Friday 5th June 2026	Year 1 trip to Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Monday 8th June 2026	Phonics Day - Y1 only
Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th June	Y6 to Blackwell Adventure
Friday 26th June	Year 3's 'Going Forth' Celebration 8.30am - Photographs 9.15am - Mass in church
Friday 3rd July 2026	INSET Day - school closed to children
Friday 10th July 2026	***Sports' Day*** first choice date
Wednesday 15th July 2026	***Sports' Day*** back up date in case of rain on 10/7.





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Friday 17th July 2026

2pm - Leavers' Assembly

### St John Paul II Multi Academy Schools - Term Dates 2026/27

Our MAC term dates follow Birmingham City Council (BCC) dates.

**INSET days will be published separately before the start of the 2026/27 school year.**

#### Autumn Term 2026

- Term starts: Tuesday 1 September 2026
- Half-term: Monday 26 October - Friday 30 October 2026
- Term ends: Friday 18 December 2026

#### Spring Term 2027

- Term starts: Monday 4 January 2027
- Half-term: Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February 2027
- Term ends: Thursday 25 March 2027

#### Summer Term 2027

- Term starts: Monday 12 April 2027
- Half-term: Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June 2027
- Term ends: Wednesday 21 July 2027

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Porter

Mrs Noble-Barton

Miss Smith

Executive Principal

Head of School

Assistant Head

