



19th May 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

Gospel Virtues

The following pupils have been awarded a 'Curious and Active' wristband this week: Jason (Y1), Jessica (Y2), Emily (Y2), Hugo (Y2) & Milo (Y2). Well done!

May Procession

On Tuesday we will hold our May Procession during which the whole school will process a statue of Our Lady around the school grounds. When back in the school hall, we will adorn Mary with flowers and crown her as Queen of Heaven. **All pupils are invited to bring in a small bunch of flowers or a single stem to lay at Mary's feet - these should be brought to school on Tuesday 23rd May.**

Wednesday Word - please follow this link to enjoy this weekend's Gospel as a family

[Click here for the Wednesday Word](#)

Attendance

Every week we print each class' attendance in the newsletter. The class (or classes) with the highest attendance can negotiate a small reward with their class teacher such as some extra playtime or IPAD time. Let's see what attendance was like this week:

Class	Attendance for w/c 15.5.23
Reception	96.25%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	97.08%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	96.67%
Year 6	97.18%
Well done to the joint winners, Years 1, 3 & 4!	

Google Classroom - CHANGE TO HOMEWORK SETTING

Today, Friday 19th May, we are launching Google Classroom as our new homework platform and **ceasing to use Purple Mash**. The children have been introduced to this in school and there is a video tutorial and information sheet for parents attached to this email. We are also hosting two drop-in sessions on **Monday 22nd and Wednesday 24th May at 9:00am** for any parents experiencing issues using the new format.

NB - This is only applicable to children in Years 2+. Maths homework remains unchanged.

EYFS/KS1 Teddy Bears picnic - Thursday 22nd June 2023

Earlier this year, children in Years 3 and 4 attended 'Stories after dark' and Years 5 and 6 attended 'Campfire stories'. To celebrate reading with our younger pupils, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be taking part in a 'Teddy Bears picnic'. This will take place during school time from 1:30-3:00pm and children are invited to bring in a small picnic (bearing in mind they will have already had their lunch!), a teddy bear and a book to read and share with their friends. **As we have several children with food allergies, please only provide food for your child to eat.**

Non-uniform day - Friday 26th May

Next Friday will be a non-school uniform day to raise awareness and money for Acacia Family Support a local charity which support mothers and families affected by postnatal depression. Below is a short message from the charity:



Acacia Family Support provides services to mothers and families affected by pre/postnatal depression and anxiety in Birmingham. Acacia seeks a world where every family affected receives timely and effective support close to home. Each year, we assist over 600 families across Birmingham, helping them to feel less anxious or depressed and better able to cope. Stories of recovery can be seen at <https://www.acacia.org.uk/your-stories/>

We provide loving, caring support consisting of one-to-one befriending, free creche, CBT group work, practical support in the home, gifts of encouragement and care, specialist services for young parents, dads and members of our BAME community as well as virtual services for those unable to attend a centre. Our centres are in Walmley and Erdington as well as in the south of the city in Northfield.

*We are so grateful to **St Nicholas** for being willing to raise money for us on your forthcoming non-uniform day - thank you so much!*

If you would like more information, or to refer yourself if you feel you would benefit from our support, please either visit our website at www.acacia.org.uk or call us on 0121 301 5990. We would love to hear from you!

Year 6 Careers Week - w/b Monday 3rd July

Many thanks to those parents who have already volunteered to share their career path with our Year 6 pupils. This is a fantastic opportunity to inspire the next generation and we are incredibly grateful. If you would like to talk to our pupils about your job, the skills needed and why you enjoy it, please email enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk. Thank you.

Year 3 'Going Forth' celebrations - Friday 7th July

On Friday 7th July all Y3 pupils are invited to wear their First Holy Communion clothes to attend a special 'Going Forth' Mass with their classmates and parents at 9.15am in church. Official photographers will be in the school hall from 8.30am for any family shots, all pupils will have an individual photograph and the class will have a group shot. Please note that this day is for **all** year 3 pupils regardless of where they received the sacrament. More details to follow.

Amazon wish list

Many thanks to all of the parents who have kindly donated books from our wish list. Your contribution to our growing love of reading at St Nicholas is greatly appreciated. For anybody who would like to purchase a book for children to enjoy, the links are as follows:

[Reception](#) [Year 1](#) [Year 2](#) [Year 3](#) [Year 4](#) [Year 5](#) [Year 6](#)

April's word of the month

Our [word of the month is malevolent.](#)

We have already seen lots of examples of malevolent being used in children's writing - we are looking forward to seeing lots more!

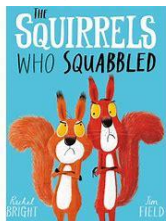
Phonics home links

Red 1	Red 2		
Green 1	Green 2	Green 3	
Purple 1	Purple 2		
Pink 1	Pink 2	Pink 3	
Orange	Orange 2	Orange 3	
Yellow 1	Yellow 2	Yellow 3	Yellow 4
Blue 1	Blue 2		
Grey	Grey 2	Grey 3	

Staff Book Recommendations

For KS1, Mrs Noble-Barton recommends...

The Squirrels who Squabbled by Rachel Bright

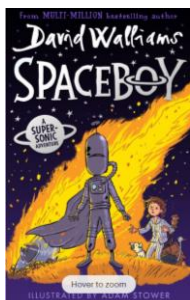


Greedy squirrels Cyril and Bruce both have their sights on a very special prize: THE VERY LAST NUT OF THE SEASON! As the nut bounces crazily through the forest, the squirrels race after it, between the trees, over boulders, down the river and - ARGH! - right to the edge of a waterfall! Working together might be the only way to save themselves now ...

[Click to purchase](#)

For KS2, Mrs Matthews recommends...

Spaceboy by David Walliams



America. The 1960s. Ruth loves climbing trees, making a mess and throwing stones. But the thing she loves most is SPACE. The girl is OBSESSED. She spends her days reading comics about alien invasions, doodling UFOs, watching B-movies about Earth being invaded by creatures from Mars... and gazing at the stars through her old, battered telescope. Until one night, Ruth creeps out of bed in the attic room of her rickety old farmhouse to watch the stars - and is just dozing off when she spots something blazing across the sky. Something that looks like a flying saucer! Is she dreaming? No! And the flying saucer is on fire... But when the UFO crash-lands in the cornfield, and Ruth rushes to help, she finds a mystery - and an

adventure

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beyond

her

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God bless,

Mr Porter
Executive Principal

Mrs Noble-Barton
Head of School

Dates for your diary

Mon 22/5	9am Google classroom drop in for parents
Weds 24/5	9am Google classroom drop in for parents
Thurs 25/5	Year 6 'One Life' post-Confirmation retreat
w/c 29/5	Half Term - school closed to pupils
Tues 6/6	Year 3 visit to Birmingham Central Library
Weds 7/6 - Fri 9/6	Year 6 residential trip to Blackwell Adventure
Tues 20/6	Year 6 going to St Mary's College, Oscott
Weds 21/6	Year 3 trip to Cadbury World
Fri 23/6	Sport's Day (weather permitting)
Thurs 6/7	MAC INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Fri 7/7	Year 3 'Going Forth' day
Mon 17/7	4.30pm Leavers' Mass for Y6 and their families
Fri 21/7	Whole school Mass at 10am in church
Fri 21/7	2pm Leavers' Assembly
Fri 21/7	Last day in school for pupils - end of academic year 2022/23