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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 21st November 2025

Reflection on the end of the Jubilee Year!

As we bring the Year of Jubilee to a close, we pause to reflect on the journey we have shared together as a community. This morning, joining with our Archdiocesan schools in the livestream, we celebrated not only the closing of a special year but also the spirit of unity and faith that has carried us through it.

Throughout this year, our pupils have engaged in many Jubilee-related activities, reflecting deeply on what it means to live as a people of hope. Now, as we look ahead, we are invited to move from being *Pilgrims of Hope* to becoming *Prophets of Courage*. We are called to speak, act, and witness boldly in the world, guided by our faith and love for others.



May the lessons of this Jubilee inspire us to carry forward hope in our hearts and courage in our actions, trusting always in God's guidance on the path before us.

Check out our 'X' page for pictures of the amazing activities our pupils completed today!

Wednesday Word

Please follow the link below to enjoy this week's Gospel as a family: Click HERE for the Wednesday Word

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Guitar Concert

Parents of <u>all</u> pupils in Year 4, and any pupils in Years 5 and 6 who learn the guitar through school, are invited to a guitar concert in the school hall on **Thursday 11th December at 4: 15pm.There** is no need to pick up your child after school, as they will stay for a short rehearsal before the performance.

We are looking forward to sharing what the pupils have been learning and practising this term.

Please email enquiry@... by Friday 28th November if your child is unable to participate.

Do you have any questions about Special Educational Needs?

Mrs Burling-Finn has organised a coffee morning on Tuesday 25th November, straight after morning drop-off. Representatives from a range of SEND agencies, including Educational Psychologists and Occupational Therapists, will be available. Feel free to pop in for an informal chat with them or with Mrs Burling-Finn (SENDCO). Everyone is welcome, whether or not your child is on our SEND register. We hope to see you there.

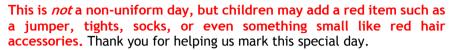


Crazy Hair Day - Friday 28th November

We'll be holding a Crazy Hair Day on Friday 28th November in return for a £1 donation to support the set-up and running of our PFA Christmas Fair. Thank you for your support and for today's chocolate donations, they are very much appreciated.

Advance Notice - Feast of St Nicholas

On **Friday 5th December**, we will be celebrating the Feast Day of our patronal saint, **St Nicholas** (normally marked on 6th December, which falls on a Saturday this year). To honour St Nicholas, everyone is invited to wear something red, the colour traditionally associated with him.







Lighthouse Preschool ** Places Available **

Lighthouse Preschool currently has places available for children starting in **January** and **September 2026**. If you are looking for a warm, nurturing early years setting where children can learn, play and grow with confidence, they warmly invite families to get in touch. The team will be happy to provide more information or arrange a visit so you can see the preschool in action. Contact Mrs Carole Baird at Lighthousechildcare2023@outlook.com.

PFA Lotto

🍁 PTA Christmas Lotto Draw 🎄

Would you like to win some cash just before Christmas and help raise funds for the school...... here's how to enter!

Tickets are now on sale via the online platform https://bit.ly/4haBtVi How it works £5 per ticket . 50/50 split - prize fund capped at

1st £5002nd £2503rd £100

Draw will take place at school assembly on 28/11/25

Good luck ** ** **

and thank you for your continued support

PFA Christmas Wreath-Making Event - Sunday 30th November 2pm to 4pm - adult only event

Wreath-Making afternoon!

Join us for a cosy, festive afternoon of creativity, laughter, and Christmas cheer! **
What's included:

- workshop and all materials to make your own beautiful Christmas wreath*
- A glass of fizz and a mince pie on arrival
- Access to our bar for additional drinks (not included in price)

*please bring secateurs.

Tickets: £35 per person

Date: Sunday 30 November 2-4pm

Location: School Hall

Limited number of tickets so act quickly if you're keen. Book your ticket here All funds raised will go to the PFA.

PFA Christmas Wreath Making Link to Book Tickets

Apologies, no parking is available for this event. Please do not use the parish car park, as the QR code for permits will not be available and tickets may be issued. Kindly arrange off-site parking. Thank you.



PFA Christmas Fair

🎄 PFA Christmas Fair - Saturday 6th December, 2-4pm 🎄

Join us for a festive afternoon fun for the whole family! Enjoy games, grab last-minute presents, and try your luck at winning some prizes. Don't miss out!

Tickets for the fair can be bought here...
PFA Christmas Fair Saturday 6th December Link to Buy Tickets

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Gifts from God Assemblies

There will be a 'Gifts from God' assembly on Friday afternoons at 2.45pm on: Friday 28th November Friday 12th December



Attendance

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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 17/11/25
EYFS	92.33%
Year 1	99.31% WINNERS!
Year 2	96%
Year 3	98.33%
Year 4	97.67%
Year 5	99%
Year 6	98.33%
Well done to this week's winnersYear 1! You can negotiate your reward with Mrs Finn-Taylor on Monday!	

Dates for the diary

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Friday 28th November	Silly Hair Day - in return for £1 to help fund the PFA Christmas Fair consumables
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Sunday 30th November	PFA Wreath Making Event - school hall - 2pm to 4pm
Week commencing Monday 1st December	Reverse Advent Calendar Week 1/2 - collection for Father Hudson's Caritas
Wednesday 3rd December	EYFS & KS1 trip to MAC theatre to see 'The Owl who came for Christmas'.

Friday 5th December	Celebration Day for the Feast of St Nicholas - all pupils invited to wear red for our patron saint (no charge)
Saturday 6th December	PFA Christmas Fair - 2pm to 4pm
Week commencing Monday 8th December	Reverse Advent Calendar Week 2/2 - collection for Father Hudson's Caritas
Thursday 11th December	KS2 to Sutton Coldfield Town Hall to see 'Beauty and the Beast'
Thursday 11th December	Guitar Concert @ 4.15pm - all of Year 4 plus those who have continued in Year 5 & 6.
Friday 12th December	Gifts from God Assembly - 2.45pm
Monday 15th December	6pm - KS2 Advent Service / Carol Concert in the school hall PARKING ON THE KS2 PLAYGROUND OR OFF SITE (Event subject to enough KS2 pupils signing up to attend)
Tuesday 16th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play performance @ 9.15am PARKING OFF SITE
Wednesday 17th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play performance @ 9.15am PARKING OFF SITE
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Jumper Day - £1 towards Father Hudson's Caritas
Friday 19th December	End of the Autumn Term - school breaks up for Christmas
Christmas Holidays School Closed W/c 22/12/25 & W/c 29/12/25	
Monday 5th January 2026	INSET DAY - school closed to children
Tuesday 6th January 2026	INSET DAY - school closed to children
Wednesday 7th January 2026	First day of the Spring Term for all children
Friday 22nd May 2026	Sacrament of Confirmation Mass @ 7pm in church

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Have a lovely weekend,

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