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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026



**CAFOD Big Lent Walk - Friday 6th March**

[FOLLOW THIS LINK](#) Please give to our **BIG LENT WALK!** St Nicholas' Fundraising Page is fundraising for CAFOD

We're looking forward to seeing all the children take part in the **CAFOD Big Lent Walk on Friday 6th March.**

To help everyone enjoy the day comfortably, please make sure your child

comes to school with:

- Wellies
- A waterproof jacket

If you are able to support our fundraising, please donate via the link provided above. Every contribution makes a real difference. Thank you for your support. We can't wait for a fantastic day of walking together!



**Wednesday Word**

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

**FHC Care Package Collection**

**KS2 Lenten Care Package Appeal**

This Lent, our KS2 pupils will be working together to support those in need by creating care packages for the homeless, which will be distributed by Father Hudson's Caritas.

***Over the next two weeks, we would be grateful if every child in KS2 could donate at least one item:***

**What Each Year Group Is Collecting:**

**Year 3 - Toiletries & Personal Care**

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Travel-size shampoo
- Travel-size shower gel
- Roll-on deodorant
- Wet wipes
- Pocket tissues
- Lip balm

**Year 4 - Warmth & Weather Protection**

- Thick socks
- Gloves
- Woolly hats
- Lightweight scarves
- Compact rain ponchos
- Hand warmers

**Year 5 - Food & Drink (Non-Perishable)**

- Cereal bars
- Protein bars
- Biscuits
- Dried fruit packs
- Instant noodles or pasta pots



Cup-a-Soup sachets  
Bottled water  
Cartons of juice  
**Year 6 - Practical Essentials**  
Reusable tote bags  
Reusable water bottles  
Zip-lock bags  
Small notebooks & pens  
Mini torches  
Plasters / small first-aid items  
Sanitary products

### Personal Items in School

We are seeing an increasing number of objects coming into school that are causing unnecessary distractions during lessons. **Items such as fidget toys, key rings, large pencil cases, toiletries and similar belongings are not needed in school and often lead to problems, arguments and disruption to learning.**

If your child has additional needs and a fidget toy has been agreed with a member of staff, they should bring **one** fidget toy only – not several.

Pupils do not need to bring extra stationery from home. If they choose to bring a pencil case, it must be **very simple**, but in reality we already provide all the resources they need in class. **The only items children should bring each day are their water bottle and reading record.**

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a calm and focused learning environment.



### 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:

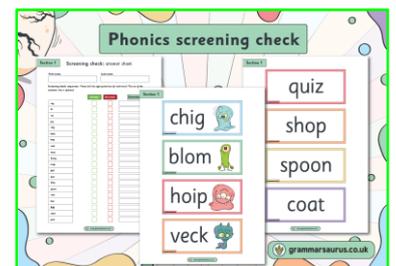
- ☐ 07590 411118
- ☐ [Lighthousechildcare2023@outlook.com](mailto:Lighthousechildcare2023@outlook.com)

### Reminder: Year 1 Phonics Screening Check - Virtual Parent Session

A reminder that we will be holding our virtual information session for Year 1 parents and carers about the Phonics Screening Check (statutory assessment) on Thursday 5th March at 5:00pm.

This short session will explain:

- what the Phonics Screening Check involves
- how it is administered in school
- how you can support your child at home



You can access the session using the link below:

[Zoom Link - Y1 Parent PSC Session - 5th March 2026](#)

We look forward to seeing you online.

### PFA General Meeting

All parents and carers are warmly invited to our next **PFA General Meeting on Saturday 7th March at 4.00pm in the school hall.**

This is a great opportunity to hear about recent PFA activities, plans for upcoming events (including the Summer Fair), and to share ideas as we begin thinking ahead to 2026-2027. Whether you're a regular attendee or completely new to the PFA, we would love you to join us.

The PFA plays an important role in building our school community and supporting opportunities for our children: every voice and idea really does make a difference.

We hope to see you there.



**World Book Day - Thursday 12th March 2026**

**THE BOOK IN A BOX COMPETITION IS BACK!**

To celebrate World Book Day, pupils are invited to make their favourite book into a box! We have had some incredible entries over the past few years and can't wait to see what the pupils create this year! It's really simple to take part! All you need is a cereal or shoe box to get started and the aim is to design the inside of your box in the most creative way possible to display your favourite book! Your entries need to be submitted by **Thursday 12th March**. The Reading Ambassadors will decide on a winner and two runners up! These lucky children will receive a reading related prize.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be outside the front of school each evening from Monday 9th-Friday 13th March 2026, where pupils can spend their £1 book tokens.

*NB - we are celebrating the week after World Book Day to ensure that our Y5 pupils can take part after they have been to Alton Castle.*



As part of our World Book Day celebrations, the Scholastic Book Fair will be open to families outside the front of school from Monday 9th-Friday 13th March 2026. Pupils are able to use their World Book Day tokens to receive £1 towards their chosen book. All funds raised will help support school to purchase new books for our classroom libraries!



**Gifts from God Assemblies** These assemblies are a special time to celebrate our pupils' gifts and achievements. Remaining Gifts from God assemblies during Spring 2 will be on: **Friday 6th March & Friday 20th March**.

**Attendance**

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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 16/2/26
EYFS	98%
Year 1	94%
Year 2	98.33%
Year 3	98.67%
Year 4	99%
Year 5	97.42%
Year 6	97.05%
Well done to this week's winners.... Year 4! You can negotiate a reward with Mr Reid next week!	

**Dates for the diary***Please continue to check this section frequently as it is subject to change.*

Saturday 28th February	<b>Swimming Gala @ Wyndley Leisure Centre</b>
Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th March	<b>Year 5 residential trip to Alton Castle</b>
Thursday 5th March	<p><b>Virtual session for Y1 parents &amp; carers on the Phonics Screening Check (statutory assessment) - 5pm start time</b></p> <p>Topic: Phonics Screening Check - Virtual session for parents  Time: Mar 5, 2026 05:00 PM London  Join Zoom Meeting  <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74693020424?pwd=QFpQWehaPO0ALfS1RubFyaCTwb3oNJ.1">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74693020424?pwd=QFpQWehaPO0ALfS1RubFyaCTwb3oNJ.1</a></p> <p>Meeting ID: 746 9302 0424  Passcode: s6Yjv2</p>
Saturday 7th March	<b>PFA General Meeting - 4pm in school hall</b>
W/c 9th March 2026	<b>Spring Term Assessment Week for Years 1-5</b>
Wednesday 11th March (rescheduled from 26/2)	<p><b>EYFS &amp; Year 6 height &amp; weight checks (school nurse) - please email <a href="mailto:enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk">enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk</a> if you wish to opt out your child</b></p>
March 3rd - April 28th	<b>St Nicholas Parish Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>
Friday 13th March	<b>PFA Mothers' Day Tea 3.30pm to 5pm</b>
Monday 16th March	<b>Year 6 full day retreat to enrich preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation - in school</b>
17th to 20th March	<b>Mock SATs week for Y6</b>
Thursday 19th March	<p><b>Virtual session for Y4 parents &amp; carers on the Multiplication Screening Check (statutory assessment) - 5pm start time</b></p> <p>Topic: Multiplication Tables Check - Virtual Parent Information session  Time: Mar 19, 2026 05:00 PM London  Join Zoom Meeting  <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72580240981?pwd=UINeV2YlpcZgI4zK8bQMMjKX7lulS4.1">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72580240981?pwd=UINeV2YlpcZgI4zK8bQMMjKX7lulS4.1</a></p> <p>Meeting ID: 725 8024 0981  Passcode: CMiw2j</p>
Monday 23rd March	<b>2pm - KS2 Passion Play performance to parents</b>
Tuesday 24th March	<b>9.15am - KS2 Passion Play performance to parents</b>

Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March	<b>Parents' Evenings</b> Weds: 3.45pm to 6.15pm Thurs: 4.40pm to 7pm
Friday 27th March	<b>Visiting theatre company to perform 'Alice in Wonderland' to the whole school</b>
Friday 27th March	<b>Last Day of Spring Term - break up for Easter</b>
<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS - School closed to children</b> W/c 30th March W/c 6th April <b>INSET Day - Monday 13th April</b>	
Tuesday 14th April 2026	<b>First day of Summer Term</b> Summer Uniform permitted
Weekends of: 9th/10th May 16th/17th May 23rd/24th May	<b>St Nicholas Parish First Holy Communion Masses</b>
Friday 22nd May 2026	<b>Sacrament of Confirmation Mass @ 7pm in church</b>
Friday 3rd July 2026	<b>INSET Day - school closed to children</b>

### **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

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