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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 20th March 2026



Reflection: Signs of Spring

As the days grow lighter and the first signs of spring begin to appear, we are reminded that Lent is a journey towards hope. The brighter mornings, new buds and warmer days echo the promise at the heart of this season: light always follows darkness.

Just as nature begins to wake after winter, we too move towards the light of Easter, when the joy of the Resurrection breaks through. May these small signs of spring encourage us to keep going, to stay faithful, and to look with expectation towards the new life that Christ brings.

KS2 Care packages for the homeless

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Father Hudson's Care Packages. Pupils will be making the packages on Wednesday, and we will then take them to Father Hudson's to be distributed to those who are homeless.

Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

KS2 Passion Play Performances

A reminder that KS2 will be performing their Passion Play this week. This is a contemporary retelling, through music and drama, of the events leading up to the death of Jesus. This is always a solemn and powerful occasion, and our KS2 pupils and staff have been preparing with great care alongside their curriculum work and assessments.

Performances for parents and grandparents will take place on:

Monday 23rd March at 2.00pm AND. Tuesday 24th March at 9.15am

Each family (not each pupil) is allocated a maximum of four seats. There will be no physical tickets for this event.

We look forward to sharing this meaningful part of our Lenten journey with you.

*Please note that there will be a collection at the end of the performance. If you can spare any change we would be most grateful. Money will go to the St Nicholas World Development Group.



Lent, Holy Week & Easter - what will it look like in your household?

All pupils will gather in the hall on Friday afternoon as we finish the Spring Term together with a simple service of the Stations of the Cross (just for the school) Next week's newsletter will include details of Masses in the local area over Holy Week and Easter.

It is essential, whatever your Easter plans, that children see Mass attendance modelled at home.

Lent, Holy Week and Easter are arguably the most important moments in the liturgical year for Catholic Christians. You have chosen a Catholic education for your child; thank you for continuing to nurture the seeds of faith in them through your own witness and example.

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

Parents' Evening - adults only

We look forward to welcoming parents into school on 25th and 26th March for Parents' Evening. **Please note that this is not an event for children.** We appreciate that childcare can be difficult. If this is the case, we kindly ask that only one parent attends the appointment and then shares the information at home or that you consider booking Lighthouse for one of the afternoons if that helps.



Last time, a number of children were left in the office area. Our SLT team needs to remain 'on call' during Parents' Evening and cannot supervise children in the office. The main door is also open throughout the evening, which creates a safeguarding risk. It is also not appropriate for pupils to wait in the hall, as they may overhear confidential conversations about other children.

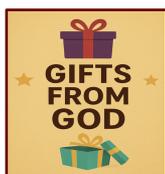
Thank you for your understanding and support. These dates have been advertised well in advance, and your cooperation helps us keep everyone safe & comfortable.



Theatre Company Visit - Friday Morning

On Friday morning, all pupils will be treated to a performance from a professional theatre company who have visited us before. They will be performing *Alice in Wonderland* and giving children a glimpse into stagecraft and the work that goes into preparing a play.

If you haven't yet made your payment for this event, please do so via the Payments section on MCAS.



Gifts from God Assemblies

These assemblies are a special time to celebrate our pupils' gifts and achievements.

Gifts from God assemblies for Summer 1 will be on: **Friday 17th April, Friday 1st May and Friday 15th May.**

Term dates

As we approach the end of the Spring Term, please note the following dates:

- Friday 27th March - Last day of the Spring Term
- w/c 30th March - School closed for the Easter break
- w/c 6th April - School closed for the Easter break
- Monday 13th April - INSET day; school closed to pupils (first day of the Summer Term)

Attendance

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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 16/3/26
EYFS	99.33% Winners!
Year 1	94.67%
Year 2	90%

Year 3	96%
Year 4	98.67%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	96.67%
Well done to this week's winners....EYFS! You can choose a reward with Mrs Bowen next week.	

Dates for the diary

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

March 3rd - April 28th	St Nicholas Parish Sacrament of Reconciliation
Monday 23rd March	2pm - KS2 Passion Play performance to parents <i>Parking is not available in the parish carpark for this event. If coming by car please park elsewhere as the QR code for issuing a day permit will not be available.</i>
Tuesday 24th March	9.15am - KS2 Passion Play performance to parents <i>Parking is not available in the parish carpark for this event. If coming by car please park elsewhere as the QR code for issuing a day permit will not be available.</i>
Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March	Parents' Evenings Weds: 3.45pm to 6.15pm Thurs: 4.40pm to 7pm <i>Parking is not available in the parish carpark for this event. If coming by car please park elsewhere as the QR code for issuing a day permit will not be available.</i>
Friday 27th March	Visiting theatre company to perform 'Alice in Wonderland' to the whole school
Friday 27th March	Last Day of Spring Term - break up for Easter
EASTER HOLIDAYS - School closed to children W/c 30th March W/c 6th April INSET Day - Monday 13th April	
Tuesday 14th April 2026	First day of Summer Term Summer Uniform permitted
Wednesday 15th April 2026	2.30pm - Years 4, 5 & 6 to Mass in church
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
Thursday 14th May	2.15pm Whole School Mass - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord - in church
Friday 22nd May 2026	Sacrament of Confirmation Mass @ 7pm in church
Monday 1st June 2026	TT Rockstars Day - Y4 only
Monday 8th June 2026	Phonics Day - Y1 only
Friday 3rd July 2026	INSET Day - school closed to children
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

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