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love, live & learn.

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 4th July 2025



Reflection: Faith in Action

Today, as staff from across the St John Paul II MAC came together in prayer, formation, and spiritual nourishment, we were reminded that true faith is lived out through action.

The theme *Faith in Action* was brought to life as we celebrated the incredible work across our nine schools—including the presentation of over £8,000 to Father Hudson's Caritas. This act of charities echoes key principles of Catholic Social Teaching, especially the *preferential option for the poor and solidarity*.



As Scripture reminds us:

"Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." (James 2:17)

May we continue to live a faith that serves, loves, and transforms.

Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)



Summer Reading Challenge

Pupils of all ages are invited to take part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge. All you need to do is visit Boldmere library to get started. This is a fantastic way to keep reading during the summer holidays! We look forward to celebrating those who complete the challenge in the Autumn term!

RSHE Week - Coming Up Next Week

Next week, we will be focusing on *Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE)* across the school. Each class will take part in a series of lessons from our RSHE curriculum, exploring important themes that support children's spiritual, emotional, and social development.

Attached to this email is a summary of **Module 3: Created to Live in Community**, which outlines what each year group will be learning next week. As a reminder, all schools within the St John Paul II Multi Academy use the '**Life to the Full**' curriculum. This programme is beautifully rooted in Catholic teaching and offers a rich, faith-filled approach to RSHE.

Looking ahead to the Autumn Term, we will be seeking your input as we continue to shape our RSHE provision. There will be opportunities to attend workshops, view the resources used in school, and share your thoughts as part of our ongoing consultation.



Thank you for your continued support.

Thank You to Our PFA – End of Term Treat

A huge thank you to our wonderful PFA who treated all the children to a special end-of-term experience on Thursday. They funded a visit from Little Sprouts Forest School, who led exciting outdoor sessions with each class. The children had a fantastic time enjoying nature, exploring, and having fun in the sunshine.

Y6 Leavers' Mass

A reminder to all Year 6 parents and carers: this year, Father Allen has kindly invited us to mark the Year 6 Leavers' Mass as part of the parish 6.00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 12th July. All families are warmly invited to join us for this special celebration.

Whole school end of year Mass

In addition, we will be holding our Whole School End-of-Year Mass on Friday 18th July at 9.15am in church. Year 6 pupils will lead the ministries, and we will offer prayers for them as they move on, for staff who are leaving, and for the whole school community as we close the academic year.

We look forward to sharing these meaningful moments with you.



Year 6 Residential – Blackwell Adventure

Our Year 6 pupils will be heading off on their much-anticipated residential trip to Blackwell Adventure from Wednesday 9th July to Friday 11th July. We wish them a wonderful time—it's a fantastic way to round off their primary school journey, filled with teamwork, challenge, and fun!

A big thank you to Miss Gamlen, Miss Smith, and Mrs Shephard for accompanying the children and making this experience possible.

Year 6 parents will have received separate ParentMail messages with all the logistical details.

Music lessons

Thank you everybody who has signed their child up for music tuition next academic year. Arrangements are now being finalised and we will be communicating the confirmation of lessons before the end of the year. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept any further requests.

EYFS Parent & Carer Information Session – Monday 7th July

On **Monday 7th July**, Mrs Noble-Barton and Miss Smith will be hosting a short online session for parents and carers of pupils in EYFS.

This session is designed as a refresher about the EYFSP (Early Years Foundation Stage Profile) assessment, helping you better understand your child's end-of-year report.

We warmly invite you to join us:



[Click here to join the Zoom session](#)



Date: Monday 7th July

Time: 5:00pm (approx. 30 mins long) We look forward to seeing you there.



End-of-Term PSHE: Summer Safety Lessons

As we approach the summer holidays, our teachers will be delivering important PSHE lessons focused on keeping pupils safe while they enjoy their break.

The lessons will cover key safety topics, including **water safety**—highlighting the risks around swimming pools, coastlines, rivers, and lakes—and **rail safety**, particularly the dangers of being near train tracks.

These sessions are designed to equip children with the knowledge and awareness they need to stay safe over the long holiday.

We encourage you to watch the following videos at home to familiarise yourself with the content and continue the safety conversations with your child:

- **KS1 Safety Talk:** [Watch here](#)
- **KS2 Safety Talk:** [Watch here \(start at 40 seconds\)](#)

Thank you for helping us reinforce these vital messages at home. Let's work together to ensure a safe and happy summer for all our pupils.

Young Voices

Many thanks to the many parents that have signed their child up for Young Voices. All pupils who were signed up via ParentMail have been allocated a place in the choir for 2025-26 and Miss Smith will be sending out further details next week. We are regretfully unable to allocate any further places.

Our Final 'Stay and Count' of the Year!

Parents, carers, and grandparents of Year 1 pupils are warmly invited to join us for our last *Stay and Count* session of the year on Friday 11th July.

Please drop your child off at the gate as usual, then come in through the main entrance. Once the children have been registered, they will join you for 20 minutes of interactive maths fun in the classroom.

We look forward to seeing you there!

End of Year Reports

Parents can expect to receive their child's end-of-year school report, along with the results of any statutory tests they have completed, by the end of this week. These will be sent directly via ParentMail.

Easy Fundraising - Our PFA is Now Registered! Support Us While You Shop!

We've registered St Nicholas PFA with easyfundraising, which means over 8,000 retailers will now donate to us for FREE every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them.

These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us - it's completely FREE and doesn't take long.

Thanks, the PFA Team

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Gifts from God Assembly

One Gifts from God assembly left this year.

- Friday 11th July

These assemblies are an opportunity for pupils to reflect on and celebrate the gifts and talents given to them by God.



Attendance

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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 30th June
EYFS	99.15% Winners!
Year 1	94.29%
Year 2	98.33%
Year 3	94.35%
Year 4	92.34%
Year 5	96.25%
Year 6	92.92%

Well done to this week's winners...EYFS! You can choose your reward next week x

Reminder: Remaining INSET Days

A reminder that we have one remaining INSET this academic year:

- **Monday, 21st July**

Dates for the diary

Monday 7th July	Sports' Day at Braemar Fields (a reserve date of 14/7 has been booked in case of inclement weather on 7th)
Monday 7th July	Virtual EYFSP information session for Parents & Carers of EYFS pupils @ 5pm Zoom Link Here
Wednesday 9th to Friday 11th July	Year 6 residential trip to Blackwell Adventure
Friday 11th July	Year 1 - Stay & Count - 8.50am
Friday 11th July	Gifts from God assembly - 2.45pm - FINAL OF THE YEAR
Saturday 12th July	Y6 Leavers' Mass in church at 6pm
Wednesday 16th July	9.10am - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (certificates/medals/trophies only to Year 6 and their siblings)
Friday 18th July	9.15am - Whole School end of year Mass in church
Friday 18th July at 3.30pm	End of academic year 2024-25 for pupils

Academic Year 2025/26

Monday 1st September 2025	INSET DAY - school closed to children
Tuesday 2nd September 2025	INSET DAY - school closed to children
Wednesday 3rd September	First day of the Autumn Term for Years 1-6
Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th September	EYFS part time attendance (either morning or afternoon)
Friday 5th September	First full day of school for EYFS

Friday 24th October	INSET DAY - school closed to children
Monday 5th January 2026	INSET DAY - school closed to children
Tuesday 6th January 2026	INSET DAY - school closed to children

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