



*Love, live and learn with  
Jesus Christ.*



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 26th April 2024

### **Year of Prayer**

Pope Francis has declared that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year for the Catholic Church. Jubilee years are very special and will unite the church around the theme of 'Hope'. In order to prepare for this Jubilee, Pope Francis has declared 2024 a Year of Prayer. Pope Francis has asked Catholics to get 'back to basics' during this year by focusing on The Lord's Prayer.

Throughout this year various prayer activities based around The Lord's Prayer will be taking place in school.  
**Why not make The Lord's Prayer part of your home prayer life?**

*Over the next few weeks we will be looking at the Lord's prayer in different languages... this week in Portuguese:*

### **Our Father in Portuguese:**

Pai Nosso, que estais nos Céus,  
Santificado seja o Vosso nome.  
Venha a nós o Vosso reino,  
Seja feita a Vossa vontade  
Assim na Terra como no Céu.  
O pão nosso de cada dia nos dai hoje.  
Perdoai-nos as nossas ofensas  
Assim como nós perdoamos a quem nos tem ofendido  
E não nos deixeis cair em tentação  
Mas livrai-nos do mal.  
[Pois Tu é o reino, e o poder, e a glória para sempre.]  
Amém.



### **May is the month of Mary**

This week we enter the month of May when the church traditionally prays with Mary, our Blessed Mother. On Wednesday 1st May (weather permitting) the school will take part in our May procession. Please note that this is for pupils & staff only due to space constraints.

**If your child would like to lay a flower/small bunch of flowers at the feet of our lady during our procession, please send your child to school with fresh flowers on Wednesday morning.**

### **Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation**

Huge congratulations to our Y6 confirmandi who were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit during their Confirmation mass on Friday evening. Bishop David Evans celebrated the Mass, he also dropped into the Y6 classroom last week to speak with the children. Bishop David said that the pupils seemed calm, prepared and that they challenged him with some good questions! Please keep the confirmandi in your prayers as they enter the next stage in their faith formation. We pray that they use the message of the Lord rather than the lure of the secular world to make key decisions about their future.

### Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

### Y5 Alton Castle trip

Year 5 took part in a hugely successful residential trip to Alton Castle last week. The pupils of Y5 were a credit to themselves, their school and their parents as they faced challenges with bravery & teamwork. Taking pupils away on a residential is a big task and we thank Miss Smith for doing much of the 'behind the scenes' organisational work. We also thank Mrs Minchin, Mrs Shephard, Mrs Maguire and Mrs Trappett for leaving their own families for three days to give Y5 this opportunity. Well done all!

### PFA Meeting - Tuesday 30th April at 6pm

There will be a PFA meeting on Tuesday 30th April at 6pm in the school hall. Anyone is welcome to attend. Huge congratulations to Mr Matteo Belardi who has been elected new Chairperson of the PFA! We look forward to working with him to continue the excellent work started by Mrs Hale.

### This week's attendance

Let's find out which class/es had the best attendance this week. An excellent week of attendance - well done St Nicholas!

Year group	% attendance for w/c 22.4.24
Reception	96%
Year 1	98%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	98.3%
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>100%      Winners!</b>
Year 5	99%
Year 6	98%

Well done to this week's winners...Y4, you can negotiate your reward with Miss Godfrey.


### Dates for the diary

1/5/24	Y5 trip to Think Tank
30/4/24	6pm PFA Meeting in the school hall
7/5/24	EYFS trip to Ash End Farm
15/5 to 16/5	KS2 SATs Week
17/5	St Nicholas football team in National Football Final
w/c 20/5	Year 6 swimming every day @ Wyndley
w/c 27/5	Half Term - school closed to children
w/c 3/6 & 10/6	Year 4 Multiplication Check administered
5/6/24	Year 6 Leavers' official photos
w/c 10/6	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check administered
12/6 to 14/6	Year 6 trip to Blackwell Manor
4/7/24	INSET Day - school closed to children
19/7	2pm Y6 Leavers' Assembly

### PFA events

**\*\*DATE SET\*\*** Summer Fayre - Saturday 13th July - 12pm to 3pm

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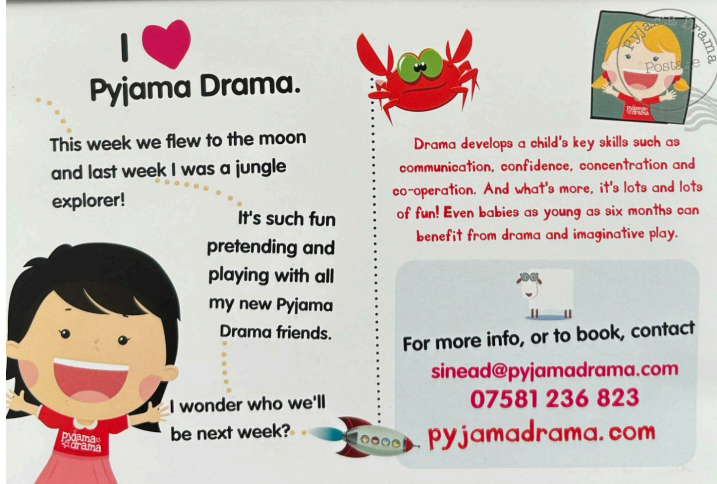
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