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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 28th March 2025

Pilgrims of Hope - Jubilee Journey through Lent

Today, our pupils took part in another Jubilee Focus Day, reflecting on what it means to be a 'Pilgrim.' They explored various Catholic pilgrimage sites, learning about their significance in our faith.

You'll be able to see their work displayed on the board in the hall during Parents' Evenings. In the meantime, why not ask your child which site their class studied and why it is important to us as Catholic Christians?



Happy Mothers' Day

Mothers' Day is a time to thank God for the love and care of all the special women in our lives—our mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, and mother-figures. Just as Mary, the Mother of Jesus, loves and guides us, these women bless us with their kindness, strength, and sacrifices. Mary is the perfect example of a mother's love. She said "yes" to God (Luke 1:38), cared for Jesus, and stood by Him at the Cross (John 19:25-27). She continues to watch over us like a loving mother, leading us closer to her Son.

This weekend, we pray for all mothers—those with us and those who have passed. May Mary bless them with love, strength, and peace.

Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

Stay and Pray - Friday 4th April 2025

Parents, carers, and grandparents of Year 1 pupils are invited to the *Stay and Pray* session this Friday (28th) morning. Please drop your child off as normal and come in through the front door.

What a great chance to connect spiritually and enjoy time together!

Stay and Pray





****CONTINUE TO DONATE THIS WEEK PLEASE****

Lenten Fundraiser for Father Hudson's Caritas -

A massive thank you for your generosity in supporting our **Father Hudson's Caritas care boxes** for the homeless and those seeking refuge. We are *almost there*—but not quite!

If you haven't donated yet, please consider bringing in the following items this week:

Toiletries - toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, shampoo, wipes

Tissues & wet wipes

First aid items - plasters, antiseptic wipes

Lip balm & moisturizer - to protect against cold weather

Gloves, socks, and hats - for warmth

Reusable water bottles

Sanitary products - pads, tampons, and panty liners

We still need empty shoe boxes and containers with lids please!

Thank you in advance!

SVP Parish Tea - 12th April - all families welcome!

The SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society) warmly invites all families to a **Parish Tea** on Saturday 12 April from 3:00 to 4:30 PM in the Newman Centre. There is no charge for this event, and there will be tea, coffee, and cakes for the adults, along with drinks, games, toys, and books for the children to enjoy.

All are welcome!



KS2 Passion Play - please see updated car parking information below

Our KS2 pupils are working really hard rehearsing for their Passion Play, a reenactment of the events of Jesus' Passion and death. There will be two parental performances:

- **Monday 31st March at 2:00 pm - Parish Car Park available.**
- **Tuesday 1st April at 9:15 am - No parking available - please park off site**

Tickets are not required, but please note that we are limited to 3 adults per child across both performances.

Thank you for your understanding and support!

Important Reminder: Supervision and Vehicle Safety at School Pick-Up and Drop-Off

We kindly ask parents, grandparents, and anyone else picking up or dropping off children to please supervise them carefully at the start and end of the school day. Please remember that all land in front of the curb outside the school is parish land, not school property. For everyone's safety, we also remind you not to move any vehicles in the car park at the start or end of the day. Additionally, please remain vigilant and respectful of Father Allen's house and church property. Thank you for your cooperation.

SAFETY FIRST

Reminder: Prompt Payment for School Items & Trips

We kindly ask all parents and carers to ensure that payments for school dinners, trips, events such as Young Voices, and other activities are made promptly. The school is unable to cover these costs, and timely payments help us continue offering these valuable experiences for all pupils.

We understand that some families may be experiencing financial hardship. If you have any concerns about making a payment, please do not hesitate to speak in confidence to a senior member of staff. We want every child to have the opportunity to take part in school activities, and we will always do our best to find a suitable arrangement.

Thank you for your understanding and support.



Healthy Snacks - Please Monitor What Your Child Brings to School

We kindly ask parents to monitor what their child brings to school for a snack. Please do not send cereal bars, crisps, or any other packaged snacks. Instead, we encourage snacks like a piece of fruit or chopped fruit in Tupperware.

A reminder that the school provides fruit free of charge for EYFS and KS1 students. For KS2 students, there is a small charge of £29.25 per academic year for fruit - please email enquiry@ if

you wish to purchase this.

We also need to be especially careful as we have children in school with severe gluten, dairy, and nut allergies. Some cereal bars contain nuts, and as a nut-free school, we ask that you avoid these items.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping all of our students safe and promoting healthy eating habits.

PFA events

Thank You for a Wonderful Mother's Day Tea

A huge thank you to the PFA, Mrs. Smith, and all the volunteers for organising the lovely Mother's Day Tea on Thursday. It was a wonderful opportunity for mothers and grandmothers to chat, relax, and spend time with their children.

The event was not only enjoyable, but it also helped raise valuable funds for the school. A special thanks to the staff who stayed behind to assist and help make the event a success.

We truly appreciate everyone's hard work and support!

Time for the Spring Lotto!

Tickets are now available online for our Spring Lotto, and there will be another opportunity to buy tickets at a school assembly (Friday 21/3) before the draw on **4th April**.

50/50 Cash Prize Breakdown:

- 🏆 £500
- 🏆 £250
- 🏆 £100

Tickets are also available online via the link below:

[Spring Lotto Ticket Purchase](#)

Please share this with family and friends! We are incredibly grateful for your support in raising funds for the school.

Good luck to everyone, and thank you for being part of this exciting event! 🍀🍀🍀

The PFA Lottery Team ❤️

PFA Summer Fair Date Change

Please note that the date for our Summer Fair has changed. The event will now take place on Saturday 28th June from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

Make sure to put the final date in your diaries! We look forward to seeing you there for a fun afternoon.

Join the Captain Nick Crew in the Great Midlands Fun Run - Help Us Raise £5,000 for St Nicholas School!

Ten determined dads – the Captain Nick Crew – are running the Great Midlands Fun Run on 1 June 2025 to raise £5,000 for a new audio-visual system for St Nicholas School.

Everyone is welcome to join the run or support their fundraising efforts!

• Sign up: <https://royalsuttonfunrun.org>

• Donate: <https://bit.ly/nickcrewfun>

For more info, contact Matt Gannon or the PFA.



Parents' Evening

Spring term parents' evenings will be held on Tuesday 8th April and Wednesday 9th April. Appointments will go live through ParentMail on Monday 31st March at 7:00 pm.

Please note that Year 3 parents are welcome to drop by at any time on either of the two days to look at their child's books.

Year 6 Vocations Week

As part of our forthcoming Vocations Week in Year 6, we would like to invite you to share your career journey, experiences, and insights with our students. This is a wonderful opportunity to highlight how each of us is called to use our God-given gifts and talents in our work and daily lives as well as the diverse paths that lead us there. Please note that your child doesn't have to be in Y6 to take part. Vocations Week will be held from **Monday 23rd-Friday 27th June 2025**, and we are looking for volunteers who would be willing to speak about their careers, discuss the skills and education needed for their field, and answer any questions our students may have. If you are interested in participating, please get in touch with Miss Smith via enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk.

Gifts from God assemblies - future dates

During Spring 2, our school will host 'Gifts from God' celebration assemblies on the following dates:

- 4th April

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



Easter Holiday camps at Bishop Walsh School

Please see below the link to book an Easter Holiday camp at BWS. This is provided by Microsports, not St Nicholas.

<https://www.microsportsltd.co.uk/bishop-walsh>

Attendance

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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 24th March
EYFS	95.59%
Year 1	98.28%
Year 2	99.33% Winners!
Year 3	97.42%
Year 4	96.13%
Year 5	97.76%
Year 6	96.67%
Well done to this week's winners...Year 2! You can negotiate your reward with Mrs Rehman next week.	

Reminder: Remaining INSET Days

A reminder that we have three remaining INSET days this academic year:

- **Monday, 2nd June**
- **Friday, 4th July**
- **Monday, 21st July**

Thank you for your support in noting these important dates.

Dates for the diary

Monday 31st March	2pm - KS2 Passion Play performance to parents
Tuesday 1st April	9.15am - KS2 Passion Play performance to parents
Wednesday 2nd April to Friday 4th April	Year 5 residential to Alton Castle
Friday 4th April	Year 1 'Stay and Pray' - 9am
Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th April	Parents' Evenings (Y3 book look)
Thursday 10th April	Year 2 trip to Twycross Zoo
Friday 11th April	Year 3 'Stay and Pray' - 9am
Friday 11th April	Last day of Spring Term. School breaks up for Easter.
<p>Easter Holidays</p> <p>School closed weeks commencing 14th April and 21st April 2025</p> <p>All pupils back in school on Monday 28th April</p>	

Monday 5th May	'May Day' bank holiday - school closed
Thursday 8th May	Y1 trip to Botanical Gardens
Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May inclusive	Key Stage 2 SATs tests administered
Friday 16th May	Year 3 trip to Blists Hill Victorian Town
Friday 16th May	Official photographers to take Y6 leavers' photos
Friday 16th May	Sacrament of Confirmation for Y6 confirmandi celebrated by Bishop David Evans - 7pm
Friday 23rd May	Last day of Summer 1 - break up for half term
May half term School closed during week commencing 26th May 2025	
Monday 2nd June	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 3rd June to Friday 13th June	Multiplication Tables Check administered to Y4 pupils
W/c Monday 9th June	Phonics Screening Check administered to Year 1
W/c Monday 9th June	Year 6 swimming week at Wyndley each afternoon
Sunday 22nd June Time TBC	All Year 3 pupils who have received their Holy Communion are invited to attend the 'Going Forth' Mass at 11am wearing their FHC clothes - official p/graphers in school beforehand.
Saturday 28th June	PFA Summer Fair 1pm to 3pm
Wednesday 2nd July	Transition Day - Year 6 to their new secondary schools
Friday 4th July	INSET day - all MAC schools closed to pupils
Monday 7th July	Sports' Day at Braemar Fields (a reserve date of 14/7 has been booked in case of inclement weather on 7th)

Saturday 12th July	Y6 Leavers' Mass in church at 6pm
Wednesday 16th July	9.10am - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Friday 18th July	9.15am - Whole School end of year Mass in church
Friday 18th July	End of academic year 2024-25 for pupils

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