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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 20th November 2026

Reflection: The Solemnity of Christ the King – Sunday 22nd November



This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, marking the end of the Church's liturgical year before we begin the season of Advent.

Jesus is a Servant King. His kingship is not about power or status, but about humility, love and service to others. He leads by example, putting the needs of others before His own.

As parents, carers and educators, we are reminded that we too are called to follow His example. Through the patience, kindness, forgiveness and compassion we show in our everyday lives, we teach our children that true greatness is found not in being served, but in serving others.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, our Servant King, help us to lead with humility, serve with love and recognise You in those we care for. Amen.

Wednesday Word

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

Click HERE for the Wednesday Word



November Remembrance Board

Our November Remembrance Board in the school hall continues to grow, and we feel truly honoured to have the faces of so many dearly loved and sadly missed family members and friends looking down on us.

It is a beautiful reminder of the love that remains with us, even when those we hold dear are no longer by our side.

If you would still like a loved one to be included, please feel welcome to send in a photograph or funeral order of service, clearly labelled with their name. We would be privileged to remember them alongside those already on our board.

Throughout November, we will continue to hold all those who have died, and the families who miss them, in our thoughts and prayers.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

Maternity Leave Farewell

This week, we said a fond farewell to Mrs Minchin as she begins her maternity leave. We wish her every health and happiness in the exciting weeks ahead and send our very best wishes to her and Mr Minchin as they prepare to be officially outnumbered by their third child! Good luck to you both! Meanwhile, Year 1 are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Finn-Taylor and Mrs Grigg into their classroom. We know the children will give them both a wonderfully warm St Nicholas welcome!



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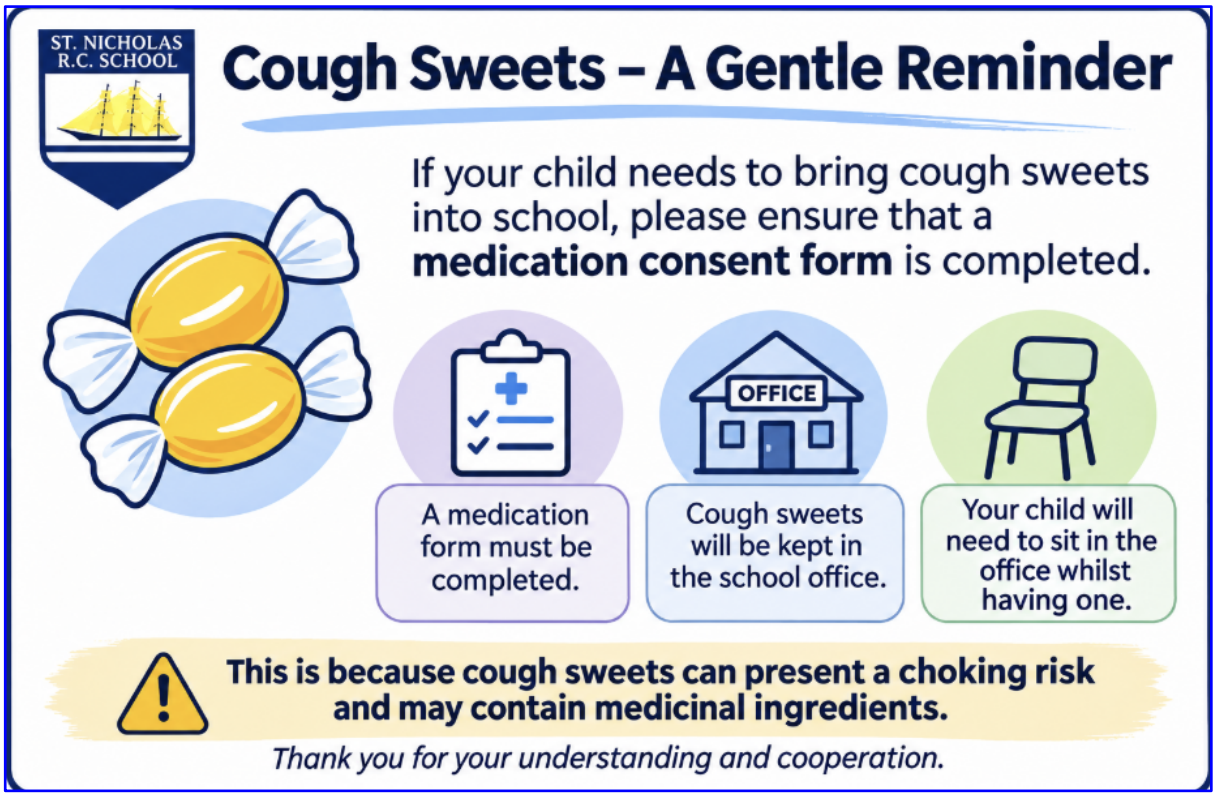
PFA Events, Red Wednesday & Shine Like a Saint Day

We have lots of exciting events coming up over the next few weeks! Please make a note of these important dates.

- **Friday 27th November – Non-Uniform Day** 🍫 Children are invited to wear their own clothes in return for a **chocolate donation** for our PFA Christmas Fair.
- **Friday 4th December – Shine Like a Saint Day!** 🌟 Inspired by a wonderful suggestion from AJ in Year 4, we are inviting children to dress up as their **favourite saint** as part of our celebrations for the Feast of St Nicholas on 6th December. We can't wait to see the wonderful variety of saints represented across our school!
  Please see our Shine Like a Saint Day flyer for more information and costume inspiration. Thank you, as always, for your fantastic support of our school community and PFA!



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PFA Meeting

Join us for the first St Nicholas' PFA meeting of the year! Our first PFA meeting of the academic year is taking place on **Thursday 26th November at 8:15pm, ONLINE**. Come along to find out about our fundraising priorities for the year ahead and how the money raised will help support the children at St Nicholas. We'll also be sharing more about what being part of the PFA and volunteering actually involves, and you might be surprised to hear that it really doesn't take much time at all! Whether you can offer a little time, a helping hand, or simply want to find out more, everyone is welcome. We'd love to see some new faces! **Invites and joining details will be shared via your year group WhatsApp groups.** Hope to see you there!

PFA Dates for your diary!

🎄 **Christmas Wreath-Making Workshop Saturday 28th November, 2pm to 4pm - PLEASE NOTE UPDATED TIME** Get into the festive spirit and create a beautiful Christmas wreath to take home.

🎅 **Christmas Fayre Saturday 5th December, 2pm to 4pm** Join us for an afternoon of festive fun, games and seasonal treats.

Collection from Key Stage 2

If you are collecting a child from KS2, please could we ask that you move down from the paved areas onto the playground whilst waiting. This helps to keep the area around the gate clear and allows everyone to enter and move through safely, as it can become quite congested at collection time. Thank you for your cooperation.

Gifts from God Assemblies

Remaining *Gifts from God* assemblies in Autumn 2 will take place as follows: **Friday 27th November & Friday 11th December.**

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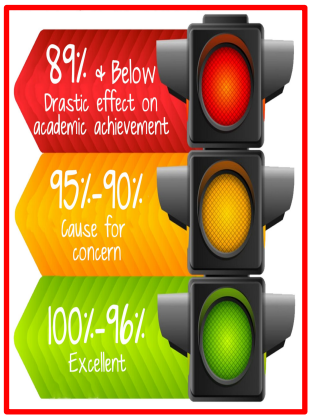
Attendance

We are aware that there has been a lot of illness circulating this week. Please refer to the NHS guidance on whether your child is too ill for school when making decisions about attendance. Thank you for taking a sensible and proportionate approach, helping us to limit the spread of illness whilst ensuring that children return to school as soon as they are well enough to do so.



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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 16/11/26
EYFS	98%
Year 1	91.67%
Year 2	98.62%
Year 3	83%
Year 4	90.33%
Year 5	97.67%
Year 6	**98.67%** **Winners!**
Well done to this week's winners…Year 6! You can negotiate your reward with Mr McNicholas next week.	

Dates for the diary

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

October half term - school closed to children during w/c 26/10/26	
Tuesday 24th November **THIS WEEK!**	****Y6 parents**** **Blackwell information meeting at 5:15pm -** via Zoom https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73722566420?pwd=XndIkbz1hjY4Pv7v3igNsbnEt3oUJg.1
Friday 27th November **THIS WEEK!**	**Non-uniform day -** in return for bringing a donation of chocolate for PFA Christmas Fair.
Friday 27th November **THIS WEEK!**	**Gifts from God assembly** at 2.45pm.

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Saturday 28th November	**2pm - 4pm PFA Christmas Wreath making workshop -** school hall *We apologise, but there will be no parking available on the school site for this event.*
Wednesday 2nd December	**KS1 Theatre Trip to Midland Arts Centre-** Tales from Acorn Wood
Thursday 3rd December	**4pm Centrestage Recital -** in the school hall *We apologise, but there will be no parking available on the school site for this event.*
Friday 4th December	**Shine Like a Saint Day -** dress up as your favourite saint! 
Saturday 5th December	**2pm to 4pm PFA Christmas Fair -** school hall
Wednesday 9th December	**KS2 Theatre Trip to Lichfield Garrick** Robin Hood

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Thursday 10th December	**Christmas Dinner for pupils in dining room**
Thursday 10th December	**KS2 Christmas Carol Concert -** for pupils who have signed up - full school uniform please - refreshments available afterwards. *We apologise, but there will be no parking available on the school site for this event.*
Friday 11th December	**Gifts from God assembly** at 2.45pm.
Tuesday 15th December	**EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity Play in the school hall @ 9.15am - ticket information TBC** *We apologise, but there will be no parking available on the school site for this event.*
Wednesday 16th December	**Flu Vaccinations KS2**
Wednesday 16th December	**EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity Play in the school hall @ 9.15am - ticket information TBC** *We apologise, but there will be no parking available on the school site for this event.*
Thursday 17th December	**4.15pm Guitar Concert in the school hall -** all of Y4 and any pupils who do elective guitar lessons in school
Friday 18th December	**Christmas Jumpers** can be worn with uniform.
Tuesday 26th January	**Flu vaccinations EYFS/KS1**

INSET Days 2026/27

The remaining scheduled INSET Days for the 2026/27 academic year are:

Monday 4th January 2027
Monday 22nd February 2027
Monday 12th April 2027
Friday 2nd July 2027

St John Paul II Multi Academy Schools – Term Dates 2026/27

Our MAC term dates follow **Birmingham City Council (BCC)** dates.

Autumn Term 2026

- Term starts: Tuesday 1 September 2026
- Half-term: Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October 2026

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- 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

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Porter	Mrs Noble-Barton	Miss Smith
Executive Principal	Head of School	Assistant Head