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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 6th March 2026



CAFOD Big Lent Walk - Well done all!

[FOLLOW THIS LINK](#) Please give to our **BIG LENT WALK!** St Nicholas' Fundraising Page is fundraising for CAFOD

What a fantastic day we've had taking part in the CAFOD Big Lent Walk! The rain held off, spirits were high, and our pupils set off with big smiles as they walked in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in developing countries who must travel long distances each day to find safe, clean drinking water.



At the time of writing, we have already raised an amazing £507 for CAFOD! Thank you so much to everyone who has donated so far. If you haven't had the chance yet, it's not too late, please follow the link above to give whatever you can spare.

This has been a truly inspiring Lenten fundraising event, and we are so proud of the effort, enthusiasm, and compassion shown by our pupils and staff today.

Wednesday Word

Please follow the link below to enjoy this week's Gospel as a family:
[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

Message from Father Allen

As part of our ongoing commitment to nurturing pupils' faith and strengthening our partnership with the parish, Father Allen would like to invite families to consider two wonderful opportunities for children to deepen their involvement in the liturgical life of the Church.

Junior Readers: Youngsters in Years 5 or 6 (or above) are invited to meet with Fr Allen after the **6pm Mass on 14th March** to discuss practicalities and arrange the simple training and support.

Junior Servers: Youngsters in Years 2 and above are invited to speak to Fr Allen if they are interested in getting an introductory taste of being a server before beginning a simple training time.



FHC Care Package Collection - FINAL WEEK!

KS2 Lenten Care Package Appeal

This Lent, our KS2 pupils will be working together to support those in need by creating care packages for the homeless, which will be distributed by Father Hudson's Caritas.

Over the next week, we would be grateful if every child in KS2 could donate at least one item:

What Each Year Group Is Collecting:

Year 3 - Toiletries & Personal Care

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Travel-size shampoo
- Travel-size shower gel
- Roll-on deodorant
- Wet wipes
- Pocket tissues
- Lip balm

Year 4 - Warmth & Weather Protection

- Thick socks
- Gloves



Woolly hats
Lightweight scarves
Compact rain ponchos
Hand warmers

Year 5 - Food & Drink (Non-Perishable)

Cereal bars
Protein bars
Biscuits
Dried fruit packs
Instant noodles or pasta pots
Cup- a- Soup sachets
Bottled water
Cartons of juice

Year 6 - Practical Essentials

Reusable tote bags
Reusable water bottles
Zip- lock bags
Small notebooks & pens
Mini torches
Plasters / small first- aid items
Sanitary products

Welcome Back, Year 5!

Our Year 5 cohort has just returned from their three-day residential at Alton Castle, and what a wonderful experience it has been. Pupils took part in a wide range of outdoor activities, each with a reflective element that helped them explore Scripture and grow closer to God. A great time was had by all, and the children have come back with huge smiles and even bigger stories to share.

A big thank you goes to Miss Smith for all the behind-the-scenes organisation, including the essential risk assessments, and to Mrs Burling-Finn, Mrs Vale, and Mrs Shephard for accompanying the trip and helping the children create such special memories. Huge thanks to all our Y5 parents for your support and for helping us keep every pupil safe by following our guidance.

We hope everyone enjoys a well- earned rest this weekend.



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

PFA General Meeting - TOMORROW

All parents and carers are warmly invited to our next ***PFA General Meeting on Saturday 7th March at 4.00pm in the school hall.***

This is a great opportunity to hear about recent PFA activities, plans for upcoming events (including the Summer Fair), and to share ideas as we begin thinking ahead to 2026-2027. Whether you're a regular attendee or completely new to the PFA, we would love you to join us.

The PFA plays an important role in building our school community and supporting opportunities for our children: every voice and idea really does make a difference.

We hope to see you there.



Uniform

A quick reminder that we are still in our winter uniform period. Summer uniform begins at the start of the summer term when we return after Easter, so no shorts just yet. **For PE, joggers or leggings must be navy, not black.** Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high uniform standards.

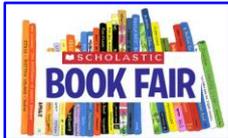
World Book Day - Thursday 12th March 2026

THE BOOK IN A BOX COMPETITION IS BACK!

To celebrate World Book Day, pupils are invited to make their favourite book into a box! We have had some incredible entries over the past few years and can't wait to see what the pupils create this year! It's really simple to take part! All you need is a cereal or shoe box to get started and the aim is to design the inside of your box in the most creative way possible to display your favourite book! Your entries need to be submitted by **Thursday 12th March**. The Reading Ambassadors will decide on a winner and two runners up! These lucky children will receive a reading related prize.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be outside the front of school each evening from Monday 9th-Friday 13th March 2026, where pupils can spend their £1 book tokens.

NB - we are celebrating the week after World Book Day to ensure that our Y5 pupils can take part after they have been to Alton Castle.



As part of our World Book Day celebrations, the Scholastic Book Fair will be open to families outside the front of school from Monday 9th-Friday 13th March 2026. Pupils are able to use their World Book Day tokens to receive £1 towards their chosen book. All funds raised will help support school to purchase new books for our classroom libraries!

PFA Mothers' Day Tea - Friday 13th March - celebrating the women in our lives

Buy a ticket for the Mothers' Day Tea here!

A gentle reminder that our **Mother's Day Afternoon Tea** will take place next Friday (13th March), celebrating all the wonderful mums, nannies, aunties and mother figures in our school community. Tickets can be purchased using the link shared above.

We are still gratefully accepting **raffle prize donations**, either from families or workplaces, and would welcome any **volunteers** who are able to support the event; please contact your year rep if you can help. If you have any **cake stands** we may borrow for the day, please also let your year rep know.

Thank you for supporting this special community event.



Gifts from God Assemblies: These assemblies are a special time to celebrate our pupils' gifts and achievements.

There is one more Gifts from God assembly in Spring 2 which will be on: **Friday 20th March**.

Attendance

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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 2/3/26
EYFS	100% WINNERS!
Year 1	93%
Year 2	97.67%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	98.33%
Year 5	95.81%
Year 6	98.33%
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.

Saturday 7th March	PFA General Meeting - 4pm in school hall
W/c 9th March 2026	Spring Term Assessment Week for Years 1-5
Wednesday 11th March (rescheduled from 26/2)	EYFS & Year 6 height & weight checks (school nurse) - please email enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk if you wish to opt out your child
March 3rd - April 28th	St Nicholas Parish Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday 13th March	PFA Mothers' Day Tea 3.30pm to 5pm <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>
Monday 16th March	Year 6 full day retreat to enrich preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation - in school
17th to 20th March	Mock SATs week for Y6
Thursday 19th March	Virtual session for Y4 parents & carers on the Multiplication Screening Check (statutory assessment) - 5pm start time Topic: Multiplication Tables Check - Virtual Parent Information session Time: Mar 19, 2026 05:00 PM London Join Zoom Meeting https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72580240981?pwd=U1NeV2YlpcZgZk8bQMMjKX7lulS4.1 Meeting ID: 725 8024 0981

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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
Weekends of: 9th/10th May 16th/17th May 23rd/24th May	St Nicholas Parish First Holy Communion Masses
Friday 22nd May 2026	Sacrament of Confirmation Mass @ 7pm in church
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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