



27th January 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

Wednesday Word - please follow this link to enjoy this weekend's Gospel as a family

[Click here for the Wednesday Word](#)

Gospel Virtues

During this half term we are focusing on becoming more ELOQUENT and TRUTHFUL. The following pupils have earned eloquent & truthful wristbands this week: Joseph (Y1), Thomas (Y1), Rufus (Y1), Rosie (Y1), Niamh (Y2), Beaumont (Y2), Georgia (Y1), Thomas (Y3), Caoimhe (Y3), Hugo (Y2) & Wesley (Y2).

Strike Action by NEU members - Wednesday 1st February 2023

You will receive a detailed communication today regarding the above date. At the time of writing, we believe that school will be open on Wednesday 1st February as normal.

Author visit to KS1 - Tuesday 31st January

We are very lucky to be welcoming Judith Brulo into school on Tuesday 31st January to work with pupils in KS1. She is the author of a range of children's books as well as the recipient of 5 international book awards. She will guide the children through some interactive workshops which will bring her books to life. **If you would like to purchase one of her award winning titles, they will be available in the school hall from 8:25 am on Tuesday morning.** These will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that these will be cash payments only.

Book Titles	Description	Age	Price
A Year in the Life of Brack	An illustrated chapter book	6 - 8	£8.99
Brack is Back	A chapter book	7 - 9	£4.99
Cat-Lateral Damage	A chapter book	7 - 9	£4.99
Boris and Doris Cat Detective Agency	An illustrated chapter book	7 - 9	£7.95
Tweaked Tales	An illustrated chapter book	7+	£8.99
The Vulture Island Adventure Series			
The Revenge of the Servants of the Gods (1)	An illustrated chapter book	8 - 12	£8.99
The Mystery of the Never-Ending Universe (2)	A chapter book	8 - 12	£8.99
Swords in the Sky (3)	An illustrated chapter book	8 - 12	£8.99
The Buried City (4)	An illustrated chapter book	8 - 12	£9.99
The Kingdom of Trung Trung Karmo (5)	An illustrated chapter book	8 - 12	£8.99

Year 1 Curriculum Workshop

Parents of pupils in Y1 received a communication this week regarding a curriculum workshop taking place on Tuesday 28th February at 9am. This workshop will outline the arrangements for the statutory Phonics Screening Check and give parents the opportunity to work with their children to experience the activities, skills and knowledge they work on throughout multiple curriculum areas. We look forward to seeing you there.

Year 4 Curriculum Workshop

Parents of pupils in Y4 received a communication this week regarding a curriculum workshop taking place on Tuesday 7th March at 9am. This workshop will outline the arrangements for the statutory Phonics Screening Multiplication Check and give parents the opportunity to work with their children to experience the activities, skills and knowledge they work on throughout multiple curriculum areas. We look forward to seeing you there.

February's word of the month

As we prepare to welcome a new month, we also have a new word to add to your vocabulary. Many thanks for all of the excellent suggestions. February's word of the month is **bewildering**. Please encourage your child to use this to improve their writing!

Stories After Dark - 31/1/23 (rearranged from November)

Children will be welcomed back into school at 5:30 pm on **Tuesday 31st January** to read stories by lamplight. They can attend in their pyjamas, have a cup of hot chocolate and a biscuit and share stories with their friends and teachers. Children need to be collected promptly at 6:45pm. Collection arrangements will be the same as school discos; please enter through the KS2 gate, collect your child from the school hall and leave through the front door. Thank you to Miss Smith for organising this and to school staff for helping out.

PFA Valentines Disco - Tuesday 14th February

Calling all cupids! Our excellent PFA will be running a Valentines Disco on Tuesday 14th February. The disco will run from 3.30pm to 5pm. The PFA will be sending out ticket information soon.

Update! Mrs Hale is struggling to find many parent volunteers to help run this. If you can help then please contact her on 07790099467. If there are not enough parent helpers then this event may have to be cancelled!

Rare Dementia details

On Friday 10th February we will be having a 'Pyjama Day' to raise money for a charity called Rare Dementia Support. Darcey in Y4 has instigated this as she has personal experience of knowing someone who has been affected by this awful disease. The Grandmother of another of our St Nicholas families is an ambassador for this charity, she can be found at Boldmere Bistro at the Sutton Rose Care Home on St Michael's Road every Wednesday, and raises funds for the charity by making an abundance of crochet items such as toys, decorations. Anyone needing help or support can drop in during any Wednesday. Details can be found below:

Pauline Ross

Email polly.rossrds@btinternet.com

Phone 07815 285 876

Her Instagram page to purchase crochet items for fundraising is [sea_horsecreations](#)

Webpage www.raredementiasupport.org

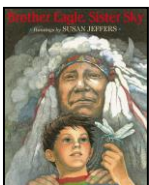
Phonics - home video links

Reception	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/xP5e3ioX/qooFR9hw	&
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Staff Book Recommendations

For children of all ages, Mrs Griffiths recommends...

Brother Eagle, Sister Sky: A Message from Chief of Seattle - Paintings by Susan Jeffers

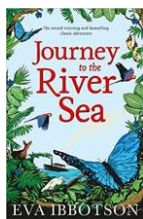


The Earth does not belong to us. We belong to the Earth. The great American Indian Chief Seattle spoke these words over a hundred years ago. His remarkably relevant message of respect for the Earth and every creature on it has endured the test of time and is imbued with passion born of love of the land and the environment.

[Click to purchase.](#)

For KS2, Miss Smith recommends...

Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson



It is 1910 and Maia, tragically orphaned at thirteen, has been sent from England to start a new life with distant relatives in Manaus, hundreds of miles up the Amazon. She is accompanied by an eccentric and mysterious governess who has secret reasons of her own for making the journey. Both soon discover an exotic world bursting with new experiences in *Journey to the River Sea*, Eva Ibbotson's highly colourful, joyous adventure.

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Dates for your diary

Tues 7/2	Years 5&6 visiting BWS to watch 'Footloose'
Friday 10/2	Pyjama Day for Rare Dementia Support Charity - £1
Tues 14/2	Year 6 pilgrimage to St Chad's cathedral as part of Confirmation prep.
Tues 14/2	PFA Valentines Disco
Friday 17/2	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
w/c 20/2	Half Term - school closed to pupils
Weds 22/2	Ash Wednesday - the beginning of Lent
Monday 27/2	Second half of Spring Term begins for pupils
Tuesday 28/2	Y1 curriculum workshop 9am
Thursday 2/3	World Book Day
Tuesday 7/3	Y4 curriculum workshop 9am
Wednesday 15/3	Year 6 Confirmation Exhibition
Tuesday 28/3	Parents' Evening: first appointment at 3.45pm / last appt. at 6.15pm
Wednesday 29/3	Parents' Evenings: first appointment at 4.30pm / last appt. at 7pm
Tuesday 4/4	KS2 Passion Play performance 9.15am
Wednesday 5/4	KS2 Passion Play performance 9.15am

To clarify, St Nicholas pupils' last day in school before breaking up for the Easter holidays will be Thursday 6th April as per the dates which have been long advertised on our school website. Pupils' first day back in school is Monday 24th April 2023. As ever, school term dates can be found here [Term Dates](#) / [St Nicholas \(stnicholassutton.org.uk\)](http://StNicholas(stnicholassutton.org.uk))

God bless,

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