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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 3rd October 2025



Reflection - Feast of St Francis of Assisi

This weekend we celebrate St Francis of Assisi, one of our house saints. Francis teaches us that holiness is found in living simply, loving others, and caring for all of God's creation. He saw everyone - people, animals, and the earth - as part of God's family.

As parents and carers, we can follow his example by showing kindness, gratitude, and care in the small things. By doing this, we help our children see God's love in the world around them.



Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)



Safeguarding Newsletter

Attached to this email is this month's safeguarding newsletter which gives parents practical advice on emerging digital challenges, focusing on how to help children use AI chatbots and the Roblox gaming platform safely; it highlights key risks and offers tips to encourage open conversations and active supervision so families can support children to make safe choices and seek guidance from trusted adults. ***While it's not always possible to prevent pupils from using technology, it's important to recognise that they can use it to their advantage. By empowering them with***

guidance and support, we help them to make safe and positive choices online.

Parents' Online Safety Workshop - ALL PARENTS, CARERS and GRANDPARENTS INVITED

We would like to thank one of our parents who recently signposted us to Papaya, an organisation that offers excellent online safety workshops for both parents and pupils.

Please put this date in your diary:

Tuesday 19th November at 9am - Parent Online Safety Talk.

We hope that giving you plenty of notice means you can find time to attend and benefit from the practical advice and guidance offered.

Prospective Parents' Sessions - Reception 2026

We are delighted to invite families with children due to start **Reception in September 2026** to attend one of our Prospective Parents' Sessions. These sessions are a wonderful opportunity to hear about the admissions process, explore the school 'in action' and ask any questions you may have.

Session dates and times:

- Monday 10/11/25 @ 9.15am
- Tuesday 11/11/25 @ 1.45pm
- Wednesday 12/11/25 @ 11am
- Thursday 13/11/25 @ 2.30pm

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing what makes our school a nurturing and inspiring place for your child's first steps in education.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

On Tuesday, our nursing team visited the school to deliver nasal flu vaccinations to students whose parents had provided consent; this process went very well and was run smoothly. Our school office was very busy on Tuesday morning with many parents trying to give consent on the day, which unfortunately led to some difficult conversations when staff had to explain that vaccinations could only be given to pupils with prior consent. This is in line with the rules set by the nursing team.



To avoid missing important updates like this in the future, please regularly check the 'Announcements' section of the MCAS app.

Attached to this email is a leaflet from the School Immunisation Team explaining the vaccination process in more detail.

PFA News

PFA AGM

We are delighted to report that our PFA AGM on Saturday 27th September was a great success. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the meeting.

We were pleased to hear that the PFA finances are in excellent shape, and we are proud to announce that the PFA is now a registered charity.

The trustees have agreed that the next major purchase funded by the PFA will be a new Audio/Visual system for the school hall, replacing the old board and projector. This investment, worth nearly £4,000, will make a real difference to the quality of liturgies, PE lessons, and many other events held in the school hall. It is something that we simply would not have been able to afford without the generous support of the PFA.

PFA Family Quiz - Friday 17th October 5pm-7pm

[St Nicholas School PFA](#)

Follow the link above to buy tickets for the above event which promises to be an evening of family fun, laughter, and friendly competition! Bring the kids along and test your quiz skills together. You're welcome to bring your own food or maybe bring some tasty fish and chips from round the corner! Don't miss this chance to make memories with family and friends.

Young Voices

A reminder that, if you haven't already, please sign up to the parent section of the YV website. This will enable you to order your child a t-shirt and purchase tickets if you would like to attend the performance. NB - children who are part of the choir do not need tickets, t-shirts from previous years can be worn, t-shirts will be delivered to school in time for the concert.

[Young Voices music room](#)



Lighthouse Club - Preschool Availability

Lighthouse Preschool has spaces! If you have preschool aged children, why not view their nurturing environment, speak to their experienced teachers, and learn about their engaging curriculum. Contact Carole Baird at Lighthousechildcare2023@outlook.com for a chat and a tour.

Gifts from God Assemblies

There will be a 'Gifts from God' assembly on Friday afternoons at 2.45pm on: **17th October.**

As last year, you will receive an email from school on the Thursday before the assembly if your child is receiving something from school.

If you would like your child to receive a trophy or medal from outside of school, please bring it in by Thursday morning. Assemblies can be long, so we kindly ask that any items brought in from outside school truly celebrate your child's effort and achievements.



Attendance

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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 29/9/25
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EYFS	99.33%	WINNERS!
Year 1	98.62%	
Year 2	94.67%	
Year 3	97%	
Year 4	98.69%	
Year 5	97.1%	
Year 6	96.33%	
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.

Tuesday 7th October	Year 2 Curriculum Workshop 9am to 10.45am
Friday 17th October	PFA Family Quiz
Monday 20th October	Year 3 Curriculum Workshop 9am to 10.45am
Tuesday 21st October	School Photographs Families, siblings & individuals (8.30am start for those not attending our school)
Wednesday 22nd October & Thursday 23rd October	Parents' Evenings Booking will open closer to the time
Friday 24th October	INSET DAY - school closed to children
W/c 27th October - HALF TERM - school closed	
Monday 3rd November	INSET DAY - school closed to children
Tuesday 4th November	Year 5 Curriculum Workshop 9am to 10.45am
Tuesday 4th November	Year 5 parents' virtual meeting about residential trip at 5.30pm
Wednesday 5th November	Year 6 parents' virtual meeting about residential trip at 5.30pm
Wednesday 5th November	EYFS Curriculum Workshop 9am to 10.45am
Friday 14th November	School Photographs - Class Photographs

Friday 14th November	PFA Sound Bath - 6pm - details TBC
Saturday 15th November	SVP Tea Party - 3pm to 5pm - Newman Centre - all families welcome - toys, games and cake on offer!
Wednesday 19th November	9am - Online Safety Workshop from Papaya - school hall
Thursday 20th November	Centrestage Recital at 4pm in the school hall
Monday 5th January 2026	INSET DAY - school closed to children
Tuesday 6th January 2026	INSET DAY - school closed to children

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