



*Love, live and learn with
Jesus Christ.*



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 1st March

Lenten Symbol of the week - THE CROSS

The cross is an international symbol of Christianity. Why? Because it was upon a cross that Jesus sacrificed himself for us. In the Bible we are told that Jesus had to carry his cross to the place of crucifixion. This would have been incredibly difficult as the cross was heavy. As a result of this, we use the phrase 'carrying your cross' to mean any problem or issue that you deal with in life. Some people deal with illness (both physical and mental), homelessness, poverty or violence. What are we doing as a school to help people in Africa carry the cross of hunger? We are raising money for CAFOD and taking part in our 'Big Lent Walk' against hunger. More details to follow.

[Why not listen to this as a family? 'When I survey the wondrous cross.'](#)

Gospel Virtues

This half term, pupils at St Nicholas are striving to be FAITH-FILLED and HOPEFUL. This week Rowan (Y1), Ada (Y3) & Cora (Y5) received wristbands because they were seen or heard living out these virtues.

Year of Prayer

Pope Francis has declared that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year for the Catholic Church. Jubilee years are very special and will unite the church around the theme of 'Hope'. In order to prepare for this Jubilee, Pope Francis has declared 2024 a Year of Prayer. Pope Francis has asked Catholics to get 'back to basics' during this year by focusing on The Lord's Prayer.

Throughout this year various prayer activities based around The Lord's Prayer will be taking place in school.

Why not make The Lord's Prayer part of your home prayer life?



Over the next few weeks we will be looking at the Lord's prayer in different languages...this week is Italian.

"Padre nostro, che sei nei cieli,
sia santificato il tuo nome,
venga il tuo regno,
sia fatta la tua volontà,
come in cielo così in terra.

Dacci oggi il nostro pane quotidiano,
e rimetti a noi i nostri debiti
come noi li rimettiamo ai nostri debitori,
e non ci indurre in tentazione,
ma liberaci dal male.

Tuo è il regno, tua la potenza et la gloria nei secoli.
Amen."

Message from Father Allen - serving Mass

A fresh invitation to all in Year 3 (and older - even up to age 90, or even older). It would be good to have more servers at Mass. Volunteer now and be match-fit in time for Holy Week! Interested in learning more? Please speak with Fr Allen after Mass this weekend.

Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

Charity Fundraising - Dads from the school & parish

On Saturday 2nd March, a group of dedicated individuals from St Nicholas Church in Boldmere will be embarking on a remarkable journey. They will be running a challenging 21-mile run, starting from St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham and ending at St Chad's Cathedral in Lichfield. This run is not just about personal achievement; it is about making a difference in the world.

The purpose of this event is to raise funds for the St. Nicholas World Development Group, a charity that is committed to improving the lives of those in need. By supporting this cause, you can help provide essential resources and support to communities around the globe.

We are reaching out to you with gratitude and hope, knowing that your generosity can have a profound impact. Every donation, no matter how small, brings us closer to our target amount of £500. Together, we can make a real difference and create positive change.

Please consider making a donation today and help us reach our goal. We appreciate your support!

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/1706439790948st-chads-run>



Emily & Isla's Fundraiser

Just Giving - World Book Day - B'ham Children's Hospital

Two sisters in our school, Emily & Isla Shiels, wish to give something back to the hospital which has so wonderfully looked after their cousin Maeve for so long.

Maeve is 4 years old and was born with a rare condition which has given her a lifetime of painful health problems, treatments & surgeries. By making a donation in return for World Book Day dress up, you will be supporting the work of this incredible hospital. Please help if you can.

Young Voices

The Young Voices concert, which took place last Friday at Resorts World, Birmingham, was a huge success! It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon/evening and all pupils were impeccably behaved. Many thanks to parents for supporting pupils to take part in this brilliant experience. A huge thankyou to Mrs Gallagher and Mrs Hale for accompanying us on the trip and a special thanks to Mrs Biddell who gave up her Wednesday afternoons to share her musical expertise - it is hugely appreciated!

Our concert for parents and carers, who were unable to attend Resorts World, is taking place on Monday 4th March at 3:45pm. This will last approximately 30-40 minutes. There is no charge for the concert but we would be hugely appreciative of donations at the end to go towards the cost of the coach. **Children need to wear their Young Voices t-shirt for the concert.**

Years 3 & 4 Bedtime stories - Tuesday 12th March 2024

On Tuesday 12th March, pupils in Years 3 & 4 are invited back into school at 5pm to read stories in the hall. They can wear pyjamas and bring their favourite book, a teddy and a blanket. If you would like your child to attend, please respond to the form via Parent Mail. We look forward to seeing you there!

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March 2024

We will be celebrating World Book Day this year on Thursday 7th March. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character or bring in a prop from their favourite book. They will take part in a variety of activities across the day including a live BBC lesson, creating a bookmark and sharing stories with their friends from different classes.

NB - Costumes for Year 3 pupils will need to be swimming friendly as they will still be walking to Wyndley.

This week's attendance

Let's find out which class/es had the best attendance this week.

Year group	% attendance for w/c 26.2.24
Reception	96.3%
Year 1	95.7%
Year 2	93.7%
Year 3	96.3%
Year 4	93.3%
Year 5	95.7%
Year 6	87.7% BELOW 90%
Congratulations to our joint winners this week, EYFS & Year 3. You can negotiate a reward with Mrs Bowen & Mrs Rehman.	

Scholastic Book Fair

To help us to celebrate World Book Day, the Scholastic Book Fair will be outside of school from **Tuesday-Friday** next week from 3:25-4pm. There are a variety of books at a range of prices that your child is sure to enjoy reading! This is a really valuable opportunity to help school to invest in more books for our classrooms as each book purchased at the fair is money towards new books for school!

Please note that we are able to accept card payments and correct cash only.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Dates for the diary

4/3/24	Young Voices additional concert for other relatives
5/3/24	PFA Meeting @ 6.30pm
7/3/24	World Book Day
8/3/24	PFA Mothers' Day Tea @ 3.45pm
12/3/24	Bedtime stories - Yrs 3 & 4
19/3/24 and 20/3/24	KS2 Holy Week Services (Passion Play) at 9:10am - tickets only
26th & 27th March	Parents' Evenings
15/4/24	INSET Day - school closed to children
26/4/24	Sacrament of Confirmation Mass in church at 7pm
4/7/24	INSET Day - school closed to children

PFA events

5/3/24	6pm PFA meeting in the school - all welcome
8/3/24	Mothers' Day Tea at 3.45pm
5/7/24	Summer Festival from 4pm-6pm

God bless,
Mr Porter

Mrs Noble-Barton

Miss Smith

Executive Principal

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Assistant Head