



Together with Christ, we love, live and learn.

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 19th September 2025



Reflection:

This Sunday, Jesus reminds us: *“You cannot serve both God and money.”* (Luke 16:13)

As parents & carers, our children learn from how we live each day. When we choose honesty, generosity, and love over possessions or appearances, we show them what really matters.

Family question for the week:

How can we use what we have, time, talents, or resources, to bless others?

Prayer:

Lord, help our family serve you first, and use all we have for love. Amen.



Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

Car Park Safety Reminder

As we begin this new academic year, we ask all parents and carers to help us keep our children safe in the parish car park. Please remember that the car park does not belong to the school, the cameras are not controlled by the school, and there are no gates that can be closed to stop vehicles from entering. This makes it essential that we all work together to ensure the safety of our children.

Please do not enter the car park between 8.45am and 9.05am or between 3.20pm and 3.40pm.

We do our best to ensure that delivery drivers avoid these times too, but your cooperation is vital. By following these guidelines, you are helping us create a safer environment for everyone.

Thank you for your support and understanding.



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.

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.





LAMDA Exam Success for 'Speech and Public Speaking' Students at St Nicholas

In June 2025, 'Speech and Public Speaking' students at St Nicholas Catholic Primary School took part in LAMDA Speaking Verse and Prose exams offered by Centrestage. These exams are fully accredited qualifications and offer fantastic training in the skills needed for Public Speaking. Pupils learn to speak clearly, confidently and with expression, learning how to engage their audience.

This year, we are absolutely delighted to say that, of all the students who took part in LAMDA examinations last year, **100% passed with either Merit or Distinction!**

Our wonderful pupils have proved themselves to be incredibly talented, hard working, and courageous. To take an exam of any kind is a huge achievement, but to receive such fantastic results is something we hope our pupils feel hugely proud of. Well done to everyone who took part in the LAMDA exams last academic year!

For more information about 'Speech and Public Speaking' Lessons at St Nicholas or as an extracurricular activity, please email admin@centrestageschool.org.uk

Reminder for a Healthy Lunchbox

We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that your child's lunchbox is healthy and safe for everyone. Please note the following guidelines:

- No chocolate, sweets, or fizzy drinks
- Nothing containing nuts (this includes peanut butter, Nutella, and other nut-based products **we have children in our school who have SERIOUS allergies**)
- Focus on nutritious options such as fruits, vegetables, sandwiches & yoghurts.



These guidelines help us maintain a safe and healthy environment for all children. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Parents' Online Safety Workshop

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.

Gifts from God Assemblies

There will be a 'Gifts from God' assembly on Friday afternoons at 2.45pm on: **3rd October, and 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.



PFA Annual General Meeting

Our PFA Chair, Matteo Belardi, invites you to attend the PFA AGM on Saturday 27th September at 4pm in the school hall. We hope many of you will be able to join us.

Attendance

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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 15/9/25
EYFS	99.33%
Year 1	97.67%
Year 2	97.67%
Year 3	98.67%
Year 4	98.06%
Year 5	98.71%
Year 6	100%

Well done to this week's winners...Year 6! You can negotiate your reward with Miss Guest.

Dates for the diary

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

Tuesday 23rd September	Year 1 Curriculum Workshop 9am to 10.45am
Wednesday 24th September	Years 4, 5 & 6 celebrating Mass with Father Allen in church 2.30pm
Saturday 27th September	PFA Annual General Meeting 4pm in the School Hall
DATE CHANGE Monday 29th September & Tuesday 30th September	Bikeability for Year 5 pupils who have signed up
Tuesday 30th September	Flu Vaccinations for those who have consented
Wednesday 1st October	Year 4 Curriculum Workshop 9am to 10.45am
Friday 3rd October	CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day Details TBC
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
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

Have a lovely weekend,

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