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Dear Parents & Carers,

Sunday 15th June 2025



Catholic Reflection - Father's' Day

On this Father's Day, we thank God for the gift of fathers and male role models. Their love, strength, and guidance reflect the care of our Father in Heaven. Like Saint Joseph, they quietly lead and protect, pointing us to God's faithful love.



Heavenly Father, bless all fathers and those who guide us with a father's heart. Comfort those who have lost their dads, and remind us of Your constant love. Amen.

Wednesday Word

Please follow the link below to enjoy this week's Gospel as a family: <u>Click HERE for the Wednesday Word</u>

<u>Secret Reader</u>

A huge thank you to all the fathers, grandfathers, and step-fathers who joined us this week for our Secret Reader event. It was truly heartwarming to see the surprise and joy on the children's faces. Your presence and enthusiasm were a powerful reminder of the importance of positive male role models—and the joy of reading. Thank you for making it so special!

<u>Raffle</u>

Well done to the Year 4 girls who took the initiative to set up and run a raffle at the end of last week, even sourcing and buying the prizes themselves. Their hard work and enthusiasm raised an impressive £235 for Father Hudson's Caritas. Thank you to everyone who supported them.

<u>Sports' Day – Monday 7th July</u>

We are very much looking forward to Sports Day on Monday 7th July, *weather permitting*. This exciting event will take place at Braemar Fields, Braemar Road.

Please note that there is a change to the timings from previous years:

- Reception, Year 1 & Year 2: 9:30am 11:30am
- Key Stage 2 (Years 3–6): 12:45pm 3:15pm

We hope to see as many families as possible joining us to cheer on the children and celebrate their efforts and sportsmanship. Fingers crossed for sunshine!



'Stay and...' Fridays Continue!

This term, we're excited to introduce **Stay and Count**. You're invited to drop your child off, then join us in the hall to take part in a short, structured maths activity together. It's a meaningful way to support your child's development and enjoy learning side by side. Dates are as follows:

Year 3 - Friday 20th June Year 6 - Friday 27th June <mark>Year 2 - Thursday 3rd July (due to INSET day on Friday 4th)</mark> Year 1 - Friday 11th July

Key Stage 2 Writing Moderation

This week, we welcomed an external Local Authority Moderator to review our Key Stage 2 writing assessments. The experienced moderator carefully examined a wide range of Year 6 writing and fully endorsed all of Miss Smith and Miss Gamlen's judgements. She also spoke very highly of our Writing Curriculum and praised the high standards of teaching.

NASENCO Award for Mrs Burling-Finn

More good news this week! We're delighted to share that Mrs Burling-Finn, our SENDCO, has successfully achieved her NASENCO award (National Award for Special Educational Needs Coordination). This marks the culmination of 18 months of dedicated study and hard work, all completed alongside her regular responsibilities. It is a testament to her commitment to supporting all our pupils and ensuring the highest standards of inclusive education. Congratulations, Mrs Burling-Finn.

PFA News - SUMMER FAIR TICKETS

Summer Fair tickets are on sale now! You can buy them here: St Nicholas School PFA June 28th - 13:00 - 15:00.

Come join us for some summer fun - there will be tombolas, games, craft activities, an ice-cream van and burgers and hot dogs available, a performance from the Young Voice Choir, bouncy castles, beat the goalie, a raffle, stalls and much more!! And all to help raise money for our lovely school. We look forward to seeing you there * * * *

Easy Fundraising - Our PFA is Now Registered! Support Us While You Shop!

We've registered St Nicholas PFA with easyfundraising, which means over 8,000 retailers will now donate to us for FREE every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them.

These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long.

Thanks, the PFA Team

👉 Easyfundraising St Nicholas PFA

<u>Gifts from God assemblies - future dates</u>

During Summer 2, our school will host 'Gifts from God' celebration assemblies on the following dates:

- Friday 27th June
- Friday 11th July

These assemblies are an opportunity for pupils to reflect on and celebrate the gifts and talents given to them by God.

A Date for Your Diary - School Music Concert



We are excited to announce that our school music concert will take place on **Thursday 26th June at 4pm** in the school hall.

Pupils who receive peripatetic music lessons in school will be invited to perform and showcase what they've been learning. This also includes all of Year 4, who will be sharing their progress from their whole-class music tuition.

We really hope that all participating pupils will be able to attend. If, for any reason, your child is unable to join us, please email <u>enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk</u> to let us know.

Please note that you will not need to collect your child at 3:30pm on the day of the concert. Music teachers will supervise the children for a short rehearsal ahead of the performance.

We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate our pupils' musical achievements!

<u>Attendance</u>

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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 9th June
EYFS	94.24%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	100% Winners!
Year 3	98.06%
Year 4	95.16%
Year 5	92%
Year 6	99%
Well done to this week's winnersYear 2! You can negotiate your reward with Mrs Rehman	

next week.

Reminder: Remaining INSET Days

A reminder that we have two remaining INSET days this academic year:

- Friday, 4th July
- Monday, 21st July

Thank you for your support in noting these important dates.

Please see the end of the diary dates section for some updated INSET dates in the Autumn Term (September).

Dates for the diary

Thursday 19th June	Year 6 visiting 'Big Bang Fair' at NEC
Friday 20th June	Year 3 - Stay & Count - 8.50am
Friday 20th June	Year 6 visiting Oscott College all day as part of work on vocations
Friday 20th June	Year 3 'Money Day'

Academic Year 2025/26		
Friday 18th July	End of academic year 2024-25 for pupils	
Friday 18th July	9.15am - Whole School end of year Mass in church	
Wednesday 16th July	9.10am - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (certificates/medals/trophies only to Year 6 and their siblings)	
Saturday 12th July	Y6 Leavers' Mass in church at 6pm	
Friday 11th July	Gifts from God assembly - 2.45pm - FINAL OF THE YEAR	
Friday 11th July	Year 1 - Stay & Count - 8.50am	
Wednesday 9th to Friday 11th July	Year 6 residential trip to Blackwell Adventure	
Monday 7th July	Sports' Day at Braemar Fields (a reserve date of 14/7 has been booked in case of inclement weather on 7th)	
Friday 4th July	INSET day - all MAC schools closed to pupils	
Thursday 3rd July	Year 2 - Stay & Count - 8.50am	
Wednesday 2nd July	Transition Day - Year 6 to their new secondary schools	
Saturday 28th June	PFA Summer Fair 1pm to 3pm	
Friday 27th June	Gifts from God assembly - 2.45pm	
Friday 27th June	Year 6 - Stay & Count - 8.50am	
Thursday 26th June	Music Concert 4pm - school hall All of Y4 (guitar) and any pupil who has peripatetic music lessons in any instrument.	
W/c 23rd June	Year 6 Vocations Week	
Sunday 22nd June Time TBC	All Year 3 pupils who have received their Holy Communion are invited to attend the 'Going Forth' Mass at 11am wearing their FHC clothes - official p/graphers in school beforehand.	

Tuesday 6th January 2026	INSET DAY - school closed to children
Monday 5th January 2026	INSET DAY - school closed to children
Friday 24th October	INSET DAY - school closed to children
Friday 5th September	First full day of school for EYFS
Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th Se	otember EYFS part time attendance (either morning or afternoon)
Wednesday 3rd September	First day of the Autumn Term for Years 1-6
Tuesday 2nd September 2025	INSET DAY - school closed to children
Monday 1st September 2025	INSET DAY - school closed to children

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