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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 30th January 2026

Reflection - Gospel this weekend - The Beatitudes

In our whole-school Gospel Liturgy this morning, we prayed with the Gospel we will hear at Mass this weekend: **the Beatitudes**. Pupils were curious and engaged as we explored this powerful list of ways Jesus teaches us to build the Kingdom of Heaven here on Earth.

At the end of the liturgy, each class was given a word inspired by the Beatitudes, which they will aim to live out in their classrooms, on the playground and at home. Why not ask your child what their class word is and see if you can spot them living it out over the weekend?



Mrs Noble-Barton would love to hear about any examples you notice. Please feel free to share these via [enquiry@](mailto:enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk) over the weekend.

Reception: KIND	Year 1: SHARE
Year 2: CARE	Year 3: FAIR
Year 4: FORGIVE	Year 5: PEACE
Year 6: COURAGE	

Wednesday Word

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

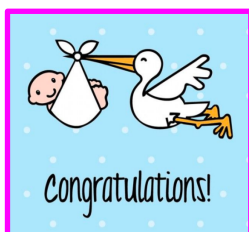
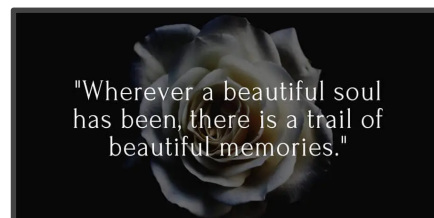
[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

In Sympathy

Please hold Mr Reid and his family in your prayers at this difficult time, following the sad bereavement of his mother, who passed away this week. We keep Mr Reid and his family in our thoughts and prayers as they grieve.

We pray:

***Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace. Amen.***



Baby news

Huge congratulations to Miss Fleming who works in our school office on Thursdays and Fridays; she is expecting her first baby in July! Wishing her a safe and happy pregnancy.

Phonics home links for this week (no Curriculum Newsletter this week)

Group	Reading sounds	Writing/spelling	Reading words
Mrs Griffin's and Mrs Trappett's lilac group	f e g b u Speed minute 1 Speed minute 2	f e g b u	f e g b u Fred's woods Fred's weather Fred's garden
Mrs Connor's lilac group	i x y z v Speed minute 1 Speed minute 2	i y z v	i x y z v Blending 1 Blending 2 Blending 3
Mrs Bowen's ditty group	ay ee igh ow oo (zoo) Speed minute 1 Speed minute 2	ay ee igh ow oo (zoo)	Word time 1 Word time 2 Red words
Mrs Maguire's purple group	ir ou oy Speed minute 1 Speed minute 2	ir ou oy Read and hold a sentence	Red words Tim and Tom
Mrs Finn-Taylor's and Miss Smith's orange group	ow oa aw Speed minute 1 Speed minute 2	ow oa aw Read and hold a sentence	Red words A bad fright Follow me!
Mrs Shephard's yellow group	are ie ure Speed minute 1 Speed minute 2	are ure Read and hold a sentence	Red words Tom Thumb
Mrs Vale's and Ms Green's grey group	o-e u-e Speed minute 1 Speed minute 2	o-e u-e Read and hold a sentence	Red words The lion's paw

Parent Zone - Internet Safety Resources

Safer Internet Day takes place on 10th February and we will be marking this in school through age-appropriate learning and discussion about staying safe online.

In addition, all pupils will take part in internet safety workshops on 23rd February, kindly funded by our PFA. These workshops will support children to understand how to use the internet safely, responsibly and respectfully.

The workshop providers have shared the following link for parents and carers:

[Parent Zone: Internet Safety Resources - OpenView Education](#)

Please use these resources to help support conversations at home about online safety and responsible internet use.





Lighthouse Preschool - PLACES AVAILABLE

Lighthouse Preschool, run by Mrs Carole Baird, offers a high-quality, nurturing early years provision for 3 and 4 year olds, helping children grow in confidence and prepare for school life.


Parents are welcome to get in touch for an informal chat or visit:


☎ 07590 411118





✉ Lighthousechildcare2023@outlook.com

PFA Valentines Disco - Friday 13th February 3.30pm to 5pm

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 Tickets are £5 and include:

-  Sweets and drinks from the tuck shop
-  Nail painting
-  Tattoos
-  Face painting

(No spending money needed)

Please note this is a child only event - your child will be taken straight from class to the disco, and be collected at 5pm from the hall.

As always volunteers are needed to help the event run smoothly- please let your year rep know if you can help with anything.

[Click here to book tickets!](#)

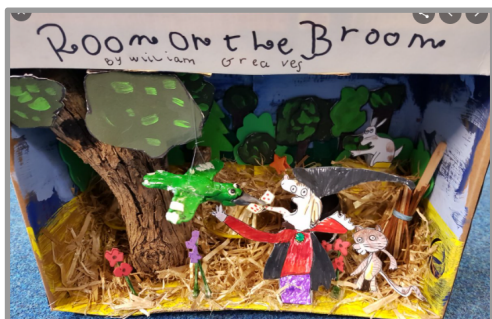
World Book Day - Thursday 12th March 2026

THE BOOK IN A BOX COMPETITION IS BACK!

To celebrate World Book Day, pupils are invited to make their favourite book into a box! We have had some incredible entries over the past few years and can't wait to see what the pupils create this year! It's really simple to take part! All you need is a cereal or shoe box to get started and the aim is to design the inside of your box in the most creative way possible to display your favourite book! Your entries need to be submitted by **Thursday 12th March**. The Reading Ambassadors will decide on a winner and two runners up! These lucky children will receive a reading related prize.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be outside the front of school each evening from Monday 9th-Friday 13th March 2026, where pupils can spend their £1 book tokens.

NB - we are celebrating the week after World Book Day to ensure that our Y5 pupils can take part after they have been to Alton Castle.



PFA General Meeting

All parents and carers are warmly invited to our next ***PFA General Meeting on Saturday 7th March at 4.00pm in the school hall.***

This is a great opportunity to hear about recent PFA activities, plans for upcoming events (including the Summer Fair), and to share ideas as we begin thinking ahead to 2026-2027. Whether you're a regular attendee or completely new to the PFA, we would love you to join us.

The PFA plays an important role in building our school community and supporting opportunities for our children: every voice and idea really does make a difference. We hope to see you there.



NSPCC Number Day 2026

On Friday 6th February 2026, we will be celebrating NSPCC Number Day. Children will enjoy fun activities focused on maths and numbers, while supporting a very important cause. We are inviting children to bring in loose change and coins to help decorate a large "26", raising money for the vital work undertaken by the NSPCC. Children should wear their normal school uniform or PE kit on this day.

To find out more information, please visit: [NSPCC website](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)



Gifts from God Assemblies There is one Gifts from God assembly left this half term on: **Friday 6th February**. These assemblies are a special time to celebrate our pupils' gifts and achievements.

Gifts from God assemblies during Spring 2 will be on: **Friday 27th February, Friday 6th March & Friday 20th March**.

Attendance

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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 26/1/26
EYFS	100% WINNERS!
Year 1	94%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	98.67%
Year 4	98.33%
Year 5	93.23%
Year 6	98.67%
Well done to this week's winners...EYFS! Well done - 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 3rd February	Years 1 & 2 taking part in National Storytelling Workshops during school time
Friday 6th February	Pupils celebrating NSPCC Number Day - bring in coins and spare change
Friday 6th February	Gifts from God Assembly @ 2.45pm
Week commencing 9th February	Children's Mental Health Week - to be celebrated after half term
Tuesday 10th February	Safer Internet Day - workshops and classes happening on this day and throughout the term
Friday 13th February	PFA Valentines' Disco 3.30pm to 5pm - supervised by PFA volunteers and school staff
Friday 13th February	Last day of Spring 1 - break up for half term

HALF TERM - school closed to children w/c 16th February 2026 ASH WEDNESDAY - the start of Lent - Wednesday 18th February	
Week commencing 23rd February	Children's Mental Health Week celebrations in school
Monday 23rd February	Whole school experience safer internet assemblies and workshops - paid for by PFA
Thursday 26th February	EYFS & Year 6 height & weight checks (school nurse) - please email enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk if you wish to opt out your child
Friday 27th February	Gifts from God Assembly @ 2.45pm
Saturday 28th February	Swimming Gala @ Wyndley Leisure Centre
Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th March	Year 5 residential trip to Alton Castle
Saturday 7th March	PFA General Meeting - 4pm in school hall
March 3rd - April 28th	St Nicholas Parish Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday 13th March	PFA Mothers' Day Tea 3.30pm to 5pm
Monday 16th March	Year 6 full day retreat to enrich preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation - in school
Monday 23rd March	2pm - KS2 Passion Play performance to parents
Tuesday 24th March	9.15am - KS2 Passion Play performance to parents
Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March	Parents' Evenings Weds: 3.45pm to 6.15pm Thurs: 4.40pm to 7pm
Friday 27th March	Visiting theatre company to perform 'Alice in Wonderland' to the whole school
Friday 27th March	Last Day of Spring Term - break up for Easter
EASTER HOLIDAYS - School closed to children W/c 30th March W/c 6th April INSET Day - Monday 13th April	
Tuesday 14th April 2026	First day of Summer Term Summer Uniform permitted
Weekends of: 9th/10th May 16th/17th May 23rd/24th May	St Nicholas Parish First Holy Communion Masses

Friday 22nd May 2026	Sacrament of Confirmation Mass @ 7pm in church
Friday 3rd July 2026	INSET Day - school closed to children

St John Paul II Multi Academy Schools - Term Dates 2026/27

Our MAC term dates follow Birmingham City Council (BCC) dates.

INSET days will be published separately before the start of the 2026/27 school year.

Autumn Term 2026

- Term starts: Tuesday 1 September 2026
- Half-term: Monday 26 October - Friday 30 October 2026
- Term ends: Friday 18 December 2026

Spring Term 2027

- Term starts: Monday 4 January 2027
- Half-term: Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February 2027
- Term ends: Thursday 25 March 2027

Summer Term 2027

- Term starts: Monday 12 April 2027
- Half-term: Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June 2027
- Term ends: Wednesday 21 July 2027

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