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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 13th March 2026



Reflection: Lenten symbol of the week: The Crown of Thorns.

Next week, our symbol is *the crown*. A crown usually represents power, importance and honour. As we move through Lent, we remember that Jesus showed a very different kind of kingship. **His crown was not made of gold, but of thorns; a sign of His love, humility and willingness to suffer for others.**

As the children reflect on this symbol, we'll be thinking about what true greatness looks like.

How can we choose kindness over status?

How can we use our gifts to lift others up rather than ourselves?

Lent invites us to follow the example of our Servant King, choosing love in the small, everyday moments.

CAFOD Big Lent Walk - THANK YOU

We are so proud of our pupils for the enthusiasm, kindness and determination they showed during the Big Lent Walk. They walked with such joy and purpose, and their efforts have helped us raise an amazing **£645 for CAFOD**.

They've shown what Lent looks like in action; choosing to help others, giving their time, and working together for the common good. A heartfelt well done to every child who took part and thank you to everyone who donated.

ST. NICHOLAS R.C. SCHOOL

KS2 will be making care packages for the homeless this Lent

Distributed by Father Hudson's Caritas

<p>Year 3 – Toiletries & Personal Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toothbrushes (individually wrapped) • Toothpaste • Travel-size shampoo & shower gel • Roll-on deodorant • Wet wipes • Pocket tissues • Lip balm 	<p>Year 4 – Warmth & Weather Protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thick socks • Gloves • Woolly hats • Lightweight scarves • Compact rain ponchos • Hand warmers
<p>Year 5 – Food & Drink (Non-Perishable)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cereal bars • Protein bars • Biscuits • Dried fruit packs • Instant noodles/pasta pots • Cup-a-Soup sachets • Bottled water • Cartons of juice 	<p>Year 6 – Practical Essentials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reusable tote bags • Reusable water bottles • Zip-lock bags • Small notebooks & pens • Mini torches • Plasters / small first-aid items • Sanitary products

Let's Make a Difference!

KS2 Care Packages - Final Weekend to Donate

Our KS2 pupils are putting their Lenten faith into action by creating care packages for families in our community who need a little extra support. If you're able to contribute, we'd be so grateful. Every small item makes a real difference.

Please see the attached flyer for suggested donations.

This is the final weekend to send items in, so do take a moment to have a look if you can.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and kindness.

Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

Message from Father Allen

As part of our ongoing commitment to nurturing pupils' faith and strengthening our partnership with the parish, Father Allen would like to invite families to consider two wonderful opportunities for children to deepen their involvement in the liturgical life of the Church.

Junior Readers: Youngsters in Years 5 or 6 (or above) are invited to meet with Fr Allen after the **6pm Mass on 14th March** to discuss practicalities and arrange the simple training and support.

Junior Servers: Youngsters in Years 2 and above are invited to speak to Fr Allen if they are interested in getting an introductory taste of being a server before beginning a simple training time.



KS2 Passion Play Performances

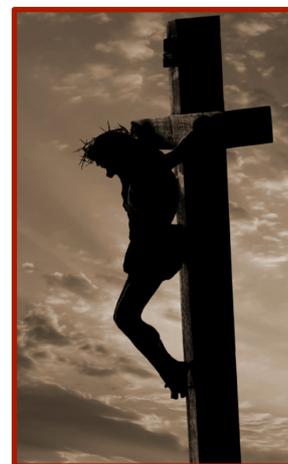
A reminder that KS2 will be performing their Passion Play soon. This is a contemporary retelling, through music and drama, of the events leading up to the death of Jesus. This is always a solemn and powerful occasion, and our KS2 pupils and staff have been preparing with great care alongside their curriculum work and assessments.

Performances for parents and grandparents will take place on:

Monday 23rd March at 2.00pm
Tuesday 24th March at 9.15am

Each family (not each pupil) is allocated a maximum of four seats. There will be no physical tickets for this event.

We look forward to sharing this meaningful part of our Lenten journey with you.



Parents' Evening Appointments

A reminder that Spring Term Parents' Evenings will be taking place on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March.

Parents' Evening appointments will go live on MCAS at 7pm on Tuesday 17th March 2026. Please log in to book your slot.

We have identified a small number of families who will need separate Parents' Evening appointments due to family circumstances. Mrs Noble-Barton will write to these families early next week with further details so that suitable arrangements can be made.

We look forward to meeting with you and sharing your child's progress.

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**

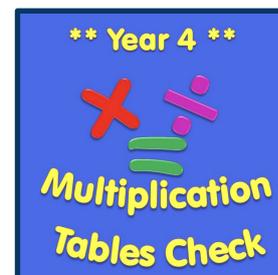
✉ Lighthousechildcare2023@outlook.com

Year 4 Multiplication Check - Virtual Meeting - Thursday 19/3

A reminder that our Year 4 virtual meeting will take place at 5pm on Thursday 19th March. We will be sharing information about the statutory Year 4 Multiplication Check, how we prepare the children in school, and practical ways you can support at home.

The meeting link can be found in the Diary Dates section below.

We are very much looking forward to seeing our Year 4 parents and carers there.



Gifts from God Assemblies These assemblies are a special time to celebrate our pupils' gifts and achievements.

There is one more Gifts from God assembly in Spring 2 which will be on: **Friday 20th March.**

Term dates

As we approach the end of the Spring Term, please note the following dates:

- Friday 27th March - Last day of the Spring Term
- w/c 30th March - School closed for the Easter break
- w/c 6th April - School closed for the Easter break
- Monday 13th April - INSET day; school closed to pupils (first day of the Summer Term)

Attendance

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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 9/3/26
EYFS	98.33%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	96.33%
Year 3	99.26% WINNERS!
Year 4	98.67%
Year 5	97.33%
Year 6	97.67%
Well done to this week's winners....Year 3! You can negotiate a reward with Mrs Minchin next week.	

Dates for the diary

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

March 3rd - April 28th	St Nicholas Parish Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday 13th March	PFA Mothers' Day Tea 3.30pm to 5pm <i>Parking is not available in the parish carpark for this event. If coming by car please park elsewhere as the QR code for issuing a day permit will not be available.</i>
Monday 16th March	Year 6 full day retreat to enrich preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation - in school
17th to 20th March	Mock SATs week for Y6
Thursday 19th March	Virtual session for Y4 parents & carers on the Multiplication Screening Check (statutory assessment) - 5pm start time Topic: Multiplication Tables Check - Virtual Parent Information session Time: Mar 19, 2026 05:00 PM London Join Zoom Meeting https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72580240981?pwd=UINeV2YlpcZgk4Zk8bQMMjKX7lulS4.1 Meeting ID: 725 8024 0981

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Monday 23rd March	2pm - KS2 Passion Play performance to parents <i>Parking is not available in the parish carpark for this event. If coming by car please park elsewhere as the QR code for issuing a day permit will not be available.</i>
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Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March	Parents' Evenings Weds: 3.45pm to 6.15pm Thurs: 4.40pm to 7pm <i>Parking is not available in the parish carpark for this event. If coming by car please park elsewhere as the QR code for issuing a day permit will not be available.</i>
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
Friday 17th July 2026	2pm - Leavers' Assembly

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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