



*Love, live and learn with  
Jesus Christ.*

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Dear Parents & Carers

### **Feast of the Ascension**

On Thursday (18th), the church celebrates the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus. On this important day all Catholics are obligated to attend Mass as we commemorate the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven to sit at His father's right hand. The whole school will be attending Mass in church at 1.30pm, you are more than welcome to attend.

### **May is the month of Mary**

As we continue our journey through the month of May, why not try saying a 'Memorare' during family prayer time...

**Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.**

### **First Holy Communion**

Over the next few weekends, our Y3 pupils will receive Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time. Please hold Y3 and their families in your prayers as they reach this important milestone in their faith journey.

### **Wednesday Word - please follow this link to enjoy this weekend's Gospel as a family**

[Click here for the Wednesday Word](#)

### **KS2 SATs**

Well done Year 6, it's all over! Our Y6 class handled themselves with professionalism and decorum this week as they sat their externally marked SATs papers. This is always a challenging week but Y6's calm yet determined approach helped them get through a tough week. Thank you to Miss Smith, Mrs Maguire & all staff who helped prepare the children & helped with SATs administration.

### **KS1 SATs**

Over the next two weeks, our Y2 class will be taking their end of KS1 SATs tests. As is age appropriate, there is no pressure placed on Y2 pupils. All we ask is that they try their best.

### **Sports' Day**

This has been scheduled for Friday 23rd June (weather permitting) and will take place at Braemar Fields which can be accessed via Braemar Drive. KS2 events will take place in the morning and EYFS/KS1 events will take place in the afternoon. More details will follow closer to the time.

### **Google Classroom**

On Friday 19th May, we will be launching Google Classroom as our new homework platform and ceasing to use Purple Mash. The children will be introduced to this in school and there will be a video tutorial and information sheet for parents. We are also hosting two drop-in sessions on **Monday 22nd and Wednesday 24th May between 9:00am** for any parents experiencing issues using the new format.

Until Friday 19th May, homework will continue to be set on Purple Mash.

## Year 6 Careers Week - w/b Monday 3rd July

Many thanks to those parents who have already volunteered to share their career path with our Year 6 pupils. This is a fantastic opportunity to inspire the next generation and we are incredibly grateful. If you would like to talk to our pupils about your job, the skills needed and why you enjoy it, please email [enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk). Thank you.

## Amazon wish list

Many thanks to all of the parents who have kindly donated books from our wish list. Your contribution to our growing love of reading at St Nicholas is greatly appreciated. For anybody who would like to purchase a book for children to enjoy, the links are as follows:

[Reception](#) [Year 1](#) [Year 2](#) [Year 3](#) [Year 4](#) [Year 5](#) [Year 6](#)

## April's word of the month

Our [word of the month is malevolent.](#)

We have already seen lots of examples of malevolent being used in children's writing.

Natasha in Year 6 wrote: '*we are not sure which malevolent beasts are responsible...*'

Jacob in Year 5 wrote: '*malevolent, powerful and angry demon...*'

Martha in Year 4 wrote: '*the eagle swooped down malevolently...*'

Incredible examples of powerful language! Well done!

## Phonics home links

[Red 1](#)

[Red 2](#)

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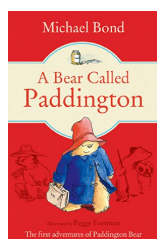
[Blue 1](#)

[Blue 2](#)

[Grey](#)

## Staff Book Recommendations

For KS1, Mrs Burling-Finn recommends...



*A Bear called Paddington* by Michael Bond

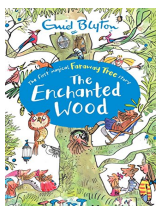
"A bear on Paddington Station?" said Mrs Brown in amazement. "Don't be silly - there can't be."

Paddington Bear had travelled all the way from Darkest Peru when the Brown family first met him on Paddington station. Since then their lives have never been quite the same... for ordinary things become quite extraordinary when a bear called Paddington is involved.

[Click to purchase](#)

For KS2, Mr Porter recommends...

*The Enchanted Wood* by Enid Blyton



When Joe, Beth and Frannie move to a new home, an Enchanted Wood is on their doorstep. And when they discover the Faraway Tree, that is the beginning of many magical adventures! Join them and their friends Moonface, Saucepan Man and Silky the fairy as they discover which new land is at the top of the Faraway Tree. Will it be the Land of Birthdays, the Land of Toys, or even the Land of Ice and Snow with its magic snowman?

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### Dates for your diary

Weds 17/5	Year 4 visit to Birmingham Central Library (rescheduled)
Thurs 18/5	Feast of the Ascension - whole school Mass at 1.30pm in church
Fri 19/5	Photographers in to take Y6 individual and group leavers' photos
Mon 22/5	9am Google classroom drop in for parents
Weds 24/5	9am Google classroom drop in for parents
Thurs 25/5	Year 6 'One Life' post-Confirmation retreat
w/c 29/5	Half Term - school closed to pupils
Tues 6/6	Year 3 visit to Birmingham Central Library
Weds 7/6 - Fri 9/6	Year 6 residential trip to Blackwell Adventure
Fri 23/6	Sport's Day (weather permitting)
Thurs 6/7	MAC INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Mon 17/7	4.30pm Leavers' Mass for Y6 and their families
Fri 21/7	Whole school Mass at 10am in church
Fri 21/7	2pm Leavers' Assembly
Fri 21/7	Last day in school for pupils - end of academic year 2022/23

Many thanks

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