



Love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.

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Dear Parents & Carers,

### **Gospel Virtues**

This week pupils have been introduced to the focus Gospel Virtues for this half term: INTENTIONAL & PROPHETIC.

The following pupils have been awarded wristbands this week as they have been seen living the focus virtues: Bianca (Y4), Connie (Y1) & Aidan (Y5).

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

[Click here for the Wednesday Word](#)

### **June is the month of the Sacred Heart**

Traditionally, devotions are offered to the Sacred Heart of Jesus during the month of June. All pupils have been reflecting on this during prayer & liturgy sessions this week. Pupils have been praying the prayer of the Sacred Heart. Why not include it in your prayers as a family at home?

*O most Holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you and with a lively sorrow for my sins, I offer you this poor heart of mine.*

*Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you.*

*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: Pray for us.*

### **Attendance**

Every week we print each class' attendance in the newsletter. The class (or classes) with the highest attendance can negotiate a small reward with their class teacher such as some extra playtime or IPAD time. Let's see what attendance was like this week:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance for w/c 5.6.23</b>
Reception	96.67%
Year 1	97.08%
Year 2	97.92%
Year 3	92.5%
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>99.58%</b>
Year 5	96.67%
Year 6	96.37%
<b>Well done to the winners - Year 4!</b>	

### **Year 6 residential**

This week, our Y6 pupils enjoyed a very sunny residential trip to Blackwell Adventure in Bromsgrove. The conduct of our pupils was excellent; in fact, they were complimented on their manners by Blackwell staff. We are only able to run residential trips because of our dedicated staff who are willing to give up their time (and sleep!) to help pupils access these amazing experiences. Thank you to Miss Smith, Mrs Maguire & Miss Rehman for taking Y6 to Blackwell.

### **Year 1 Phonics Screening Check**

The latest statutory assessment to be administered this term is the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check which will take place during this forthcoming week.

The Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check has started; any Y4 pupils who haven't sat the check yet will have done so by the end of next week.

Well done to all pupils for approaching assessments in a calm way and trying their best - this is all we can ask.

### **Lighthouse Nursery - spaces available for September**

Lighthouse have spaces in their preschool for September 2023. If you are interested you can contact Mrs Carole Baird on this email address: [lighthousechildcare2023@outlook.com](mailto:lighthousechildcare2023@outlook.com)

### **PFA Fathers' Day Movie Night**

The above event takes place on Thursday 15th June at 5.30pm - the PFA have communicated ticket arrangements separately.

### **Free Children's Drama Workshop: Saturday 1st July 11am to 1pm**

Please see the attached poster advertising the above event which takes place at Sutton Girls' School on Saturday 1st July.

### **Year 3 'Going Forth' celebrations - Friday 7th July**

On Friday 7th July all Y3 pupils are invited to wear their First Holy Communion clothes to attend a special 'Going Forth' Mass with their classmates and parents at 9.15am in church. Official photographers will be in the school hall from 8.30am for any family shots, all pupils will have an individual photograph and the class will have a group shot. Please note that this day is for **all** year 3 pupils regardless of where they received the sacrament. More details to follow.

### **Mini Vinnies Bingo**

On Monday 19th June, our 'Mini Vinnies' group will be running a 'Bingo and refreshments' session for over 60s! This is open to any grandparent of the school as well as any OAP parishioners. Details and cost can be found on the attached poster. Eyes down, look in!

### **Mini Vinnies Sleepout**

Our busy Mini Vinnies are also promoting a 'Summer Sleep Challenge' to raise money for the St Vincent De Paul Society who do such good work with the vulnerable & lonely in society. Attached is a poster about how your child/family can get involved and a link to the Just Giving page if you would like to donate or sponsor your child. Thank you in advance.

### **EYFS/KS1 Teddy Bears picnic - Thursday 22nd June 2023**

Earlier this year, children in Years 3 and 4 attended 'Stories after dark' and Years 5 and 6 attended 'Campfire stories'. To celebrate reading with our younger pupils, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be taking part in a 'Teddy Bears picnic'. This will take place during school time from 1:30-3:00pm and children are invited to bring in a small picnic (bearing in mind they will have already had their lunch!), a teddy bear and a book to read and share with

their friends. **As we have several children with food allergies, please only provide food for your child to eat.**

### **Google Classroom**

Many thanks to those of you who have used Google Classroom so far - we hope that it is an easier and more accessible platform. If you are having any problems completing or submitting homework, please let Miss Smith know as soon as possible. Every child in Years 2-6 (except those having Phonics) has homework this week that must be completed using Google Classroom.

### **Reception and Year 6 visit to Boldmere library - Thursday 15th June**

Year 6 will be accompanying Reception class to Boldmere library on Thursday to explore some books, meet the librarian and compare Sutton Coldfield, old and new. They will be walking in small groups throughout the day and we would be hugely grateful for any volunteers to come along. There is no cost to the trip and lunch arrangements will be as normal. **If you would not like your Year 6 or Reception child to attend, please email [enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk) by Wednesday 14th June.** If you are able to help, please let Mrs Griffiths or Miss Smith know as soon as possible. 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](#)

### **June's word of the month**

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

Goodbye May! Hello June! Hello Summer! We are hoping for a scintillating half term to end this academic year and we look forward to seeing June's word of the month used in children's writing.

### **Phonics home links**

[Red 1](#)      [Red 2](#)      [Red 3](#)  
[Green 1](#)      [Green 2](#)      [Green 3](#)  
[Purple 1](#)      [Purple 2](#)  
[Pink 1](#)      [Pink 2](#)      [Pink 3](#)  
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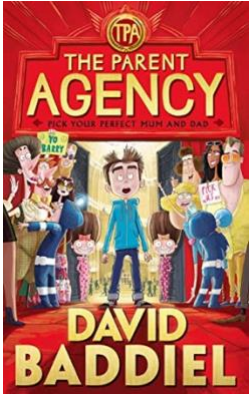
### **Staff Book Recommendations**



For KS1, Miss Beamond recommends... *Fair Shares* by Pippa Goodheart

When Bear and Hare try to reach some juicy pears, they realise they need some help. Hare finds three chairs but is it fair that Hare has two chairs and Bear only one? When they have the same, Hare still can't reach the pears! So a little friend teaches them that fair isn't always everyone getting the same thing....with hilarious results!

[Click to purchase](#)



For KS2, Mr Porter recommends... *The Parent Agency* by David Baddiel

"I wish I had better parents!" Barry said, a third time. And then suddenly the entire room started to shake... Barry Bennett hates being called Barry. In fact it's number 2 on the list of things he blames his parents for, along with 1) 'being boring' and 3) 'always being tired'. But there is a world, not far from this one, where parents don't have children. That's far too random for something so big and important. In this world, children are allowed to choose their parents. For Barry Bennett, this world seems like a dream come true. Only things turn out to be not quite that simple...

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### Dates for your diary

Weds 14/6	Sutton Area Sports at Wyndley Leisure Centre 1pm-5.30pm
Thurs 15/6	Year 6 and Reception going to Boldmere library
Tues 20/6	Year 6 going to St Mary's College, Oscott
Weds 21/6	Year 3 trip to Cadbury World
Fri 23/6	Sports' Day (weather permitting)
Mon 26/6	Year 5 taster day at BWS
Weds 5/7	'Move up day' - Year 6 to visit secondary schools
Thurs 6/7	MAC INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Fri 7/7	Year 3 'Going Forth' day
Sat 8/7	2pm-5pm PFA Summer Fair
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

God bless,

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Mrs Noble-Barton

Head of School

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