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*Love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.*

Dear Parents/Carers

8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Advent**

As we come towards the second Sunday of Advent, we turn our eyes towards the second purple candle on the Advent wreath. This candle asks us to pray for peace. Peace in our families, in our community and in our world.

*Heavenly Father, thank You for sending us Your Son Jesus, the Prince of Peace.*

*Thank You for caring for us, and thank You for promising to give us your peace.*

*Please guard our hearts and minds with Your peace.*

*You know the things that have been weighing us down with worry, anxiety, or fear.*

*Lord, please help us fix our minds on you instead, and on your Spirit. Thank You for promising to bring us life and peace.*

*We can lie down and sleep, Lord, because You make us safe.*

*Amen*

**Feast of St Nicholas**

On Wednesday we celebrated the feast day of St Nicholas, our patronal saint. Thank you to Father Allen, our Y6 readers, Mr Reid & our Y5 choir for giving us such a special feast day Mass. Many thanks to the parents and grandparents who attended.

**Wednesday Word**

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

[Click here for the WEDNESDAY WORD](#)

**Virtues Wristbands**

This half term we are focusing on living out the Gospel Virtues of **ATTENTIVE & DISCERNING**. Pupils are growing to be **attentive** to their experience and to their vocation; and **discerning** about the choices they make and the effects of those choices. The following children have a wristband this week: Niamh, Nancy & Frankie (Y3) & Georgia (Y2).

**Reverse Advent Calendar - YEARS 2, 3 & 4 IT'S YOUR WEEK!**

Thank you to EYFS and Year 1 who donated toiletries this week . The baton is now handed to Years 2, 3 and 4. Please give to the wonderful Bethany Foodbank.

<b>Week</b>	<b>Year group/s responsible for donating</b>	<b>Items needed</b>
<b>PLEASE DON'T SEND ANYTHING PERISHABLE!</b>		
W/c 11th December 2023	Years 2, 3 & 4	Tins & packets (tinned food, meat, soup and packets of pasta, tea, coffee etc)
W/c 18th December 2023	Years 5 & 6	Treats (mince pies, Christmas pudding, chocolates, wine, new toys)

**Christmas Accessory Day - Thank you**

Thank you for your support for Friday's 'Christmas Accessory Day'. £137.85 was raised for Edward's Trust which is a wonderful charity providing bereavement support to children, young people and adults. This charity has supported quite a few people in our school community. Thank you to the anonymous instigator of this event - you are a star x


## **Rudolph Run**


Most classes have now completed their Rudolph Run to raise money for Birmingham Hospice (despite some soggy weather this week!), you can see lots of photos on our Twitter feed. It would be great to hit our £500 target...we're not far off! If you can spare anything, please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/page/stnicholasrudolphrun2023> Thank you!


Huge shout out to Jack & Leo in Y3 who have been running a raffle within their class as they wanted to further support Birmingham Hospice. They have raised £18.40 - well done boys! This is such a great example of living out Gospel virtues. Leo and Jack have been attentive to the financial needs of the hospice and discerning in deciding to act fast to help.

## **PFA Christmas Disco - a message from our PFA**



 Wednesday 20th December

 3.30-5pm

 Christmas Jumpers

 Tickets at £5 

And include:

Snacks/refreshments

Nail varnish

Tattoos

Face paints

So no extra pocket money needed.

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

As always volunteers needs to help the event run smoothly- please let us know which roles you can help with when you buy tickets.

Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers to school this day so no change of clothes is needed.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stnickspfa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=73661>

Thankyou!

## **EYFS & Year 6 Height & Weight Checks**

The school nurse will be running the height and weight checks for Reception class and Year 6 on Wednesday 24th January, a form has been sent to you via Parentmail. Please only call the school office if you are opting out meaning you **do not** want your child to participate in the measurement programme.

### This week's attendance

Let's find out which class/es had the best attendance this week.

Year group	% attendance for w/c 4.12.23	
Reception	97.67%	
Year 1	96.00%	
Year 2	97.33%	
Year 3	94.67%	BELOW 95%
Year 4	97.7%	
Year 5	91%	BELOW 95%
Year 6	92.7%	BELOW 95%

Well done to Year 4 who are this week's attendance winners! You can negotiate your reward with Miss Godfrey.

### Lighthouse Preschool

Places are still available for pre school children. If you are interested, please contact Carole Baird on 07590411118.

### Maths challenge

Thank You to everybody who has been taking part in the challenge - it's great to see maths being enjoyed by the whole family! If you would like to take part, please email Miss Smith at [mathschallenge@stnicholassutton.org.uk](mailto:mathschallenge@stnicholassutton.org.uk) and earn two merit marks!

### Number Neighbour Challenge

Use each of the numbers 1 to 6 once. Write one in each square.

6      5      4  
2      3      1

Numbers next to each other must not be joined. For example, 3 must not be joined to 2 or 4.

## Dates of EYFS/KS1 Nativity Plays & KS2 Advent Prayer Services - 9.30am

- EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing their Nativity play on **Tuesday 12th December at 9.15am** and **Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am**.

Feedback from our recent Catholic Life, RE & Collective Worship parent survey has shown us that many of our parents would like to join in the prayer life of our school even more. This is fantastic! To this end, please see below invitations from KS2 to join them in Advent prayer:

- Parents & grandparents of pupils in Years 3 and 4 are invited to join them in an Advent Prayer Service at **2.30pm on Tuesday 19th December**. This is not a ticketed event.

- Parents & grandparents of pupils in Years 5 and 6 are invited to join them in an Advent Prayer Service at **2.30pm on Thursday 21st December**. This is not a ticketed event.


## Word of the month

# idyllic

Definition: extremely pleasant without any dangers or difficulties

*Opening the curtains with excitement, the young child was mesmerised to see the idyllic blanket of snow covering his garden.*

Synonyms:  
Perfect, ideal, wonderful, peaceful, unspoiled, charming, heavenly



Antonyms:  
Imperfect, unpleasant, unattractive, flawed

## Young Voices

If your child is part of the Young Voices choir, please use this link to access the music room. Here, you will find backing tracks, lyric videos and the song sheets.

[Young Voices music room](#)

## Amazon wish list

*'A book is a gift you can open again and again'* - Garrison Keillor

Many thanks to everybody who has contributed to our growing classroom library at St Nicholas - it is greatly appreciated. If you would like to purchase a book for school for your child and their friends to enjoy, the wish lists below have been updated. Thank you.

[Reception](#)

[Year 1](#)

[Year 2](#)

[Year 3](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#)

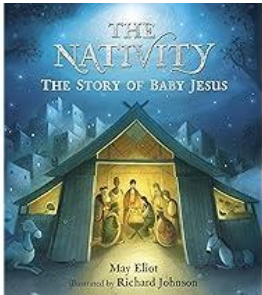
[Year 6](#)

## Phonics home links

Group	Reading	Writing	Words to read
Mrs Bowen's lilac group	<a href="#">h r j v</a>	<a href="#">h r j v</a>	<a href="#">h r j v</a> <a href="#">Reading words</a> <a href="#">Spelling words</a>

Mrs Connor's lilac group	<a href="#">l h r j</a>	<a href="#">l h r j</a>	<a href="#">l h r j</a> <a href="#">Reading words</a> <a href="#">Spelling words</a>
Miss Beamond's purple group	<a href="#">air ir ou</a>	<a href="#">air ir ou</a>	<a href="#">Fred talk</a> <a href="#">Red words</a> <a href="#">Tim and Tom</a>
Miss Guest's pink group	<a href="#">ay ee igh</a>	<a href="#">ay ee igh</a>	<a href="#">Fred talk</a> <a href="#">Red words</a> <a href="#">Tab's Kitten</a>
Mrs Trappett's and Mrs Vale's orange group	<a href="#">oa ew ire</a>	<a href="#">oa ew ire</a>	<a href="#">Fred talk</a> <a href="#">Red words</a> <a href="#">A good cook?</a>
Mrs Maguire's yellow group	<a href="#">er ow ai</a>	<a href="#">er ow ai</a>	<a href="#">Fred talk</a> <a href="#">Red words</a> <a href="#">The gingerbread man</a>
Mrs Shephard's blue group	<a href="#">er ow ai</a>	<a href="#">er ow ai</a>	<a href="#">Fred talk</a> <a href="#">Red words</a> <a href="#">King of the birds</a>

### **Staff book recommendations**



A special recommendation for Advent from Mrs Noble-Barton, suitable for EYFS and KS1.  
*The Nativity by May Eliot*

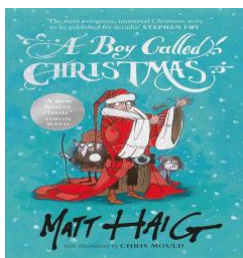
The greatest story ever told is born again in this beautiful new retelling of the nativity. The traditional feel and charming illustrations make it the perfect introduction to the Christmas story for little ones just discovering it for the first time.  
[Click to purchase](#)



For KS1, Miss Guest recommends... *The Bear Who Stared by Duncan Beedie*

There once was a bear who liked to stare... and stare... and STARE. Bear doesn't mean to be rude, he's just curious but too shy to say anything. But nobody likes being stared at and it soon gets Bear into trouble. Luckily a goggle-eyed frog helps Bear realise that sometimes a smile is all you need to turn a stare into a friendly hello.

[Click to purchase](#)



For KS2, Mrs Vale recommends... *A Boy Called Christmas by Matt Haig* BELIEVE IN THE IMPOSSIBLE You are about to read the TRUE STORY of FATHER CHRISTMAS. If you are one of those people who believe that some things are impossible, you should put this book down right away. (Because this book is FULL of impossible things.) Are you still reading?

Good.

[Click to purchase](#)

### **Dates for the diary**

12/12/23

EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play at 9.30am - TICKET ONLY

13/12/23

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15/12/23 Last Achievement Assembly of the term  
 19/12/23 Years 3 & 4 Advent Prayer Service - parents invited - 2.30pm  
 21/12/23 Years 5 & 6 Advent Prayer Service - parents invited - 2.30pm  
 22/12/23 End of Autumn Term - last day in school for pupils

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS W.B 25/12/23 & 1/1/24**

8/1/24 Start of Spring Term - pupils back in school  
 23/2/24 Young Voices concert  
 15/4/24 INSET Day - school closed to children  
 4/7/24 INSET Day - school closed to children

**PFA events**

20/12/23 Christmas Disco from 3.30pm-5pm  
 5/7/24 Summer Festival from 4pm-6pm

God bless,  
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