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Dear Parents & Carers,

Saturday 13th September 2025



Reflection: Education Sunday

Tomorrow is Education Sunday, a special day when we give thanks for the gift of learning and pray for everyone in education. Jesus reminds us: "Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there" (Matthew 18:20).

In our school, we know Jesus is with us in all we do; in the classroom, the playground, and beyond. Today we remember with gratitude our teaching and learning staff, all who work in our school from the office to the dining room to the kitchen, our pupils who grow each day in knowledge and faith, and our families who are the first teachers of love.



Education is about more than learning facts - it's about growing in wisdom, faith, hope and love. May St Nicholas Catholic Primary School always be a place where Jesus' light shines through us all and even though we know we

are not perfect, may we learn from our mistakes and solve problems with the love, wisdom, and guidance of Jesus' teaching

Wednesday Word

Please follow the link below to enjoy this week's Gospel as a family: Click HERE for the Wednesday Word



Hope for Feed My Lamb School: Your Support is Vital

Thank you so much for the generous donations of school shoes, they will make a real difference to the children at Feed My Lamb School in Uganda. As Dorcus, the school leader, shared: "Whenever the shipping arrives all the children become very excited. It's like Christmas gifts coming from a lovely friend, from people who love us and think of us all the time.'

Right now, FML School is facing its greatest challenge yet. The health inspectorate has ordered urgent improvements to toilet facilities, and without this work the school faces

closure. St Nicholas WDG is the only charity supporting the school, and they are appealing for help to raise the £8,000 needed to keep its doors open.

support in any way, please visit their to JustGiving www.justgiving.com/stnicholaswdg. Every donation, no matter how small, will help to keep hope alive for these children.

Stay Connected with Us on X (formerly Twitter)

Don't forget to check **@StNicholasCP** on X (formerly Twitter) for photos of school activities and achievements. Our account is fully locked for safeguarding purposes. If you request to follow us, a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) will need to approve this.

If your X handle or username does not clearly identify you, please send an email to enquiry@... so we can verify your request.

Well done Leo & Luca!

A huge thank you to Leo and Luca for organising yesterday's non-uniform day. They wanted to raise money for Birmingham Children's Hospital, and with your generous support they raised £198.

This donation will be a great help to the hospital in supporting children and their families in times of need.



Prospective Parents' Sessions - Reception 2026

We are delighted to invite families with children due to start **Reception in September 2026** to attend one of our Prospective Parents' Sessions. These sessions are a wonderful opportunity to hear about the admissions process, explore the school 'in action' and ask any questions you may have.

- Session dates and times:

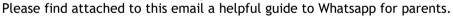
 Monday 10/11/25 @ 9.15am
 - Tuesday 11/11/25 @ 1.45pm
 - Wednesday 12/11/25 @ 11am
 - Thursday 13/11/25 @ 2.30pm

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing what makes our school a nurturing and inspiring place for your child's first steps in education.

A Reminder About WhatsApp and Online Safety

We are increasingly hearing of children in school using WhatsApp to communicate. It is disappointing to hear that one year group already has a WhatsApp chat for pupils. Please be aware that the minimum age for WhatsApp is 16, and we strongly advise that children do not use it without careful parental supervision.

We trust that any adults operating such groups as administrators take their safeguarding responsibilities seriously. At school, we will act swiftly on any issues that arise on WhatsApp which impact pupils or come to our attention. We ask all parents and carers to support their children in understanding online safety, as this is something we teach and reinforce in school.





Parents' Online Safety Workshop

We would like to thank one of our parents who recently signposted us to Papaya, an organisation that offers excellent online safety workshops for both parents and pupils.

Please put this date in your diary: Tuesday 19th November at 9am - Parent Online Safety Talk. We hope that giving you plenty of notice means you can find time to attend and benefit from the practical advice and guidance offered.

Gifts from God Assemblies

There will be a 'Gifts from God' assembly on Friday afternoons at 2.45pm on: 19th September, 3rd October, and 17th October.

As last year, you will receive an email from school on the Thursday before the assembly if your child is receiving something from school.

If you would like your child to receive a trophy or medal from outside of school, please bring it in by Thursday morning. Assemblies can be long, so we kindly ask that any items brought in from outside school truly celebrate your child's effort and achievements.



PFA Annual General Meeting

Our PFA Chair, Matteo Belardi, invites you to attend the PFA AGM on Saturday 27th September at 4pm in the school hall. We hope many of you will be able to join us.

PFA 'Welcome Back' Disco

Link to buy tickets to the PFA Welcome Back Disco

The PFA warmly invites all St Nicholas pupils and their parents (regretfully not pre-school aged children or children who do not attend St Nicholas) to the 'Welcome Back' Disco on Friday 19th September, from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Enjoy an evening of dancing, face painting, nail art, temporary tattoos, crafts, a cinema room, and plenty of fun for the whole family.



We look forward to seeing you there!

Attendance

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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 8/9/25
EYFS	100%
Year 1	98%
Year 2	99.31%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	98.39%
Year 5	99.68%
Year 6	98.67%

Well done to this week's winners...EYFS! You can decide on your reward with Mrs Bowen!

Dates for the diary

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

Saturday 13th September	PFA 'Captain Nick' event
Monday 15th September	5.45pm all EYFS parents invited to Phonics Information Evening in the school hall
Tuesday 16th September	Year 6 Curriculum Workshop 9am to 10.45am
Friday 19th September	PFA Welcome Back Disco 5.30pm to 7.30pm (with adults)
Tuesday 23rd September	Year 1 Curriculum Workshop 9am to 10.45am
Saturday 27th September	PFA Annual General Meeting 4pm in the School Hall
Tuesday 30th September & Wednesday 1st October	Bikeability for Year 5 pupils who have signed up
Tuesday 30th September	Flu Vaccinations for those who have consented
Wednesday 1st October	Year 4 Curriculum Workshop 9am to 10.45am

Friday 3rd October	CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day Details TBC
Tuesday 7th October	Year 2 Curriculum Workshop 9am to 10.45am
Friday 17th October	PFA Family Quiz
Monday 20th October	Year 3 Curriculum Workshop 9am to 10.45am
Tuesday 21st October	School Photographs Families, siblings & individuals (8.30am start for those not attending our school)
Wednesday 22nd October & Thursday 23rd October	Parents' Evenings Booking will open closer to the time
Friday 24th October	INSET DAY - school closed to children
W/c 27th October - HAI	F TERM - school closed
Monday 3rd November	INSET DAY - school closed to children
Tuesday 4th November	Year 5 Curriculum Workshop 9am to 10.45am
Tuesday 4th November	Year 5 parents' virtual meeting about residential trip at 5.30pm
Wednesday 5th November	Year 6 parents' virtual meeting about residential trip at 5.30pm
Wednesday 5th November	EYFS Curriculum Workshop 9am to 10.45am
Friday 14th November	School Photographs - Class Photographs
Wednesday 19th November	9am - Online Safety Workshop from Papaya - school hall
Monday 5th January 2026	INSET DAY - school closed to children
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