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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 11th April 2025



A Prayer for Hope in Holy Week

Lord Jesus, As we walk with You through the solemn days of Holy Week, help us to pause, reflect, and draw closer to Your heart. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, may we find strength in Your journey, hope in Your sacrifice, and love in all that You gave. Teach us to carry that hope into our lives, trusting that even in silence and sorrow, You are at work. Amen.



Holy Week & Easter

So we come to the end of the Spring Term. This term has been full of prayer, progress and purpose. As we now take a pause, we do so in the light of Holy Week and the joy of Easter. This is a time to reflect, to renew our spirits, and to remember the hope and promise that Easter brings.

Please see below the times of Masses & services at St Nicholas Church across Holy Week & Easter weekend.

| Lent, Holy Week and the Triduum | |
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| Monday April 7. 7pm | Cluster Penitential Service at Holy Trinity church. |
| Palm Sunday Apr 13/14 | Sunday Masses at usual times |
| Weds April 16. 12 noon | Chrism Mass, St Chad's Cathedral |
| Maundy Thursday , 7pm | Mass of the Lord's Supper |
| Good Friday , 11am | Stations of the Cross |
| Good Friday 3pm | Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion |
| Holy Saturday | Easter Vigil, beginning at 8.30pm |
| Easter Sunday | Mass at 9am and 11am |
| <i>These events are key to our Catholic practice and key formation times for our young people. Do please take full advantage of them.</i> | |



Open for Lent - Holy Week Liturgies

Throughout Lent, our pupils have been enjoying the *Open for Lent* daily short video liturgies by Dan & Emily of One Life Music. As we will not be in school for Holy Week, Dan & Emily have kindly recorded four special liturgies for pupils to watch and reflect on at home.

We encourage families to watch these together and take a moment to pray as a family. The liturgies are short but powerful, offering a meaningful way to prepare for Easter.



| Holy | Week | Liturgies: |
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| Monday, 14 th April: | | Watch here |
| Tuesday, | 15 th | April: Watch here |
| Wednesday, | 16 th | April: Watch here |
| Maundy Thursday, 17 th April: | Watch here | |

We hope these liturgies bring peace and reflection to your Holy Week.

Lenten Charities

A huge **thank you** to everyone who donated goods and shoeboxes, enabling KS2 to create care packages for Father Hudson's Caritas, supporting homeless individuals and those seeking refuge.

Also, a big thank you to everyone who contributed to our JustGiving page in support of EYFS and KS1's afternoon of charitable fun on Tuesday.

At the time of writing, we've raised an amazing **£310 for CAFOD!**

Thank you for your generosity. It's not too late to donate—our JustGiving link will remain active for a few more weeks. [Click here to donate!](#)



Wednesday Word

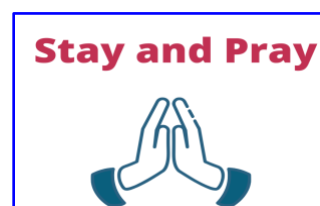
Please follow the link below to enjoy this week's Gospel as a family:

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

Stay and Pray - Thank you

Thank you very much to all the parents, carers and grandparents who have joined us for the 'Stay & Pray' sessions this term. These moments have offered some truly special encounters with God, and we're grateful for your presence and participation.

'Stay & Pray' will return in the Autumn Term—but in the meantime, watch this space for an exciting new 'Stay and...' initiative coming in Summer 2, this time with a focus on Maths!



Parent Governor Election Outcome

Thank you to all who participated in the recent election for a new Parent Governor to serve on our Local Governing Body for a term of four years.

We extend our sincere thanks to both candidates for putting themselves forward and for their willingness to support the leadership of our school.

Following the count of votes, we are pleased to announce that Mrs Louisa Byrne has been duly elected.

We look forward to welcoming her to the Governing Body and thank her for her commitment to our school community.

SVP Parish Tea - 12th April - all families welcome!

The SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society) warmly invites all families to a **Parish Tea** on Saturday 12 April from 3:00 to 4:30 PM in the Newman Centre. There is no charge for this event, and there will be tea, coffee, and cakes for the adults, along with drinks, games, toys, and books for the children to enjoy.

All are welcome!

PFA News

PFA Summer Fair Date Change

Please note that the date for our Summer Fair has changed. The event will now take place on Saturday 28th June from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

Make sure to put the final date in your diaries! We look forward to seeing you there for a fun afternoon.

Join the Captain Nick Crew in the Great Midlands Fun Run - Help Us Raise £5,000 for St Nicholas School!

Ten determined dads – the Captain Nick Crew – are running the Great Midlands Fun Run on 1 June 2025 to raise £5,000 for a new audio-visual system for St Nicholas School.

Everyone is welcome to join the run or support their fundraising efforts!

• Sign up: <https://royalsuttonfunrun.org>

• Donate: <https://bit.ly/nickcrewfun>

For more info, contact Matt Gannon or the PFA.



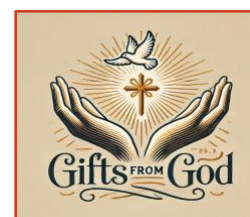
Year 6 Vocations Week

As part of our forthcoming Vocations Week in Year 6, we would like to invite you to share your career journey, experiences, and insights with our students. This is a wonderful opportunity to highlight how each of us is called to use our God-given gifts and talents in our work and daily lives as well as the diverse paths that lead us there. Please note that your child doesn't have to be in Y6 to take part. Vocations Week will be held from **Monday 23rd-Friday 27th June 2025**, and we are looking for volunteers who would be willing to speak about their careers, discuss the skills and education needed for their field, and answer any questions our students may have. If you are interested in participating, please get in touch with Miss Smith via enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk.

Gifts from God assemblies - future dates

During Summer 1, our school will host 'Gifts from God' celebration assemblies on the following dates:

- 2/5/25
- 9/5/25
- 23/5/25



These assemblies are an opportunity for pupils to reflect on and celebrate the gifts and talents given to them by God.

A Date for Your Diary - School Music Concert

We are excited to announce that our school music concert will take place on **Thursday 26th June at 4pm** in the school hall.

Pupils who receive peripatetic music lessons in school will be invited to perform and showcase what they've been learning. This also includes all of Year 4, who will be sharing their progress from their whole-class music tuition.

We really hope that all participating pupils will be able to attend. If, for any reason, your child is unable to join us, please email enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk to let us know.

Please note that you will not need to collect your child at 3:30pm on the day of the concert. Music teachers will supervise the children for a short rehearsal ahead of the performance.

We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate our pupils' musical achievements!

Attendance

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

| Year group | Attendance for w/c 7th April |
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| EYFS | 98.64% |
| Year 1 | 97.59% |

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| Year 2 | 99.33% | Winners! |
| Year 3 | 95.16% | |
| Year 4 | 95.16% | |
| Year 5 | 96% | |
| Year 6 | 98.33% | |
| Well done to this week's winners...Year 2! You can negotiate your reward with Mrs Rehman at the start of the Summer Term. | | |

Reminder: Remaining INSET Days

A reminder that we have three remaining INSET days this academic year:

- **Monday, 2nd June**
- **Friday, 4th July**
- **Monday, 21st July**

Thank you for your support in noting these important dates.

Dates for the diary

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| Easter Holidays School closed weeks commencing 14th April and 21st April 2025 All pupils back in school on Monday 28th April | |
| Monday 28th April | First day of the Summer Term - all pupils back in school at 8.50am |
| Monday 5th May | 'May Day' bank holiday - school closed |
| Thursday 8th May | Y1 trip to Botanical Gardens |
| Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May inclusive | Key Stage 2 SATs tests administered |
| Friday 16th May | Year 3 trip to Blists Hill Victorian Town |
| Friday 16th May | Official photographers to take Y6 leavers' photos |
| Friday 16th May | Sacrament of Confirmation for Y6 confirmandi celebrated by Bishop David Evans - 7pm |
| Friday 23rd May | Last day of Summer 1 - break up for half term |
| May half term School closed during week commencing 26th May 2025 | |

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| Monday 2nd June | INSET Day - school closed to pupils |
| Tuesday 3rd June to Friday 13th June | Multiplication Tables Check administered to Y4 pupils |
| W/c Monday 9th June | Phonics Screening Check administered to Year 1 |
| W/c Monday 9th June | Year 6 swimming week at Wyndley each afternoon |
| Sunday 22nd June Time TBC | All Year 3 pupils who have received their Holy Communion are invited to attend the 'Going Forth' Mass at 11am wearing their FHC clothes - official p/graphers in school beforehand. |
| Thursday 26th June | Music Concert 4pm - school hall All of Y4 (guitar) and any pupil who has peripatetic music lessons in any instrument. |
| Saturday 28th June | PFA Summer Fair 1pm to 3pm |
| Wednesday 2nd July | Transition Day - Year 6 to their new secondary schools |
| Friday 4th July | INSET day - all MAC schools closed to pupils |
| Monday 7th July | Sports' Day at Braemar Fields (a reserve date of 14/7 has been booked in case of inclement weather on 7th) |
| Saturday 12th July | Y6 Leavers' Mass in church at 6pm |
| Wednesday 16th July | 9.10am - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly |
| Friday 18th July | 9.15am - Whole School end of year Mass in church |
| Friday 18th July | End of academic year 2024-25 for pupils |

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