



23rd June 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

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: Alfie (Y4) & George M (Y6).

Feast of St Peter and Paul Mass

This coming Thursday (29th June), the Catholic church celebrates the **Feast of St Peter and Paul**. This is a holy day of obligation when **all** baptised Catholics should attend Mass. The whole school will be attending Mass at 1.30pm in church. You are more than welcome to attend this Mass, please note that Father Allen is lifting car parking restrictions between 1pm and 3pm on this day.

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

[Click here for the Wednesday Word](#)

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:

Class	Attendance for w/c 19.6.23
Reception	97.5%
Year 1	96.67%
Year 2	97.08%
Year 3	99.58%
Year 4	96.67%
Year 5	98.75%
Year 6	99.6%
Well done to the winners - Year 6!	

Wear Red for 'Choose Love' Refugee Charity - Monday 26th June

[Cara Cunningham is fundraising for Choose Love - Prism the Gift Fund \(justgiving.com\)](#)

You may have seen the Parentmail sent about this earlier this week. Alice in Y2 has been particularly moved by the plight of refugees during this refugee week and she has set herself a challenge to read 100 new books over the summer holidays in return for sponsorship for this great cause.

Alice is inviting all pupils to wear something red on Monday 26/6 to show their love for those fleeing their homes. Please note that this is NOT a non-uniform day; the red item should be an accessory such as socks or a hair band. In return for this, Alice is asking you to kindly donate using the above 'Just Giving' link.

PFA Summer Fayre Events

Organisation of the PFA Summer Fayre (Sat 8th July 2pm-4pm) is in full swing. In order to help with this, the PFA is asking you to kindly donate some goods. Please note the following events:

- Fri 30/6 will be 'Silly Sock Day' in return for donation of a bottle (full, not empty please!)
- Monday 3/7 will be 'Silly Hair Day' for Tombola goods (all in good or excellent/new condition please - toys, chocolates, toiletries, gifts, accessories etc).

Considerate parking

Please ensure that you park safely and considerately at drop off and pick up times. We are, again, getting reports from our neighbours of cars associated with St Nicholas blocking people's driveways and parking on pavements & grass verges. This really is so rude and also dangerous; we live in a community and we must be thoughtful members of that community. Thank you in advance for your support.

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.

Mini Vinnies Sleepout

Our busy Mini Vinnies are 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.

Year 6 swimming

Year 6 will be attending Wyndley Leisure Centre on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon next week to take part in swimming lessons. We will be walking to and from the baths so children can wear trainers on these days. Lunch and end of day arrangements remain as normal. Please ensure that children have the correct swimming kit with them: swimming costume (girls) or swimming shorts above the knee (boys) and a towel. Children are welcome to bring goggles and a swimming hat but must be able to use these independently.

Return of reading books - PLEASE HELP

Over the last academic year, we have invested thousands of pounds in new reading materials, particularly in support of the RWI phonics scheme. **Unfortunately, lots of these books have not been returned to school.** They can only be purchased in bulk, ten at a time, which is a huge expense for us. Please could you have a look at home for any books, phonics and other, that need to be returned to school. All of our books have the St Nicholas stamp in. Phonics teachers will now be monitoring the return of books and we will be charging £2.50 for each missing book.

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](#)

Summer Reading Challenge

Each year, St Nicholas takes part in the Summer Reading Challenge, where children are encouraged to read six books of any genre throughout the summer holidays. It's the UK's biggest reading for pleasure programme for children aged 4 to 11, delivered via public libraries. Children can set a reading goal and borrow books of their choice during the summer, collecting special stickers and incentives. Library staff and volunteers will help children to discover new books that suit their interests and reading level and run a programme of free themed activities in the library. Children who complete the Challenge are presented with a certificate and a medal.

For children who took part in 2022:

77% read more over the summer holidays

75% improved their reading skills

71% felt more confident about their reading

To take part, please visit Boldmere library or go online to: www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk. For further information, please visit <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/school-zone-src>.

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. If you have any suggestions for July's word of the month, please let Miss Smith know.

Phonics home links

This week, children have been assessed and spent their Phonics lessons consolidating previously learned sounds. They have been regrouped and will receive a new book on Monday. Phonics links will be on the newsletter next Friday (30/6)

Sports' News

Athletics

On Wednesday 14th June, 41 pupils from St Nicholas took part in the Sutton Area Sports Athletics event. The children took part in a range of track and field events and performed remarkably well, missing out on first place by one point. We achieved many first place individual events including

Yr 4 Girls Rounders Ball Throw - Darcey D

Yr 5 Girls Vortex Throw - Harriett H

Yr 3 Girls Long Jump - Caoimhe W

Yr 5 Boys Vortex Throw - Connor C

Yr 4 Boys Long Jump - Max H

Yr 6 Boys Vertical Jump - Adam B

Yr 4 Girls 60m sprint - Martha D

Yr 5 Girls 80m sprint - Annabelle A

Yr 6 Girls 80m sprint - Abi D

Yr 5 Boys 80m sprint - Frankie Ba

Yr 3/4 Girls Relay - Martha, Niamh, Molly, Orla

Netball Presentation Evening

The Sutton Schools' Netball Presentation Evening took place on Thursday 15th June. St Nicholas was represented by Annabelle, Annie, Natasha and Amelie. Umpire and player of the match awards were given to Abi, Annabelle, Annie and Amelie. Annabelle received an extra award for being selected as umpires' and players' player of the match more often than any other player in the league.

Football

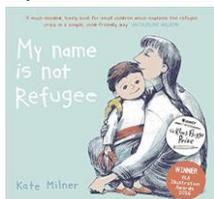
On Monday 5th June, St Nicholas 7-a-side football team played against Minworth Primary School. Despite the pitch being in a terrible state, our team went on to play some amazing football and ended up winning 11-0. We now stand at the top of the table with 4 games played and 4 wins. We have one game remaining this season.

Rounders

On Thursday 22nd June, the Year 5/6 rounders team took part in the Sutton Schools' rounders competition. In our group, we had two very difficult matches and, although we couldn't claim a victory this time, all of the boys involved tried their hardest, enjoyed themselves and were very happy to have represented St Nicholas School.

Special book recommendations for World Refugee Day

My Name is Not Refugee by Kate Milner



A young boy discusses the journey he is about to make with his mother. They will leave their town, she explains, and it will be sad but also a little bit exciting. They will have to say goodbye to friends and loved ones, and that will be difficult. They will have to walk and walk and walk, and although they will see many new and interesting things, it will be difficult at

times too. A powerful and moving exploration that draws the young reader into each stage of the journey, inviting the chance to imagine the decisions he or she would make.

[Click to purchase](#)



Boy Giant: Son of Gulliver by Michael Morpurgo and Michael Foreman

War has forced Omar and his mother to leave their home in Afghanistan and venture across the sea to Europe. When their boat sinks, and Omar finds himself alone, with no hope of rescue, it seems as if his story has come to an end. But it is only just beginning. Because in the end, a little hope makes a big difference... [Click to purchase](#)

Dates for your diary

Mon 26/6	Year 5 taster day at BWS
Thurs 29/6	1.30pm whole school Mass for Feast of SS Peter and Paul
Weds 5/7	'Move up morning' at St Nicholas
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
Weds 12/7	Year 6 secondary transition day
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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