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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 18th September 2026

Reflection: Being inspired by St Francis of Assisi

Our school prayer focus continues to be inspired by **St Francis of Assisi**, whose love and care for God's creation remains an example to us all. This links closely with the Religious Education learning taking place across the school, as all classes are exploring themes of creation.

As children learn about God's gift of creation, we encourage them to appreciate the beauty of the natural world, care for our common home, and recognise God's presence in the world around them. We invite families to support these values at home by taking time to notice and celebrate the wonders of creation together.



Lord, help us to follow the example of St Francis. May we grow in love and respect for Your creation and inspire others to care for the world around us. Bless our families and school community as we work together to protect and cherish Your gifts. Amen.

Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)



Year 3 and Year 4 Mass - Wednesday 23rd September @ 2.30pm

Years 3 and 4 will be attending Mass, celebrated by Father Allen, in the church at 2:30pm on Wednesday afternoon. This is a valuable opportunity for the children to come together in prayer and worship as part of their faith journey.

Parents, families and parishioners are warmly welcome to join us.

Infant gate

Space is limited at the infant gate and we ask families to spread out and avoid queueing down the side of the EYFS classroom. Teachers will quickly get to know familiar faces and will call your child's name as soon as they see you. Our KS2 teachers are fully aware of pupils with younger siblings and will ensure they are released safely, so there's no need to worry if you are collecting from more than one gate. Where possible (we know it isn't always), please leave pushchairs outside the gate. Please also fit scooter and bicycle equipment outside of the gate to avoid congestion. Thank you for your patience and support in helping us keep the end of the day calm and safe for everyone.

Do you know a child starting school in September 2027?

If so, please encourage them to come along to one of our Prospective Parents' Sessions to hear about the admissions process and tour the school. There is a flyer attached to this email containing dates and other information.





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Bishop Walsh Open Evening - Wednesday 23rd September

We would like to remind all Year 6 parents and carers that Bishop Walsh Catholic School will be holding its Open Evening on Wednesday 23rd September from 5.00pm to 7.00pm.

This is an excellent opportunity to visit the school, meet staff and students and learn more about the exciting opportunities available at Bishop Walsh.

Presentations by Mrs Brodie (Principal) will take place at:

- 5.10pm
- 6.10pm

We encourage families to attend and find out more about life at Bishop Walsh Catholic School.



Centrestage - a bumper crop of LAMDA exams!

A huge well done to all of the pupils who take Speech and Drama lessons through Centrestage. We are delighted to share that their LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) examination results are now back and every pupil achieved fantastic results!

The children have worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of their achievements. We would also like to thank the Centrestage staff for their support and encouragement throughout the year.

We look forward to celebrating our pupils' success and presenting their certificates during our Gifts from God Assembly on Friday 2nd October. Congratulations to everyone involved!

LAMDA

PFA Dates for your diary!

☐ Newcomers' Disco

[Click HERE to buy tickets for the New Starters' Disco!](#)

Friday 25th September, 5.30pm to 7.30pm A great opportunity for new families to meet and make friends. Children should attend with a parent or carer.

☐ Christmas Wreath-Making Workshop Saturday 28th November, 4pm to 6pm Get into the festive spirit and create a beautiful Christmas wreath to take home.

☐ Christmas Fayre Saturday 5th December, 2pm to 4pm Join us for an afternoon of festive fun, games and seasonal treats. (Date to be confirmed.)

Further information, including ticket details, will be shared via class WhatsApp groups and future school newsletters.

Gifts from God Assemblies

Our remaining *Gifts from God* assemblies for the Autumn Term will take place on **Friday 2nd October 2026**, and **Friday 16th October 2026**. If your child is receiving a certificate from school, you will receive an MCAS message from Mrs Noble- Barton on the Wednesday before the assembly. If you are sending in a medal, trophy or certificate from outside of school that your child would like to have presented, please bring it to the school office by Thursday morning at the latest, ensuring it is in a clearly named bag or container. All Gifts from God assemblies begin at 2.45pm. Due to space





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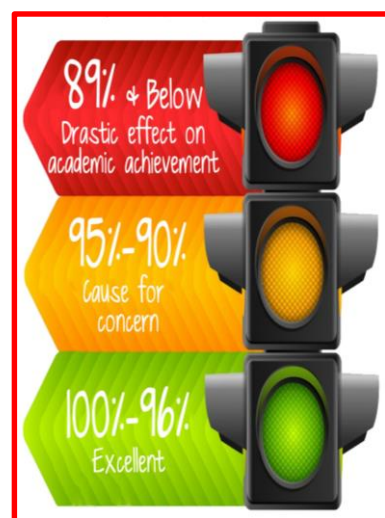
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restrictions, we kindly ask that families only attend if their child is receiving an award. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Attendance

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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 14/9/26
EYFS	98.33%
Year 1	99.33%
Year 2	100% Winners!
Year 3	99.31%
Year 4	98.33%
Year 5	99.33%
Year 6	99.31%
Well done to this week's winners...Year 2! You can negotiate a reward with Mrs Burling-Finn next week.	



Dates for the diary

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

New academic year - 2026/27	
Monday 21st September	9am - Year 6 Curriculum Workshop in school hall - all parents invited (can you send a grandparent or other relative if you're not available? A great chance to work with your child and experience the teaching techniques used in class.)
Wednesday 23rd September	9am - Year 1 Curriculum Workshop in school hall - all parents invited (can you send a grandparent or other relative if you're not available? A great chance to work with your child and experience the teaching techniques used in class.)
Wednesday 23rd September	2.30pm - Years 3 & 4 to Mass in church -





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	parents/grandparents welcome
Friday 25th September	5.30pm to 7.30pm - PFA New Starters' Disco - the only disco of the year where parents can stay, meet each other and have a boogie! Tickets will be on sale from the PFA shortly. Apologies, there is no on-site parking available for this event. The QR code will not be available. Please make arrangements to park elsewhere.
Monday 28th September	9am - Year 4 Curriculum Workshop in school hall - all parents invited (can you send a grandparent or other relative if you're not available? A great chance to work with your child and experience the teaching techniques used in class.)
Friday 2nd October	9am - Year 5 Curriculum Workshop in school hall - all parents invited (can you send a grandparent or other relative if you're not available? A great chance to work with your child and experience the teaching techniques used in class.)
Friday 2nd October	2.45pm Gifts from God assembly - you will get an email on Wednesday 16/9 if your child is receiving a school certificate.
W/c 5th October & W/c 12th October	Harvest Collection across the school - please be generous as we will be supporting a local foodbank!
Tuesday 6th October	Year 6 class trip to Oscott College for 'Laudato Sii - Care for Creation Workshop' - walking there & back, packed lunch needed, consent form will be sent closer to time.
Wednesday 7th October	9am - Year 2 Curriculum Workshop in school hall - all parents invited (can you send a grandparent or other relative if you're not available? A great chance to work with your child and experience the teaching techniques used in class.)
Monday 12th October	9am - Year 3 Curriculum Workshop in school hall - all parents invited (can you send a grandparent or other relative if you're not available? A great chance to work with your child and experience the teaching techniques used in class.)





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Thursday 15th October	9am - EYFS Curriculum Workshop in school hall - all parents invited (can you send a grandparent or other relative if you're not available? A great chance to work with your child and experience the teaching techniques used in class.)
Friday 16th October	2.45pm Gifts from God assembly - you will get an email on Wednesday 16/9 if your child is receiving a school certificate.
Monday 19th October	2.15pm Whole school Harvest Mass in church - parents & grandparents welcome
Tuesday 20th October PHOTO DAY	Families, siblings and individual photographs - all pupils having their photo taken, sibling groups in school taken, those with pre-school children or children who don't attend St Nicholas will be invited to come in at 8.30am if they want a photograph. All photos available to purchase afterwards.
Wednesday 21st October	Parents' Evening in school hall (bookings will open closer to the time).
Thursday 22nd October	Parents' Evening in school hall (bookings will open closer to the time).
Friday 23rd October	INSET day - school closed to children. End of Autumn 1. Break up for half term.
October half term - school closed to children during w/c 26/10/26	
Monday 2nd November	School reopens at 8.50am - Autumn Term 2
Monday 2nd November	11am Prospective Parents' Sessions for EYFS 2027
Wednesday 4th November	2pm Prospective Parents' Sessions for EYFS 2027
Friday 6th November	9.15am Prospective Parents' Sessions for EYFS 2027
Tuesday 10th November	Flu Vaccinations - consent will be sent out beforehand and only where consent has been provided will pupils be vaccinated.





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Friday 13th November PHOTO DAY	Class Photographs
Saturday 28th November	4pm-6pm PFA Christmas Wreath making workshop - school hall Apologies, there is no on-site parking available for this event. The QR code will not be available. Please make arrangements to park elsewhere.
Saturday 5th December	2pm to 4pm PFA Christmas Fair - school hall
Tuesday 15th December	EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity Play in the school hall @ 9.15am - ticket information TBC Apologies, there is no on-site parking available for this event. The QR code will not be available. Please make arrangements to park elsewhere.
Wednesday 16th December	EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity Play in the school hall @ 9.15am - ticket information TBC Apologies, there is no on-site parking available for this event. The QR code will not be available. Please make arrangements to park elsewhere.

INSET Days 2026/27

The remaining scheduled INSET Days for the 2026/27 academic year are:

Friday 23rd October 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Monday 22nd February 2027

Monday 12th April 2027

Friday 2nd July 2027

St John Paul II Multi Academy Schools - Term Dates 2026/27

Our MAC term dates follow **Birmingham City Council (BCC)** dates.

Autumn Term 2026

- Term starts: Tuesday 1 September 2026
- Half-term: Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October 2026
- Term ends: Friday 18 December 2026

Spring Term 2027

- Term starts: Monday 4 January 2027
- Half-term: Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February 2027
- Term ends: Thursday 25 March 2027





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Summer Term 2027

- Term starts: Monday 12 April 2027
- Half-term: Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2027
- Term ends: Wednesday 21 July 2027

God bless,

Mr Porter

Executive Principal

Mrs Noble-Barton

Head of School

Miss Smith

Assistant Head

