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love, live & learn.**

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Dear Parents & Carers

Friday 23rd January 2026

Reflection - Our Father - A Prayer to Share at Home

During Key Stage liturgies this week, pupils will be exploring the Lord's prayer.

The *Our Father* is the prayer Jesus taught us. It reminds us that God is our loving Father and teaches us to trust Him, forgive others and live with kindness.

You might like to explore this at home by:

- **Praying the *Our Father* together**
- **Talking about forgiveness and saying sorry**
- **Noticing acts of kindness in everyday life**

Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)



Parent Zone - Internet Safety Resources

Safer Internet Day takes place on 10th February and we will be marking this in school through age-appropriate learning and discussion about staying safe online.

In addition, all pupils will take part in internet safety workshops on 23rd February, kindly funded by our PFA. These workshops will support children to understand how to use the internet safely, responsibly and respectfully.

The workshop providers have shared the following link for parents and carers:

[Parent Zone: Internet Safety Resources - OpenView Education](#)

Please use these resources to help support conversations at home about

online safety and responsible internet use.



Lighthouse Preschool - PLACES AVAILABLE

Lighthouse Preschool, run by Mrs Carole Baird, offers a high-quality, nurturing early years provision for 3 and 4 year olds, helping children grow in confidence and prepare for school life.

Parents are welcome to get in touch for an informal chat or visit:

☎ **07590 411118**

✉ Lighthousechildcare2023@outlook.com

PFA General Meeting

All parents and carers are warmly invited to our next *PFA General Meeting on Saturday 7th March at 4.00pm in the school hall.*

This is a great opportunity to hear about recent PFA activities, plans for upcoming events (including the Summer Fair), and to share ideas as we begin thinking ahead to 2026-2027. Whether you're a regular attendee or completely new to the PFA, we would love you to join us.

The PFA plays an important role in building our school community and supporting opportunities for our children: every voice and idea really does make a difference.

We hope to see you there.



Supporting and Stretching Our Pupils

From time to time, the assessments and observations gathered by staff show that some pupils would benefit from a little extra support or, equally, an additional challenge in their learning. This may take the form of small-group boosters or targeted interventions, sometimes taking place in the afternoon. A small number of programmes, such as *Lexia* and *Touch Typing*, run before school at 8.45am.

Please reassure your children that attending these groups is a positive step and is designed to help and support them.

We know that some pupils worry about being seen as “different”, but we do not label children. Our approach to support and challenge is flexible, targeted and responsive, changing as pupils' needs change. Thank you for your support.

World Book Day - Thursday 12th March 2026

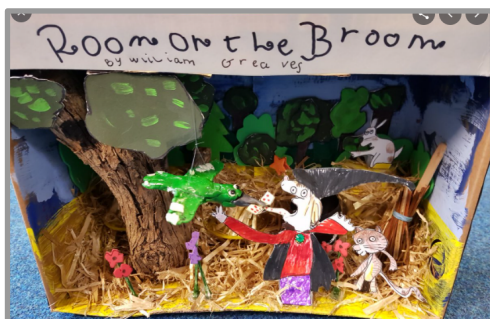
THE BOOK IN A BOX COMPETITION IS BACK!

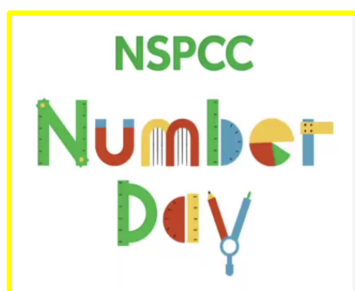
To celebrate World Book Day, pupils are invited to make their favourite book into a box! We have had some incredible entries over the past few years and can't wait to see what the pupils create this year! It's really simple to take part! All you need is a cereal or shoe box to get started and the aim is to design the inside of your box in the most creative way possible to display your favourite book!

Your entries need to be submitted by Thursday 12th March. The Reading Ambassadors will decide on a winner and two runners up! These lucky children will receive a reading related prize.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be outside the front of school each evening from Monday 9th-Friday 13th March 2026, where pupils can spend their £1 book tokens.

NB - we are celebrating the week after World Book Day to ensure that our Y5 pupils can take part after they have been to Alton Castle.





NSPCC Number Day 2026

On Friday 6th February 2026, we will be celebrating NSPCC Number Day. Children will enjoy fun activities focused on maths and numbers, while supporting a very important cause. We are inviting children to bring in loose change and coins to help decorate a large “26”, raising money for the vital work undertaken by the NSPCC. Children should wear their normal school uniform or PE kit on this day.

To find out more information, please visit: [NSPCC website](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)



Gifts from God Assemblies

There is one Gifts from God assembly left this half term on: **Friday 6th February**. These assemblies are a special time to celebrate our pupils' gifts and achievements. Gifts from God assemblies during Spring 2 will be on: **Friday 27th February, Friday 6th March & Friday 20th March**.

Attendance

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

Year group	Attendance for w/c 19/1/26
EYFS	98.67%
Year 1	95.33%
Year 2	97.33%
Year 3	98.67%
Year 4	99.33% Winners!
Year 5	94.19%
Year 6	96.67%
Well done to this week's winners...Year 4! You can negotiate your reward with Mr Reid next week.	

Dates for the diary

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

Tuesday 27th January	Year 6 trip to St Chad's Cathedral
Tuesday 3rd February	Years 1 & 2 taking part in National Storytelling Workshops during school time
Friday 6th February	Gifts from God Assembly @ 2.45pm
Week commencing 9th February	Children's Mental Health Week - to be celebrated after half term
Tuesday 10th February	Safer Internet Day - workshops and classes happening on this day and throughout the term

Friday 13th February	PFA Valentines' Disco 3.30pm to 5pm - supervised by PFA volunteers and school staff
Friday 13th February	Last day of Spring 1 - break up for half term
HALF TERM - school closed to children w/c 16th February 2026 ASH WEDNESDAY - the start of Lent - Wednesday 18th February	
Week commencing 23rd February	Children's Mental Health Week celebrations in school
Monday 23rd February	Whole school experience safer internet assemblies and workshops - paid for by PFA
Thursday 26th February	EYFS & Year 6 height & weight checks (school nurse) - please email enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk if you wish to opt out your child
Friday 27th February	Gifts from God Assembly @ 2.45pm
Saturday 28th February	Swimming Gala @ Wyndley Leisure Centre
Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th March	Year 5 residential trip to Alton Castle
Saturday 7th March	PFA General Meeting - 4pm in school hall
March 3rd - April 28th	St Nicholas Parish Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday 13th March	PFA Mothers' Day Tea 3.30pm to 5pm
Monday 16th March	Year 6 full day retreat to enrich preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation - in school
Monday 23rd March	2pm - KS2 Passion Play performance to parents
Tuesday 24th March	9.15am - KS2 Passion Play performance to parents
Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March	Parents' Evenings Weds: 3.45pm to 6.15pm Thurs: 4.40pm to 7pm
Friday 27th March	Visiting theatre company to perform 'Alice in Wonderland' to the whole school
Friday 27th March	Last Day of Spring Term - break up for Easter
EASTER HOLIDAYS - School closed to children	

W/c 30th March W/c 6th April INSET Day - Monday 13th April	
Tuesday 14th April 2026	First day of Summer Term Summer Uniform permitted
Weekends of: 9th/10th May 16th/17th May 23rd/24th May	St Nicholas Parish First Holy Communion Masses
Friday 22nd May 2026	Sacrament of Confirmation Mass @ 7pm in church
Friday 3rd July 2026	INSET Day - school closed to children

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

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

INSET days will be published separately before the start of the 2026/27 school year.

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

Summer Term 2027

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

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