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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 2nd October 2026

Reflection – Following St Thérèse's Little Way

This week, on 1st October, the Church celebrated the Feast of St Thérèse of Lisieux, often known as *The Little Flower*.

St Thérèse taught us that we do not need to do extraordinary things to show our love for God. Instead, she believed that small acts of kindness, love and care, done with a generous heart, can make a big difference.

As a school community, we are reminded that every smile, helping hand, kind word and thoughtful action reflects God's love to those around us. Just like St Thérèse, we can all follow the "little way" by choosing kindness each day.

May we ask St Thérèse to help us notice the opportunities to do small things with great love, bringing joy and hope to our families, friends and school community.

St Thérèse of Lisieux, pray for us. Amen.



Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

Harvest Collection 2026 is now open!

Please support our Harvest Collection for Bethany Food Bank, helping local people facing difficult circumstances. Donations can be brought into school during the weeks commencing 5th October and 12th October. Please see the attached flyer for a list of requested items and further details. **As Jesus reminds us in the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."** Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

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.



Reading regularly at home At St Nicholas, we are passionate about developing confident, fluent readers, who enjoy reading for pleasure. Regular reading at home plays a vital role in supporting children's progress, helping to build fluency, vocabulary and comprehension skills. To support this, reading records will be monitored throughout the term so that we can celebrate pupils who are reading regularly and identify any children who may need additional support. **We ask all families to read with their child as often as possible and record this in their reading diary.** If your child is finding reading difficult, or you need any support

with reading at home, please speak to your child's class teacher. By working together, we can ensure every child develops a lifelong love of reading. Thank you for your continued support.

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Following our learning on X - there's lots to see! @StNicholasCP If you are joining us on X, please ensure that your X handle clearly identifies who you are. If your username does not make it obvious, you will need to contact the school office at enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk to identify yourself before your follow request can be approved.



This is an important safeguarding measure that helps us keep our pupils safe by ensuring that our posts can only be viewed by approved followers. As part of our ongoing commitment to online safety, we will also be gradually reducing the use of direct front-facing photographs of children over the next half term.

We appreciate your support as we continue to review and strengthen our approach to safeguarding in the digital environment. An infographic providing further information about these changes and our rationale will be shared with families shortly.



Parish Car Park Reminder

We would like to remind parents and carers that the parish car park is not owned or managed by the school. The car park is provided for parish use, and we are very grateful to Father Allen and the parish for allowing families to access it during the school day.

As the car park is not under the school's control, we do not have gates at the entrance and therefore cannot always guarantee that motorists, including delivery drivers and other visitors, will adhere to **our request not to enter the car park between 8.45am and 9.10am and 3.20pm and 3.40pm.**

For this reason, we ask all families to take extra care when arriving and leaving school. Please use the footpath alongside the car park wherever possible and ensure that you hold your child's hand when walking across the car park.

Thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe.

PFA Dates for your diary!

🎄 **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.



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Gifts from God Assemblies

Our remaining *Gifts from God* assembly for the Autumn Term will take place on **Friday 16th October 2026**.

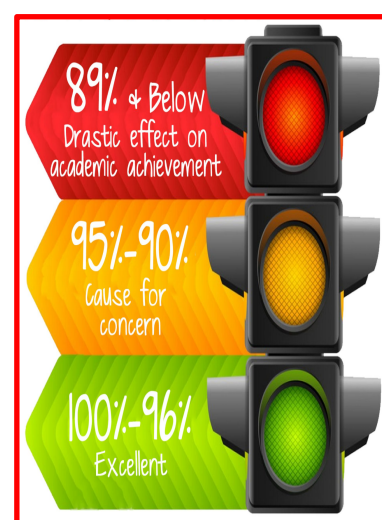
Autumn 2 dates will be as follows: **Friday 6th November, Friday 20th November & Friday 27th November & Friday 11th December.**

Attendance

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

Super attendance across the school this week - well done!

Year group	Attendance for w/c 28/9/26
EYFS	99%
Year 1	98.67%
Year 2	100% Winners again!
Year 3	99.31%
Year 4	96.67%
Year 5	98.67%
Year 6	97.24%
Well done to this week's winners...Year 2! On a winning streak! You can negotiate your reward with Mrs Burling-Finn next week.	





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Dates for the diary

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

New academic year - 2026/27

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 THIS WEEK	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 THIS WEEK	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





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	used in class.)
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





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Tuesday 10th November	Flu Vaccinations - consent will be sent out beforehand and only where consent has been provided will pupils be vaccinated.
Tuesday 10th November	**Y5 parents** Alton Castle information meeting at 5:15pm - via Zoom https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79314558741?pwd=wbEBAbQ4WQfjda4bkW73jh9PXyzNPF.1
Friday 13th November PHOTO DAY	Class Photographs
Tuesday 24th November	**Y6 parents** Blackwell information meeting at 5:15pm - via Zoom https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73722566420?pwd=Xndlkzb1hjY4Pv7v3igNsbNt3oUJg.1
Saturday 28th November	4pm-6pm PFA Christmas Wreath making workshop - school hall <i>We apologise, but there will be no parking available on the school site for this event.</i>
Thursday 3rd December	4pm Centrestage Recital - in the school hall
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
Wednesday 16th December	EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity Play in the school hall @ 9.15am - ticket information TBC

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

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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

Summer Term 2027

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

Mr Porter

Mrs Noble-Barton

Miss Smith

Executive Principal

Head of School

Assistant Head

