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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 23rd May 2025



St Mary's College, Oscott

Jubilee Pilgrimage!

On Monday, Years 4 and 5 were blessed to go on a special pilgrimage to Oscott College, inspired by Pope Francis' message for the Jubilee Year: "*Pilgrims of Hope*." The late Pope

invited us all to be pilgrims on a journey—and that's exactly what the children became as they walked to and from the beautiful seminary.

During their visit, the children asked thoughtful and insightful questions to the final-year seminarians, learning about their vocations, their personal journeys, and how they feel as they prepare for ordination.

Well done to all the children for representing the school so well, and a big thank you to the staff who accompanied them and to Oscott College for their warm welcome and hospitality.



Experience Prayer and History at Oscott College

Families are warmly invited to visit St Mary's College, Oscott for a spiritually enriching experience.

Join the seminarians and staff for Sunday Holy Hour, which includes sung Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This takes place in the beautiful college chapel on the following dates:

- 25 May 2025 at 5:00 PM
- 1 June 2025 at 5:00 PM
- 8 June 2025 at 5:00 PM
- 22 June 2025 at 5:00 PM

No booking is required for these prayer services.

Additionally, Oscott College offers guided tours of the seminary. The next available tour is on 11 June 2025 at 1:00 PM. Booking is required for tours. For more details on events, prayer times, and to book a tour, please visit the official Oscott College website: <https://www.oscott.org/>
This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your family's faith journey and explore the rich heritage of our local seminary.

Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

Sports' Day - Monday 7th July

We are very much looking forward to Sports Day on Monday 7th July, *weather permitting*. This exciting event will take place at Braemar Fields, Braemar Road.

Please note that there is a change to the timings from previous years:

- Reception, Year 1 & Year 2: 9:30am - 11:30am
- Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6): 12:45pm - 3:15pm

We hope to see as many families as possible joining us to cheer on the children and celebrate their efforts and sportsmanship. Fingers crossed for sunshine!



Y1 Phonics Screening Check - Virtual Information Session

Parents and carers of Year 1 pupils are invited to join us for a short virtual information session about the Phonics Screening Check which is taking place shortly.

This session is intended as a brief refresher, as key information has already been shared during the Year 1 Curriculum Workshop and the Phonics Information Evening earlier this year.

Date: Thursday 5th June

Time: 5pm (approx. 30 minutes long)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82002300665?pwd=44C8HpwWWbBbQTVaRSXyh2c0gVqK2.1>

'Stay and...' Fridays Continue!

This term, we're excited to introduce **Stay and Count**. Y5 kicked us off this morning with a fantastic session which was really well attended. You're invited to drop your child off, then join us in the hall to take part in a short, structured maths activity together. It's a meaningful way to support your child's development and enjoy learning side by side. Dates are as follows:

Year 4 - Friday 6th June

EYFS - Friday 13th June

Year 3 - Friday 20th June

Year 6 - Friday 27th June

Year 2 - Thursday 3rd July (due to INSET day on Friday 4th)

Year 1 - Friday 11th July

Is Your Child Starting Pre-School in September 2025?

If you or someone you know has a child who will be of preschool age by September 2025, consider getting in touch with Mrs. Carole Baird at Lighthouse Pre-School. She currently has a few spaces available in her warm, inclusive, and creatively focused setting.

You can contact Mrs Baird on: lighthousechildcare2023@outlook.com

PFA News - SUMMER FAIR TICKETS

Summer Fair tickets are on sale now! You can buy them here: [St Nicholas School PFA](#)

June 28th - 13:00 - 15:00.

🍷🌞🍦🍷 Come join us for some summer fun - there will be tombolas, games, craft activities, an ice-cream van and burgers and hot dogs available, a performance from the Young Voice Choir, bouncy castles, beat the goalie, a raffle, stalls and much more!! And all to help raise money for our lovely school. We look forward to seeing you there 🌞🍷🍦🍷

Easy Fundraising - Our PFA is Now Registered! Support Us While You Shop!

We've registered St Nicholas PFA with easyfundraising, which means over 8,000 retailers will now donate to us for FREE every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them.

These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us - it's completely FREE and doesn't take long.

Thanks, the PFA Team

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TT Rockstars day - Year 4 only

To support our pupils to prepare for the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC), which they will be sitting during wb 2.6.25 and 9.6.25, pupils in Year 4, are invited to dress up as a rockstar on **Tuesday 3rd June 2025**. They will spend the day engaging in a variety of times table activities.

Year 1 - Phonics Screening Check information session

Year 1 pupils will be sitting the Phonics Screening Check during wb 9.6.25. Parents and carers are warmly invited to an online information session at **5pm on Thursday 5th June** to receive some further details regarding this statutory assessment.

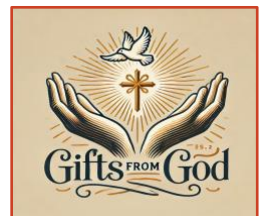
Father's Day Secret Reader

Many thanks to the Dads, Grandads, Uncles and Father Figures who have signed up for our Father's Day Secret Reader during wb 9th June 2025. If you need to confirm your slot or can no longer make it, please call the school office on 01213552649. We have 1 slot remaining in Reception on Friday 13th June or slots on Tuesday-Friday in Year 5.

Gifts from God assemblies - future dates

During Summer 2, our school will host 'Gifts from God' celebration assemblies on the following dates:

- Friday 13th June
- Friday 27th June
- Friday 11th July



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 19th May
EYFS	92.88%
Year 1	97.33%
Year 2	94.33%
Year 3	98.06%
Year 4	96.45%
Year 5	99.33% Winners!
Year 6	95.67%
Well done to this week's winners...Year 5! You can negotiate your reward with Mrs Burling-Finn after half 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.

Please see the end of the diary dates section for some updated INSET dates in the Autumn Term (September).

Dates for the diary

May half term School closed during week commencing 26th May 2025	
Monday 2nd June	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 3rd June	Year 4 TT Rockstars Day
Thursday 5th June	Virtual PSC session for Y1 parents & carers - 5pm
Thursday 5th June	PFA meeting in school - 6pm
Friday 6th June	Year 4 - Stay & Count - 8.50am
Friday 6th June	EYFS trip to Lower Drayton Farm
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	Fathers' Day 'Secret Reader'
Friday 13th June	EYFS - Stay & Count - 8.50am
Friday 13th June	Gifts from God assembly at 2.45pm
Thursday 19th June	Year 6 visiting 'Big Bang Fair' at NEC
Friday 20th June	Year 3 - Stay & Count - 8.50am
Friday 20th June	Year 6 visiting Oscott College all day as part of work on vocations
Friday 20th June	Year 3 'Money Day'
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.
W/c 23rd June	Year 6 Vocations Week
Thursday 26th June	Music Concert 4pm - school hall All of Y4 (guitar) and any pupil who has peripatetic music lessons in any instrument.
Friday 27th June	Year 6 - Stay & Count - 8.50am
Friday 27th June	Gifts from God assembly - 2.45pm
Saturday 28th June	PFA Summer Fair 1pm to 3pm
Wednesday 2nd July	Transition Day - Year 6 to their new secondary schools
Thursday 3rd July	Year 2 - Stay & Count - 8.50am
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)

Wednesday 9th to Friday 11th July	Year 6 residential trip to Blackwell Adventure
Friday 11th July	Year 1 - Stay & Count - 8.50am
Friday 11th July	Gifts from God assembly - 2.45pm - FINAL OF THE YEAR
Saturday 12th July	Y6 Leavers' Mass in church at 6pm
Wednesday 16th July	9.10am - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (certificates/medals/trophies only to Year 6 and their siblings)
Friday 18th July	9.15am - Whole School end of year Mass in church
Friday 18th July	End of academic year 2024-25 for pupils
Academic Year 2025/26	
Monday 1st September 2025	INSET DAY - school closed to children
Tuesday 2nd September 2025	INSET DAY - school closed to children
Wednesday 3rd September	First day of the Autumn Term for Years 1-6
Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th September	EYFS part time attendance (either morning or afternoon)
Friday 5th September	First full day of school for EYFS
Friday 24th October	INSET DAY - school closed to children
Monday 5th January 2026	INSET DAY - school closed to children
Tuesday 6th January 2026	INSET DAY - school closed to children

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