St Aidan's Catholic Primary School Newsletter
Friday 2nd October 2026

Head Teacher's Message

'Living and growing in Christ'

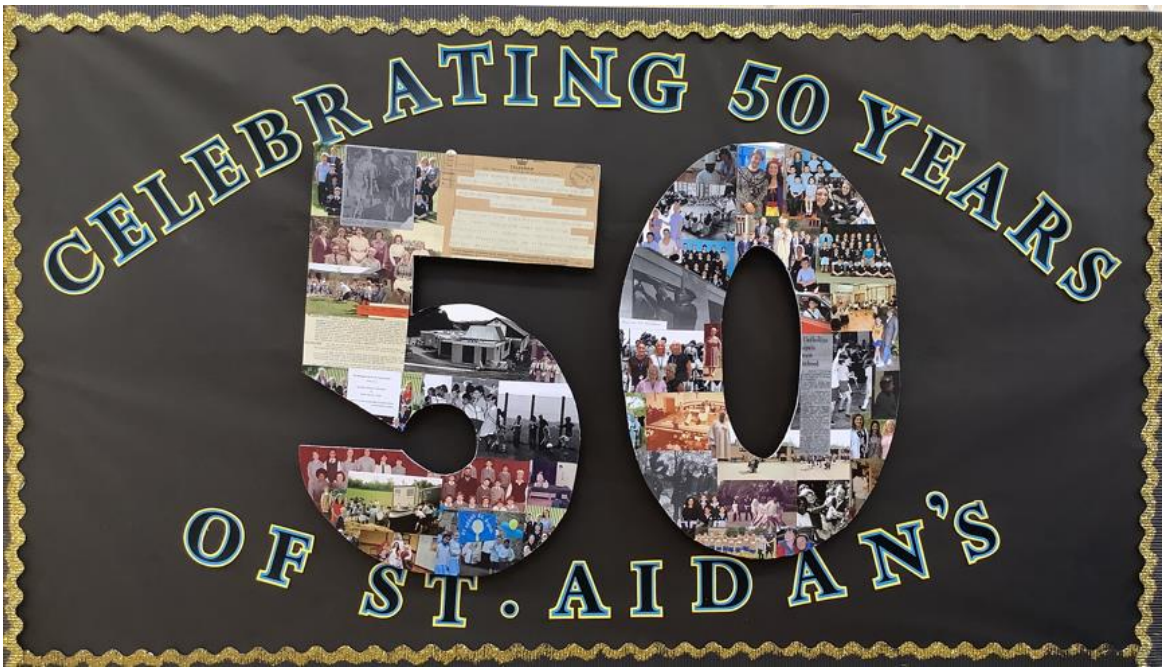
Year 3 have been out on a school trip this week and we had year 5 and 6 pupils attend a cross country event at Royal Russell school.

We had our first open morning event this week and our Head boy and Head girl had the important job of delivering a speech about their time at St. Aidan's. I was also very proud of all our year 6 tour guides.

Have a lovely weekend,

God Bless,

Mrs Hughes



Important dates for your diary…

7th October	Open Morning 9.30am
8th October	Trinity Football Cup
12th October	PGL Week
13th October	Reception Class Parents lunch
14th October	Reception Class Parents lunch
21st October	Y5 and Y6 Gaelic football training
21st October	School closes at 3.30pm
22nd October	INSET DAY
23rd October	INSET DAY
26th - 30th October	Half term
2nd November	School Opens 8:45am
2nd November	Y5 swimming lessons continue
4th November	Open morning 9.30am



Fundraising

Thank you to all the parents who helped to support Mrs Mcleave with the Macmillan cake sale.

The school raised £426.45 for Macmillan.



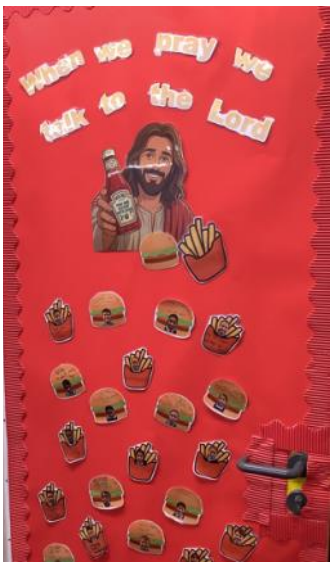


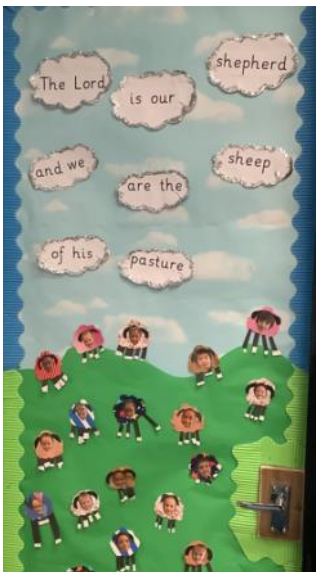


Faith Doors

Our classes have been busy designing this years faith doors.

Which one is your favourite?







50th Celebrations



We marked the occasion with a Mass last Friday where the community came together. It was wonderful to see past pupils, parents, Governors and past staff at our celebration Mass. We even had past headteacher Mrs Cathleen Hughes , past pupil Faye Tucker and Past member of staff Veronica Mcleave pay tribute to their time at St. Aidan's.

The children, along with past staff members had an outdoor picnic and then spent the afternoon on a carousel of activities to celebrate 50 years of St. Aidan's. SASA then hosted a wonderful 50th year of St. Aidan's fair, with delicious food, lots of fun activities and of course a bouncy castle.

















Fundraising

A special mention to our pupil Stephie, who took it upon herself to sell a
collection of toys at the fair to raise money for the school. Stephie had her own stall and raised £13.

Well done Stephie – great work!

Year 3 trip to Lullington River

Year 3 had a wonderful day experimenting at Lullington river. They looked at how the river speed, depth and width changed. They then enjoyed making round houses. Thank you to all our parent helpers who made the trip a success.



Online Safety



St. Aidan's University

Aim of St. Aidan's University

We believe that it is important to extend our children beyond school work and to support them to develop in many diverse aspects of life. Part of our role is to prepare our children for their adult lives, teaching them to understand how to engage with culture and society, providing them with plentiful opportunities to do so. **St Aidan's University** enables us to recognise the substantial amount of extra-curricular activities completed by our children, to develop a love of learning in our children and to encourage children to experience a range of learning activities and opportunities.

Learning Beyond School

On Fridays, our children are used to bringing in evidence of awards gained outside of school for a wide range of activities, such as swimming, scouting, matheletics and martial arts. This will now be used as evidence towards their potential graduation.

In addition, if the children:

- Visit places of educational value, such as museums, art galleries or historical monuments
- Take part in charitable work or giving (raising money, donating toys etc)
- Helping in their community (organising a cake sale, litter pick or similar)
- Extra-curricular research or projects

Children can bring evidence of these extra-curricular activities to school or parents can email university@st-aidans.croydon.sch.uk with any photos/evidence of trips that will count towards St. Aidan's University. This email will be monitored and credits tallied in school. (Please only use this email for St. Aidan's University evidence).

Each visit or extra-curricular activity will account for 1 'hour of activity' towards St. Aidan's University. In order to graduate from St. Aidan's University, pupils will need to accumulate points of extra-curricular activities across a whole school year. These points will be tallied and monitored by the school.

Who can graduate from St. Aidan's University?

Any pupil from Reception to Year 6 can graduate and children can graduate multiple times throughout their school career. They will receive a certificate and wear a graduation sash and cap. If your pupil does not graduate this year, they can try again in following years.

Clubs, trips and extra-curricular activities in school such as Catholic Social Teaching charitable work will be automatically counted towards extra hours towards graduating.

SASA Message

Congratulations to our school celebrating its 50th anniversary last week. It was a privilege to be part of it. Huge thanks to our volunteers who made the celebration fair happen on Friday. To those of you who stayed from set up to clear down and who worked extended shifts to cover the stalls we are very grateful and couldn't have done it without you. Thanks also to Clive Fernandez for keeping us dancing, to **Chef's Van** for providing food and to **anima3dprints** for selling their 3d prints on the day. A special mention goes to Stephie H (Yr4) for running her own stall and raising £13!

Your Fundraising at Work

Thanks to your fund-raising efforts we have been able to provide or contribute to:
Class trips / PE Equipment / Decoration of wellbeing area / Maths books / Levelling the field / Leaver's hoodies / Improving school security

Summer Raffle

In case you missed it, here are the winners of our summer fair raffle which was drawn in July. Thanks to our local business and class sponsors there were several fantastic prizes up for grabs. Winners were contacted by Classlist or Whatsapp.

£250 cash sponsored by SASA – Anne Sabasinghe
£150 voucher for Well House Inn sponsored by Reception – Daphne Thompson
£130 voucher for Botley Hill Farmhouse sponsored by Year 3 – Roy Misra
Free term at Stagecoach – Helen Hodge
2 months of Kung Fu Classes – Beau Mullen
Discovery Land Family Ticket for 6 – Luna Watts
Epsom Downs Raceday Voucher for 4 – Daphne Thompson
Family ticket for Capel Military Show – Paulene Appiah
Godstone Farm ticket for 4 – Elizabeth Agyepong
Bocketts Farm ticket for 2 – Maks Danidfo
Hobbledown voucher for 2 – Maria Tuffrey
LaserQuest Bromley Family Pass for 4 – Luna Watts
Family swim at DeStafford – Teddy Garrigan
Silent Pool Gin Distillery Tour for 2 – Anthea Mountain
Flip Out Croydon voucher for 2 – Elizabeth Agyepong
Go Karting at Team Sport for 1 – Lucas Heron
3 sessions with Rock Project – Helen Hodge
3 sessions with Rock Project – Beatrice Bradley
1 Pilates Class at Core 6 Studio – Chiara Nash
£10 voucher for Get Fired – Freya Rose
£10 voucher for Coulsdon Hardware – Lucas Garrigan
Woods Jewellers Voucher – Richard Appiah

Save the Date!

Our next big event is just weeks away! Join us for Fireworks Night on 13th November. As always, we can't run these events without our volunteers. Look out for the sign up sheets on ClassList in a few weeks.

More Ways to Support the School:

Easyfundraising: Access your favourite retailers including Amazon, Argos, Boots, Domino's, Waitrose, JustEat, M&S and many more through Easyfundraising.
School lottery: You can sign up to play here. The draw takes place every Saturday and we have on average three winners a month.
Direct debit donations: Contact info@staidanssa.co.uk for a form. Remember that these donations can be gift aided, which means the school receives additional funds at no extra cost to you.
Thank you for your support.
SASA



This Week's Awards at St Aidan's



Congratulations to these children who won awards this week. These will also count towards their St Aidans University points, working towards graduation at the end of the year!



Excellent Learners

St Mary: Gabriel O'D-G

St Francis: Leonardo G

St Joseph: William W

St Bernadette: Charlie P

St Theresa: Olivia H

St Peter: Sophia S

St Paul: Anna F

BEHAVIOUR HERO

St Mary: Sienna C

St Francis: Nael O

St Joseph: Guadalupe B T

St Bernadette: Evelyn M

St Theresa: Santiago B T

St Peter: Oliver M

St Paul: Eliana A