



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 7th February 2025

Head of School's Message

It has been a busy week this week, Mental Health Week, Number Day, Year 5 and 6 trip to Wallington Girls School and a Year 3 trip to Chertsey Museum.

Have a lovely weekend,
God Bless,

Mrs Hughes

**'Living and
growing
in
Christ'**



St. Aidan's School Value this term: Respect

This half term our school value is 'Respect'. Our School Councillors and Prayer Leaders have been on the lookout for children giving examples of being respectful. Well done to the following children:

Veronica C (Y3) - for being kind and respectful

Atalia M (Y3) - for always showing respect for everyone

Jacob I (Y4) - for being a great member of our school

Stanley P (Y6) - for being good with the Reception children

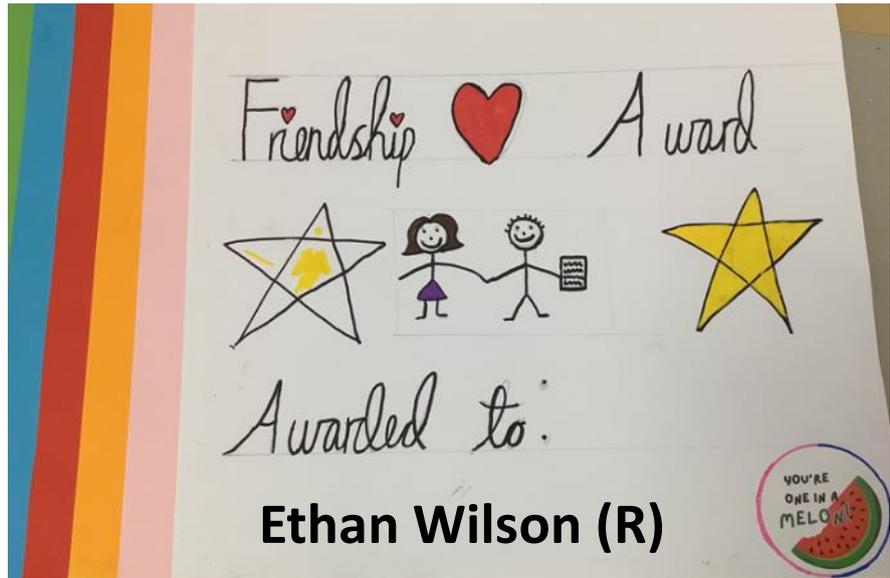
Prayer Leader Intentions

Please pray for all God's creatures and help us open our hearts to Jesus.

Important dates for your diary...

13th February	Y1 Pirate Day
13th February	School Closes for half term at 3.25pm
14th February	INSET DAY
24th February	8:45am School Opens
27th February	DEADLINE for Costume Sale donations
28th February	Costume Sale for World Book Day
5th March	1.45pm Lenten Service at Church - all parents welcome
5th March	Parents Evening
6th March	World Book Day - Dress Up!
13th March	Parents Evening
15th March	9.00am Woodcote Cross Country Race 2/3
17th March	Y6 trip to Royal Institute London
20th March	9.15am Y1 Class Assembly - Y1 parents welcome
3rd April	9.30am Rock Steady Concert
4th April	School Closes for Easter holidays at 1.45pm

Friendship Ambassador Award



Football Match v Byron

On Tuesday the football team travelled to Oasis Byron to play the semi-finals of the Small Schools Cup. It was a slow start with the ball constantly shifting between sides. In the second half, St Aidan's found their attacking ability to create the goal we needed to put us through to the Small Schools Cup Final!

Thank you Coach T and well done to Player of the Match Joseph (Y5)

Match Report by Michael C and Isaiah I (Y6)

Netball Match v Chipstead Valley School

On Thursday 6th February, our school netball team played against Chipstead Valley School. We have played them previously but we noticed how much we had improved since the last encounter with them. After a good match unfortunately we just lost out with a score of 4-3 to them. We would like to thank Miss Zographou and Mrs Ryan for working hard to prepare us. We're looking forward to future matches.

Match Report by Lana N (Y6)



Year 3 Trip to Chertsey Museum

Year 3 were very lucky to visit Chertsey Museum this week. When we arrived, our guide called Heidi talked to us in the Education Room where we learnt about all types of different fossils and ancient cultures. Some of us even got to try on clothes from the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age! After lunch we split into groups and took part in lots of fun activities like making tools out of paper and prints in soaps. It was such a fun day! Thank you to Mr Stanley and Mrs Montavez for organising and to the parents who helped accompany us on the trip.



Y5 and Y6 Trip to Wallington Girls

On Tuesday, Year 5 and 6 were invited to a magical drama performance at Wallington High School for Girls. The show was based on the Greek myth of 'Jason and the Argonauts'. It was a humorous yet dramatic retelling and both classes enjoyed watching it immensely. Thank you to all the teachers and parents who took the time to accompany us on this trip.

Report by Zoe Mathew

Mental Health Week



This week the children have celebrated Children's Mental Health Week 2025 in school by taking part in an assembly and completing pieces of work specifically targeted at supporting their mental health. They have learnt about what mental health is, why it is important and the many different ways we can improve our mental health.



We have discussed this year's theme, which is **Know Yourself, Grow Yourself!** And about the importance of kindness - to ourselves and to others. We talked about our likes and dislikes, strengths, fears, hopes and dreams. Our emotions play a key role and being aware of how to listen to and express ourselves is a major part of building self-awareness. It is through knowing ourselves and speaking with others, that we can build resilience, grow and develop. Below are some examples of the excellent work completed in class that showcases the children's reflections.



Number Day



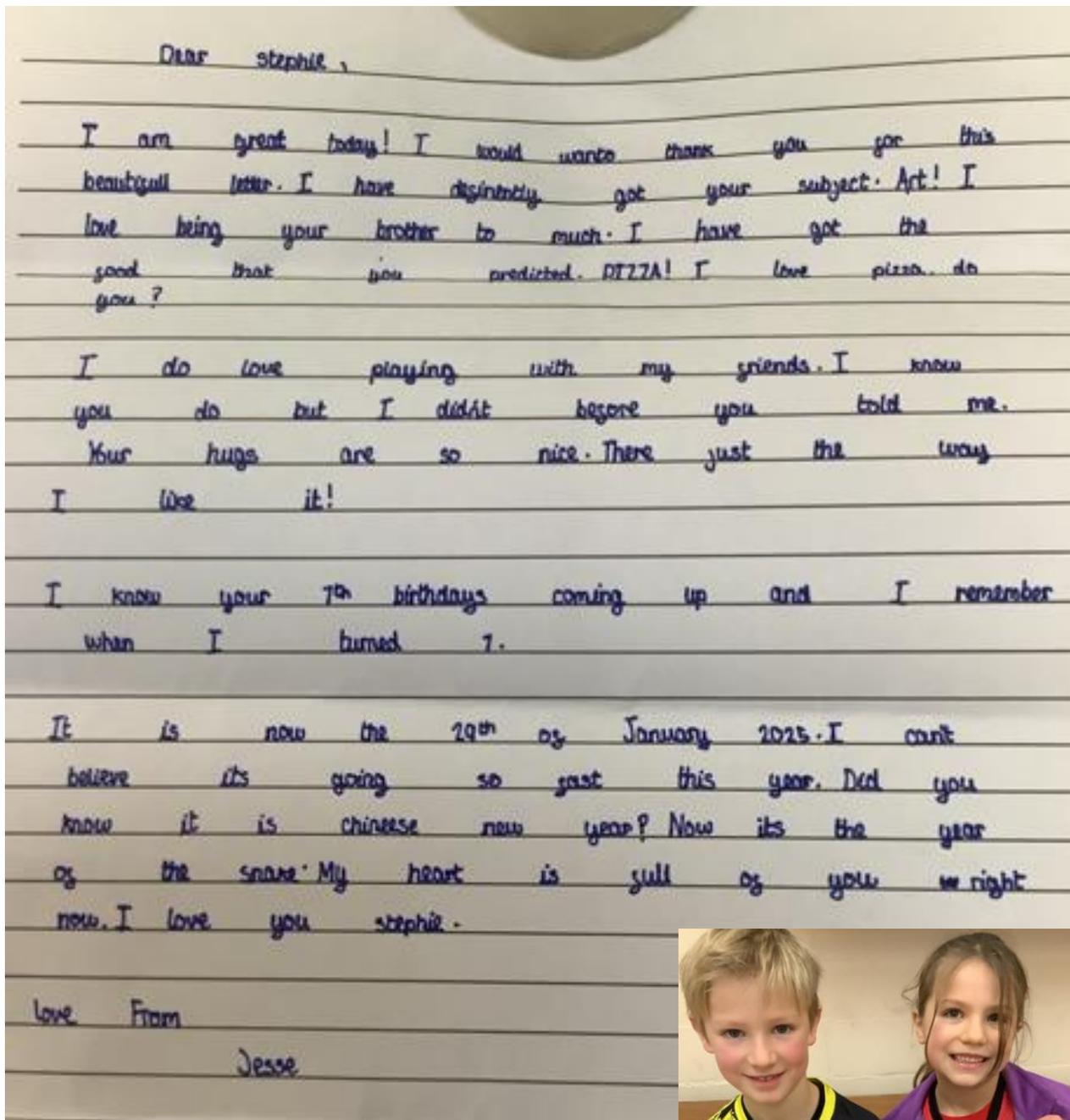
Today we celebrated Number day and raised **£141.10!** If you still have not donated, it is not too late - please bring it to the office on Monday. The children all completed number challenges in class. Here are some of our 'Number Day' costumes.

NSPCC



Pen Pals

As part of our work to prepare for Mental Health Week, the children in different year groups have pen pals. Here are some wonderful examples of letters from Y3 and Y4 children.



Pen Pals Continued

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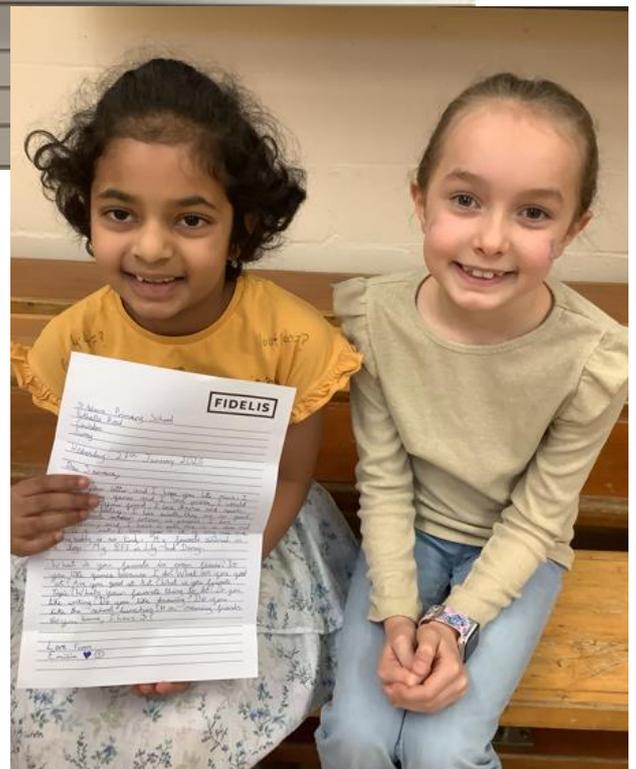
Wednesday 29th January 2025

Dear Samara,

I loved your letter and I hope you like mine. I like to play games and I love pizza, I would love to be your friend, I love drama and sports. I have a brother. I love sweets, they are so good. My favourite ~~color~~ colour is purple. I love ice cream, and I have 2 pets one is a dog and one is a cat. I love year 4 it is very nice and every body is so kind. My favourite animal is a dog. My BFF is Lily and Darcy.

What is your favourite ice cream flavour? Do you like games because I do? What are you good at? Are you good at Art? What is your favourite topic? What's your favourite thing to do? Do you like writing? Do you like drawing? Do you like the school lunches? How many friends do you have, I have 3?

Love From
Emilia ♥ 🍩



Pen Pals Continued

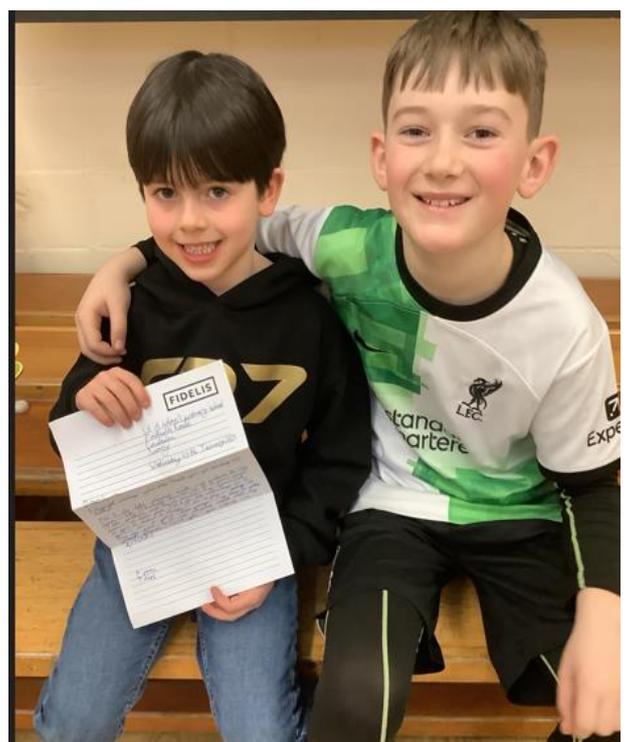
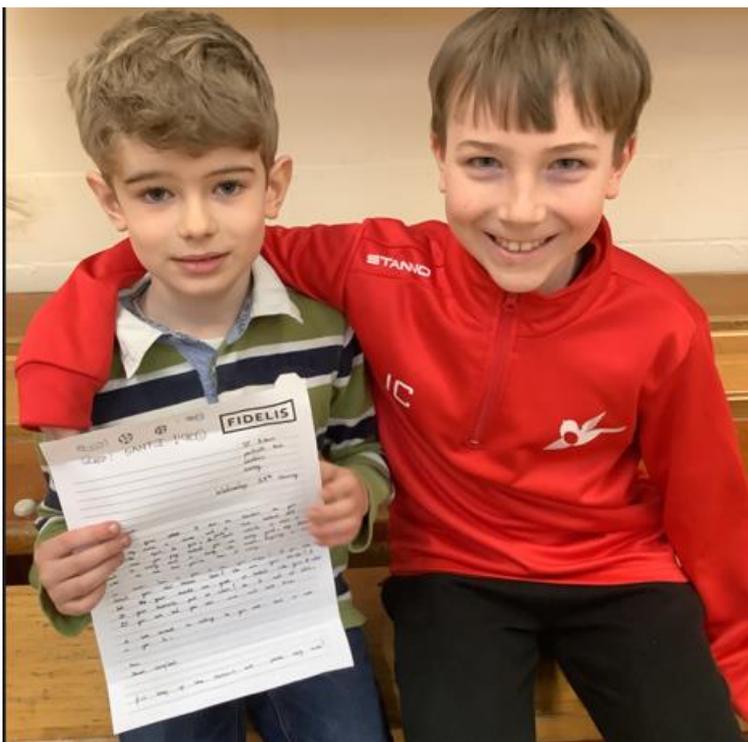
Dear santi

I saw your letter I am so thankful for your letter, my name is James and I love football and I like sport, do you, do you do sport outside of school I have seen you play football you are really good. My favourite food is curry and I really like sweets. Anyway I would like to see how you've been lately.

so santi: how is year 2 are you happy? do you like it? How's your new teacher been? who are your friends? I bet the your friends are great at football like you. What is your favourite part of school? Is it hard at school. If you are sad you can come and talk to me.

I look forward to talking to you next, best of luck in year 2.

from
James Campbell



SASA Message

Hi everyone, hope you've had a great week!

How your fundraising makes a difference

As mentioned, we have agreed with the school that some of the money raised last term will be put towards repairing the trim trail. The cost of the repair will be £1,800 and the work is scheduled to start on Monday 24th February. Using the money you have raised, we are also replacing the red jackets that Year 6 students wear for their annual PGL trip. The jackets we have are well worn and have seen plenty of trips over the years so it's time for a refresh. The jackets are warm, brightly coloured and customised with the St. Aidan's badge so we can easily spot our students in a crowd. Also on our shopping list this term are ukuleles for KS2. We need to buy 10 ukuleles so that every child who is learning how to play has access to an instrument.

Because you support our events through attending, volunteering and spending money we are able to make this happen, so thank you!

Upcoming events this term

Friday 28th February – Costume Sale for World Book Day

On **World Book Day (Thursday 5th March)** the children go to school dressed as a character from their favourite book. Unless you are really creative with repurposing items for dressing up or handy with a sewing kit, finding costumes for World Book Day can be expensive. We are offering you a chance to donate dressing up costumes you aren't using any more for others to buy in time for World Book Day, while fundraising for the school. Please drop donations to the office by **Thursday 27th February**.

Wednesday 5th March - 2025 challenge

Ash Wednesday kicks off our 2025 challenge where we ask each child to raise £20.25 during Lent by doing chores, helping others or donating money they would have otherwise spent on treats to the school fundraising effort. Last year the 2024 challenge raised a phenomenal £1,800.

Friday 21st March – Disco

We run a disco once or twice a year which the children really enjoy. They get a chance to hang out with their friends for an hour and dance to their favourite tunes. KS1 and KS2 discos will be at separate times on the same day. Times to be confirmed. To make the disco a success we need parent volunteers to help serve snacks and drinks and keep an eye on the children alongside our SASA volunteers. Tickets for the disco and volunteer lists will go up on ClassList after half term.

Friday 28th March - Mother's Day Sale

The Mother's Day Sale is a chance for the children to buy a gift for someone in their family for Mother's Day. Children can bring cash on the day or buy tickets on ClassList and spend the amount of the ticket on a gift. Tickets and volunteer lists will go up on ClassList after half term.

Monday 31st March - Uniform Sale

As we head into the summer term, you will have an opportunity to pick up pre-loved summer uniform items for a fraction of the cost of buying them new. If you have any unwanted **summer** term uniforms to donate, please hold onto them for now. Details of how to donate will be circulated nearer the sale date.

Taskforce Day

Thanks to the success of Taskforce Day last term the children have new treated huts to play with in the playground and the pond area is now back in use after a huge clean-up effort. We are arranging another date for this term to do more work on the pond area to make it a nice space to hang out in. The plan is to take the fence down around the pond to make it more open, put down astro turf and set up picnic tables in the area. If you are handy with taking down fences or building picnic tables we would be grateful for your help. Date to be confirmed. We have another big Taskforce Day lined up for the summer term to paint the outside of the school. Date to be confirmed, but we would be grateful for your time or if you are interested in donating materials such as rollers or paint please contact a Class Rep or email us at info@staidanssa.co.uk.

Easy ways to keep supporting the school

Playing the school lottery: Sign up [here](#)

Shop online through Easyfundraising: Access your favourite retailers including Amazon, Argos, Boots, Domino's, Waitrose, JustEat, M&S and many more through [Easyfundraising](#). Every purchase you make earns the school a percentage of the sale, at no extra cost to you.

Thank you for your continued support.

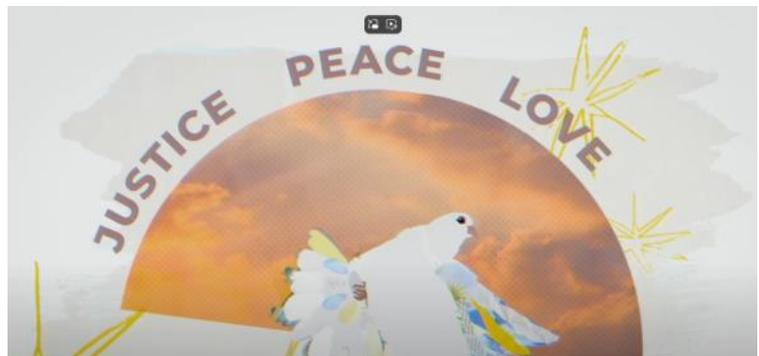
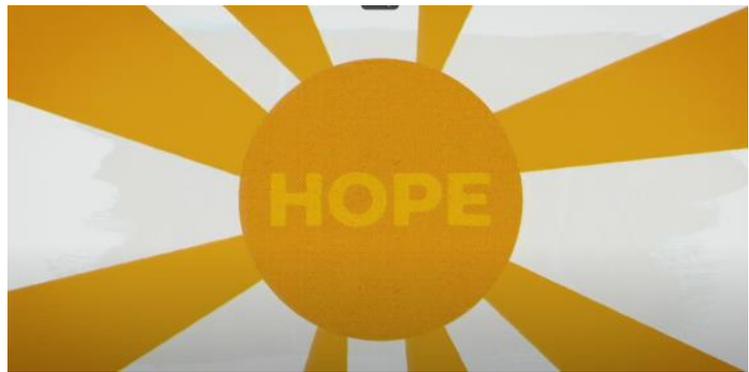
SASA

Jubilee Year -'Pilgrims of Hope'

As we celebrate the Year of 'Pilgrims of hope,' the prayer leaders would like the children of St. Aidan's to design a special 'St. Aidan's Pilgrims of hope' logo.

The prayer leaders will then chose one logo to be made into a display in our hall.

Your designs need to be given to your teacher by 13.02.25.





This Week's Awards at St Aidan's



As the week comes to a close, we would like to celebrate all those children who have achieved something amazing. From football to swimming to mathletics, our children never fail to amaze us with their talents.



St Mary: Sophie S

St Francis: Eli F

St Joseph: Santiago B

St Bernadette: Novah O

St Theresa: Emilia K

St Peter: Josiah B

St Paul: Charlotte O



St Mary: Palmira A

St Francis: Laura V

St Joseph: Naomi L

St Bernadette: James R

St Theresa: Sienna H

St Peter: Lucia N

St Paul: Isaiah I