



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School Newsletter - Friday 7th March 2025

Head of School's Message

We have had a very busy week this week, Reception have made pancakes, Year 2 have been breadmaking, Year 4 and 5 visited Waterstones to spend their book token and Year 3 went on a Local area walk.

On Wednesday we had the first Parents Evening of the Spring Term. It was lovely to see so many parents. All our children attended the Ash Wednesday Service to mark the start of Lent and I could not be prouder of the way they sang and behaved.

God Bless,
Mrs Hughes

'Living
and
growing
in Christ'



St. Aidan's School Value this term: Self Belief

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

Jax (YR) - For brightening the day
Amerly (Y1) - For being sweet and kind
Oliver (Y1) - For being respectful to staff
Jasmine (Y3) - For alys challenging herself

Prayer Leader Intentions

God our Father,

You guide and direct us on our journey through life. Be with us as we begin our Lenten journey of faith and love. Help us to grow closer to you during this special holy season. Help us to do your will each day during Lent.

Important dates for your diary...

11th March	Y2 trip to Coulsdon Library
12th March	Y5 Greek Food Day
12th March	Y5 and Y6 Gaelic Football Session 1/3
13th March	Parents Evening
14th March	Y3 trip to Coulsdon Library
15th March	9.00am Woodcote Cross Country Race 2/3
17th March	Y6 trip to Royal Institute London
19th March	Y5 and Y6 Gaelic Football Session 2/3
20th March	9.15am Y1 Class Assembly - Y1 parents welcome
21st March	Reception class trip to Coulsdon Library
21st March	MUFTI - SASA School Disco
25th March	Y1 trip to Coulsdon Library
26th March	Y5 and Y6 Gaelic Football Session 3/3
28th March	9.30am Reception Class Assembly - Reception parents welcome
2nd April	Save the Date - Workshops for Parents - 'Managing Anxiety in Children'
4th April	School Closes for Easter holidays at 1.45pm

Our value this term is

**SELF
BELIEF**

Friendship Ambassador Award



World Book Day Winners

- Rec - Alex F and Cora P
- Y1 - Luna W, Eloise K-C and Riley H
- Y2 - Chiara N and Jacob I
- Y3 - George T and Florence D
- Y4 - Herbie K and Betsy H
- Y5 - Eoin D and Vanessa S
- Y6 - Alex H and Charlotte O

And a special mention to some additional winners, the Lamb Family (Louie, Vivienne and Jude) as 'The Three Little Pigs'

Well done everyone! The outfits this year were sensational!



World Book Day

On Thursday we celebrated our love for all things books. The children paraded their costumes and Mrs Moore and Mrs Costa had the impossible task of selecting our winners.











Netball Match v Smitham

On Tuesday, we walked down to Smitham to play two netball matches. Both teams played really well and both matches were close games with very few goals between us. Despite losing, we're pleased with our improvements and really enjoyed ourselves. Thank you Miss Zographou and Mrs Ryan.

Report by Sienna C and Isabelle M (Y5)



Football Match v Byron

On Tuesday the football team travelled to Byron school for a match. It was a tight match from the start but soon after half time we scored what we thought could be the winning goal - but it was ruled out. After a toughly fought game, the score finished at 0-0. Thank you to Coach T for all your help.

Report by Louie S (Y6)

Football Match v Chipstead Valley

On Friday 28th February, St Aidan's visited Chipstead Valley School for a match. The first half was very intense with both sides having many chances and we scored the only goal of the first half with a wonder goal from Danell. The second half was more one sided with St Aidan's being the more dominant team to score a further two goals. The game ended 3-0 and we were really happy with our performance. Thank you Coach T.

Report by Dara H (Y6)

Y4 and Y5 trip to Waterstones

On Wednesday, to celebrate Book Week, Year 4 and 5 travelled to Waterstones where we were able to use World Book Day vouchers to all get a book. While we were there, the librarian showed us around the bookshop and we were lucky to meet an author, Dominic Yoboue, who talked to us about his book 'Kara'. It was a really fun trip and we feel lucky to have been able to visit within Book Week. Thank you to all of the staff and parents who volunteered their time to take us there and back.

Report by Sienna C and Isabelle M (Y5)



Ash Wednesday Service

All classes were lucky as we all attended church for Ash Wednesday. Father placed the ashes on our head and told us to follow the Gospel. To end our amazing start to Lent, we sang together.

Thank you Father Peter, Parents and staff.

Report by Charlotte Y6



Year 2 Bakers



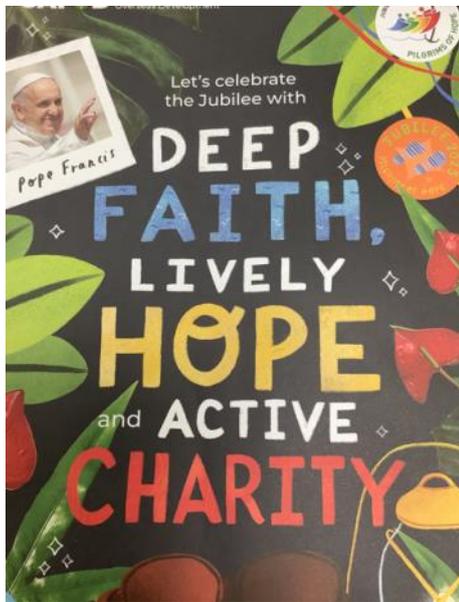
Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful baking session – just like Thomas Farriner on Pudding Lane! Thankfully, London was safe this time and only delicious bread rolls were produced.

Report by Elizabeth O (Y2)

Year 3 Local Area Walk



Maps and compasses in hand, Year 3 went on a local area walk, looking for local highlights and noting their position on a map.



WALK 200KM IN 40 DAYS TO HELP FIGHT GLOBAL POVERTY

BIG LENT WALK

We are asking children to take part in a sponsored walk throughout Lent to raise money for CAFOD.

This can be done as a family, on the weekend or after school. Share the just giving page with family members and please send in photos of your child completing their walk so we can celebrate these in assembly.

Good Luck Everybody! Please donate here:

[St Aidan's Big Lent Walk Fundraising is fundraising for CAFOD](#)

St Aidan's Big Lent Walk Fundraising

Donate to this fundraiser



My story

We're taking part in The Big Lent Walk, please sponsor us!

Your donations can change lives. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.



SASA Message

We hope you had a good week. It was great seeing the children dressed up for World Book Day yesterday!
Thanks to everyone who bought a book or a costume at our sale last week. The event raised £85.

Upcoming events this term

2025 challenge

Our 2025 challenge is now live! Log into ClassList for the latest details. We look forward to hearing about how the children have participated in the challenge.

Friday 21st March – Disco

There are just two weeks to go to our school disco. Times are as follows:

KS1: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

KS2: 4.45pm - 5.45pm

Tickets are £3 and will be available to buy on ClassList soon. There will be a tuck shop at the disco where children can buy treats, drinks and glow sticks.

As with all our events, it is your time and effort that help them make a success. If you can spare just half an hour on the day to help out we would really appreciate it. Watch out for the Volunteer lists on ClassList.

Saturday 22nd March – Golf Day

Huge thanks to David Whittaker for arranging a fundraising golf day at a local golf course. Entry fee to participate is £60.
Contact David on 07876147023 to register your interest.

Friday 28th March - Mother's Day Sale

Like our Elf-ridge's sale in December, 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. Watch out for tickets and volunteer lists on ClassList.

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, you'll have an opportunity to donate them in a couple of weeks.

Taskforce Day

We are arranging another date for this term to do some 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 astroturf 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.

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.

Raise £100 by booking a holiday with TUI: Simply access the TUI site via Easyfundraising website or app, book your holiday and our school will receive a £100 donation. This applies to any bookings made during March.

Thank you for your continued support.

SASA

Example of Work Y5

The Mysterious Book by Ethan O

The Mysterious Book.



Jack Davidson had just gotten off his bike after a long day at school when he ran up the ancient, lifeless stairs leading up to his small apartment. "Hey Jack, how was school?" mum asked as she was making him a cup of hot chocolate. "Just the usual," Jack replied, shrugging his shoulders as he entered his room, about to lay down. "Hmmm, what's this?" He murmured. It was a book, but from who? There was no name, no author, but then he noticed something peculiar. When he held it in his hand, the book's title started to show signs of life; it glimmered and glittered in the confined space of his room. Jack gasped and shouted, "Arghhhh!"

"Everything alright?" Mum asked. Jack dropped the book and it stopped glowing. "Yeah!" Jack lied. "Okay, come get your hot chocolate before it gets cold." A few minutes later, as Jack sipped his hot chocolate, he wondered what was in that book and why it had glowed. Was he special? If so, what for? There were so many unanswered questions buzzing through his mind. Getting ready for bed, he noticed the book floating on his desk and then... ZOOM! The book started to fly around. Jack grabbed it, but it exploded leaving him on the floor, unconscious.

The morning rolled by swiftly and the book had disappeared. Jack had overslept from last night's incident. He quickly glanced at the time, it was 08:27 and the school gates opened at 08:45. He was going to be very late. His mum came barging in, "JACK!" she cried, "YOU'RE LATE!" Jack got up as quickly as he could and before he knew it, he was in the bathroom brushing his teeth. He managed to get into his uniform by 08:43.

Walking to St. Evan's Secondary School, his legs tingled and then... WHOOSH! He was running faster than the speed of light. Was this the book? Jack thought. Within minutes, he had reached the school gate and his best friend Daniel Landscott shouted, "Woah!" I just saw you run like the Flash!" Jack smiled and they high-fived each other as the gates finally opened. Suddenly, Mrs Batchworth interrupted them angrily "Landscott, Davidson! You two better have my homework or you'll be staying in!" The old lady croaked. "Shoot! I forgot about that!" Daniel whispered. "Don't worry, she doesn't know that!" Jack said with a grin on his face. "True, let's get some play time and-" RIIIIING! The bell rang.

As the day unfolded, Jack couldn't get off the mysterious happenings from the night before. What was the book, and what powers did it hold? Curious to find out, he began to wonder if this was just the beginning of an incredible adventure. With the thrill of magic rushing through him, he felt that school might just be the last place he would want to be. Little did he know, his life was about to change in ways he could never have imagined.





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 athletics, our children never fail to amaze us with their talents.



St Mary: Lucas I

St Francis: Laura D

St Joseph: Heidi W

St Bernadette: Atalia M

St Theresa: Jacob D

St Peter: Fearne O

St Paul: Stanley P

St Mary: Robyn-Grace S

St Francis: Emily C

St Joseph: Ava C

St Bernadette: Harriet M

St Theresa: Jake W

St Peter: Reuben O

St Paul: Imogen S


**Excellent
Learners**

