



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School Newsletter - Thursday 13th February 2025

Head of School's Message

We have had a very busy final week of the half term; we hosted eight teams for the Catholic Schools General Knowledge Quiz and have enjoyed seeing all the costumes for Year 1 Pirate Day today. I hope you all have a wonderful half term break and looking forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 24th February.

God Bless,
Mrs Hughes

'Living and
growing
in
Christ'



Prayer Leader Intentions

Dear Mother Mary, Thank you for giving us an example of love and kindness. Thank you for giving us the gift of Jesus. Please pray for all the St Aidan's families, especially those who have lost family members. Please pray for the sick that they gain strength and courage. Help the children of St Aidan's open their hearts to be a true pilgrim of hope. Amen.

Friendship Ambassador Award



Important dates for your diary...

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
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
20th March	9.15am Y1 Class Assembly - Y1 parents welcome
21st March	Reception class trip to Coulsdon Library
21st March	SASA School Disco
25th March	Y1 trip to Coulsdon Library
3rd April	9.30am Rock Steady Concert
4th April	School Closes for Easter holidays at 1.45pm

General Knowledge Quiz

On Wednesday 12th February St Aidan's hosted a number of other schools for the General Knowledge Quiz. The questions were a mix of difficulty and were multiple choice. There were eight teams in total and St Aidan's entered with two teams. One team finished 6th and the other team finished in third place. Overall the quiz was great fun and good experience for us all.

Report by Zofia K (Y6)



Football Match v Woodcote

On Tuesday 11th February St Aidan's football team played a match against Woodcote Primary School.

The game kicked off very tense with both teams playing well and strong attacking. Thanks to some outstanding St Aidan's defensive play, we managed to keep the score to 0-0 at half time. The second half started with Woodcote playing well but after some great passing and team play, we managed to score an acrobatic goal to win the game 1-0. Well done St Aidan's and thank you to Coach T for all your training.

Match Report by Jahvantaye G and Michael C (Y6)

Y1 - Pirate Day

Year 1 had a fantastic day today learning all about Pirates and it was wonderful to see so many fantastic costumes!
They even had a visitor from a pirate in Year 5....

Pirate Jack Sparrow

Today, Pirate Jack Sparrow came to Year 1 with his reporter Lucia. "What is your name?" asked Captain Albert P. "I am Pirate Jack Sparrow!" he replied. He then took more questions from Captain Eli F all about his pirate ship, "The Bounty". Captain Emily C started to enquire about treasure so he proudly told them all about Skull Island full of rubies and diamonds and gold and silver gems. He taught the children how to find treasure on an old map where X marks the spot and made them walk the plank!

Report by Lucia N (Y5)



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.

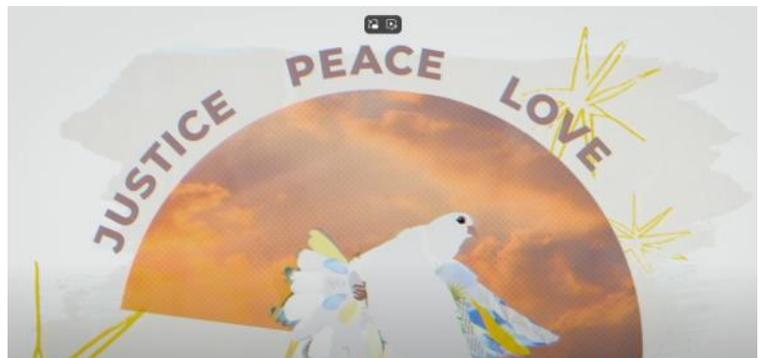
Thank you for your continued support.

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.

Thank you for all the entries and wonderful designs we have seen!



Love Faith
Jesus Hope





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: Sofia R
 St Francis: Dylan M
 St Joseph: Caleb F
 St Bernadette: Somi O
 St Theresa: Lily B
 St Peter: Charlie F
 St Paul: Olivia V



St Mary: Elodie T
 St Francis: Riley H
 St Joseph: Vivienne L
 St Bernadette: Bailey E
 St Theresa: Herbie K
 St Peter: Oyeme O
 St Paul: Zoe M