# St Aidan's Catholic Primary School Newsletter
## Friday 13th November 2026

### *Head Teacher's Message*

'Living and growing in Christ'

Its been a busy week at St. Aidan's, with a school trip, a general knowledge quiz and some sporting events.

I am looking forward to seeing a lot of our families at the SASA's firework display this evening. A reminder that all adults are responsible for their children and children are not permitted in the wooded area or in the school building.

Have a lovely weekend.
God Bless,

Mrs Hughes

### St. Aidan's School Value this term: Resilience

Our School Councillors and Prayer Leaders have been on the lookout for **children giving examples of showing resilience. This week it was awarded to:**

**KS1 –Rafi M (Rec) and Ellie G (Y1)**

**KS2 - Herbie K (Y6) and Heidi W (Y4)**




### Important dates for your diary…

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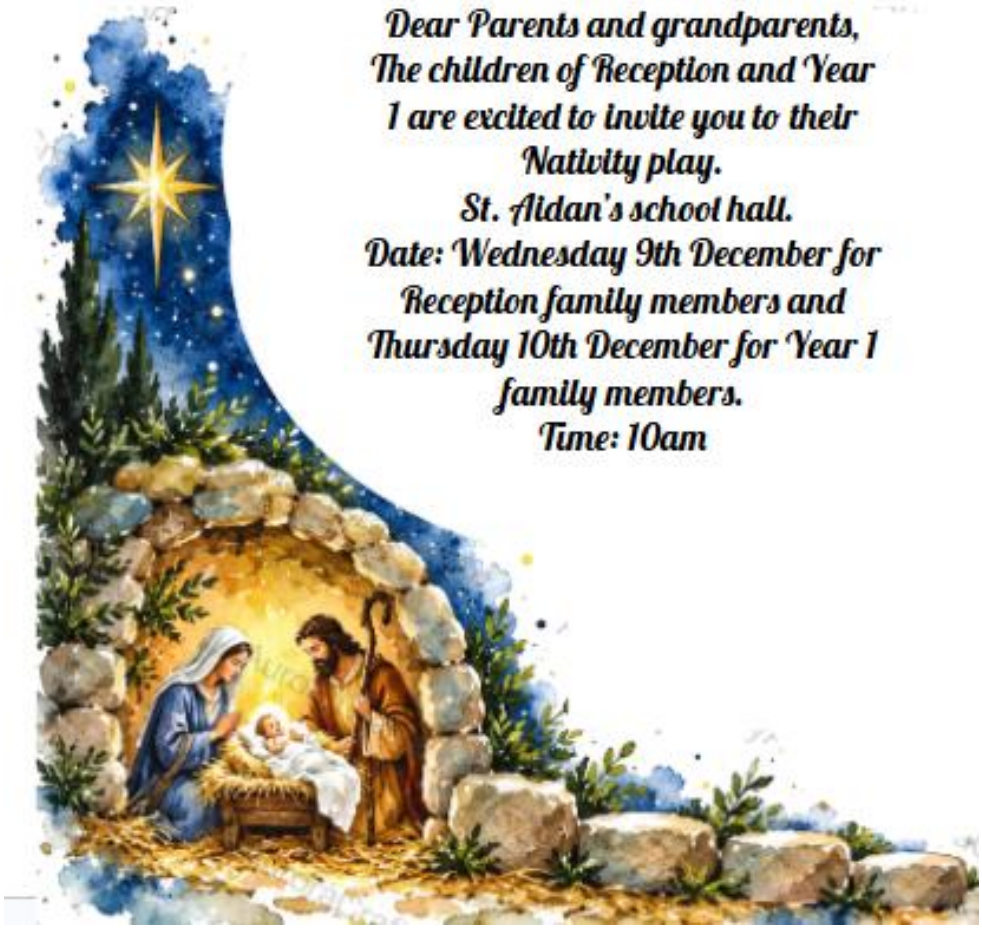
| 18th November | Parents Evening 1 of 2 |
| 19th November | Wintershall Travelling Crib at St Aidan's |
| 20th November | Wintershall Travelling Crib at St Aidan's |
| 26th November | Panto Day at school! |
| 26th November | Parents Evening 2 of 2 |
| 30th November | Whole school flu vaccine |
| 3rd December | Y3 Visitor for Fossil talk |
| 4th December | 9.30am Open morning |
| 4th December | Year 5 school trip to the Science Museum |
| 8th December | Nativity performance to the school only - to be filmed |
| 9th December | 10am Nativity performance to Reception parents |
| 9th December | School Christmas lunch - MUFTI CHRISTMAS JUMPERS |
| 10th December | 10am Nativity performance to Year 1 parents |
| 10th December | 2.30pm Rock Steady Concert |
| 11th December | SASA Christmas Fair |
| 17th December | 6pm Carol Service at church |

## Advent Events



Dear Parents and grandparents,
The children of Reception and Year 1 are excited to invite you to their Nativity play.
St. Aidan's school hall.
Date: Wednesday 9th December for Reception family members and Thursday 10th December for Year 1 family members.
Time: 10am



The children of St. Aidan's primary school wish to formally invite you to our Advent service.
St. Aidan's Catholic Church,
Coulsdon.
Date: Thursday 17th December 2026
Time; 6pm

# Year 4 trip to the Cutty Sark

Yesterday Year 4 had the time of their lives at Cutty Sark in Greenwich! We visited the impressive record-breaking "Tea Clipper" that was once the fasted ship in the world. We explored the decks, got to turn the capstan, crept into the bunks and we even sang a sea shanty. We felt very grown up as we joined all the London commuters on the train between Coulsdon and London. It was such a super day!

Thank you to Mrs Luke, Mrs Wright, Mr Montavez, Mrs Andrews and the volunteer parents who helped make this day so special.

**Report by Vivienne L - Y4**





## St. Aidan's 50th celebrations

As part of our continued celebrations to mark our 50th anniversary, Fr Peter along with Mrs Bradley, Mrs Tucker and two year 6 pupils visited the first St. Aidan's headteacher from 50 year ago!

They shared photos with Mrs Hobbs and presented her with a card on behalf of all the children at St Aidan's school.



## Football Match v Beaumont

St Aidan's faced Beaumont in the first round of the Small Schools Cup. We started off brilliantly with great possession and soon went one goal up with a composed goal by George. The second half was intense with chance after chance at goal until finally Dylan scored just before full time! A great effort and superb all round performance. Bring on the next stage!

**Report by James C and Louie L - Y6**



## Football Match v St Cyprian's

St Aidan's met St Cyprian's in the first round of the Big Schools Cup. We started strong with countless chances….a goal was coming but the goalkeeper made great saves! Soon we went 1-0 up with a goal from Jesse. After an unlucky penalty miss and a conceded penalty, we refused to let our heads drop and with some great teamwork in the build up, George managed to score our second goal...the half term whistle blew! Our substitutes Dylan and Aren came on and what an impact they both made! Aren scored two goals, assisted by Dylan and sealed our win!

**Report by Jesse H - Y6**

## General Knowledge Quiz

Some of our children took part in a General Knowledge quiz with schools from the local area. Our children impressed us so much with their team work, their knowledge and their good sportsmanship towards each other and other teams. Both teams did incredibly well- one team coming 5th and the other team coming 2nd. This means that the 2nd place team have now been invited to take part in the semi finals in January.




## Gaelic Football

On Wednesday our Y5 and Y6 Gaelic football teams travelled to Mitcham to compete in a tournament. Each team played three group stages and both progressed to the final round with some outstanding scoring! We are so proud to say to both our teams came 1st in their year groups - well done to all the children!

Thank you to the teachers that accompanied us and all the parents that helped with transport and supported us.

**Report by Anna F and Olivia M - Y6**



## Cross Country at John Fisher

St Aidan's had a very successful cross country race this morning at John Fisher playing fields. We had runners from Y3 through to Y6. The children were brilliant - we are so proud of their ability to give it their best and their resilience through the cold weather. As a team, we are delighted to say they finished winners of the Small Schools Cup and 3rd place overall! What an impressive performance all round with some great individual finishes too. Particular mention to Olivia H (Y4) who placed 2nd, George T (Y5) came 4th and James C (Y6) finished 5th. Well done to all the children and thank you to the teachers for helping and the parents for all your support and transportation help!








# Alter Server Recruitment!

**Altar Server Recruitment**

We are excited to invite new altar servers to join our team for all Masses. We welcome girls, boys, and adults who wish to serve at the altar.

Children should be in **Year 4 or above** and have received their **First Holy Communion**.

A **training session** for new and current servers will take place on:

**Date:** Sunday, 15th November

**Time:** After the 11:00am Mass.

If you or your child is interested in joining, or would like more information, please speak with the **altar server coordinator after Mass**, or contact:

**Agnelo Braganza – 9:00am Mass**
**Email:** agnelob@yahoo.com
**Phone:** 07546 113700

We look forward to welcoming new members to our altar server team and thank you for considering this important ministry.

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# 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

## 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

## 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.

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## 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: Isla T

St Francis: Imogen S

St Joseph: Guadalupe B T

St Bernadette: Chizelu M

St Theresa: Maria Adele C S

St Peter: Alessia L-S

St Paul: Max V

BEHAVIOUR HERO

St Mary: Alice C

St Francis: Seren M P

St Joseph: Oghie O

St Bernadette: Charlie P

St Theresa: Lola D

St Peter: Harriet M

St Paul: Alana B