St Aidan's Catholic Primary School Newsletter
Friday 16th October 2026

Head Teacher's Message

'Living and growing in Christ'

What a busy week! Our year 6 class have been having a great time at PGL. The children have really impressed us with their determination and perseverance. A huge thank you to Mr Stanley, Mrs Membrino, Miss Upadhyaya, Mrs Merlini and Mrs Tucker for looking after the children this week.

It was a joy to have our Reception parents for lunch this week. A huge thank you to Mrs Shirley and Mrs Hilson for serving delicious lunch.

Have a lovely weekend.
God Bless,

Mrs Hughes

St. Aidan's School Value this term: Kindness

This half term our school value is 'kindness'.

Our School Councillors and Prayer Leaders have been on the lookout for **children giving examples of showing kindness.**

Important dates for your diary…

19th October	Cake Sale at school run by Jesse and Stephie H
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
5th November	School Photographer - Individual photos
11th November	Gaelic Football Tournament pm - details tbc
13th November	SASA Fireworks night
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	Parents Evening 2 of 2

PGL

Our Year 6 children amazed us this week. They were an asset to our school and a pleasure. Mr Stanley, Mrs Membrino, Miss UpadhyayaA, Mrs Merlini and Mrs Tucker have all said how proud of the children they are. They had an amazing time - they showed determination, team work and perseverance. It was a week of laughter and I expect the children will all sleep well this weekend!

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to our children and a massive thank you for the dedicated staff who accompanied the children this week.



Playtime photos this week



Reception Class Parents Join Us For Lunch

This week, Reception parents joined us for lunch. The children loved having mum or dad for lunch and were so grown up showing mum or dad what they do at lunch time in school. A huge thank you to Mrs Hilson and Mrs Shirley for cooking lunch and thank you the parents who braved the small seats and joined us.





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Year 4 Visit to Amberley Lodge

As part of our Catholic Social teaching week, Year 4 learnt about human dignity. They visited Amberley Lodge care home and spent the afternoon playing board games with residents from the care home.















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

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!

















St Mary: Emily P

St Francis: Noah P

St Joseph: James B

St Bernadette: Jorge Daura

St Theresa: Luna N

St Peter: Isabella W

St Paul: All of Year 6



St Mary: Maelie H

St Francis: Lotanna M

St Joseph: Sophia V

St Bernadette: Milo Lo

St Theresa: Elena B

St Peter: Somi O

St Paul: All of Year 6