



Head of School's Message

As we come to the end of term, I would like to wish all our St. Aidan's families a peaceful and happy Christmas. On behalf of all the staff at St. Aidan's, thank you for your generous and kind gifts.

'Living and growing in Christ'



We look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Tuesday 7th January 2025**.

Have a lovely break,

God Bless,

Mrs Hughes

St Aidan's Catholic Primary School Newsletter
Friday 20th December 2024



Prayer Leaders Advent prayer

Dear God,

Because you love us so much, you sent your only Son into the world to be with us. Help us to wait in hope with joyful hearts for his coming and to share your hope with others. Thank you for my friends, Thank you for my family and my teachers, Thank you for this special season of Advent, **Amen.**

'Be Kind and Respectful'

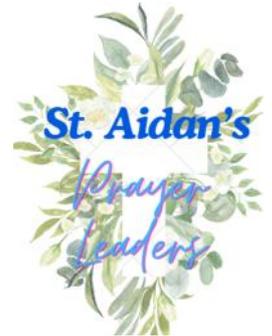
School Councillors and Prayer Leaders in Year 6 have been on the lookout for children following our school rule and wanted to mention those who have shown kindness and respect to others:

Alex N (R) - for always being kind and respectful

Avril L (Y2) - for being a good friend to others and always playing nicely

Alana B (Y4) - for always being able to make anybody smile

Harry K (Y6) - for making the little children feel included in games



Important dates for your diary...

Tuesday 7th January	8.45am School Opens
10th January	9.30am Open Morning
10th January	Y3 - 6 Red Team Mufti
13th January	Y4 start swimming lessons
18th January	9am Woodcote Cross Country Race 2/3
21st January	Y5 trip to Young Voices at the O2
28th January	Nursing team visit - Reception class height and weight check
5th February	Y3 Trip to Chertsey Museum
13th February	School Closes for half term at 3.25pm

Carol Service

On Monday night Years 2-6 wowed us all with their incredible singing. They showed us the true meaning of Advent as we prepare for the coming of Jesus. The readers, actors, soloists and musicians were all amazing. Hearing the children all sing together in unison gave us a glimpse of how special it is to be in school around Christmas time. I am proud of each of the children and I am blown away with how beautifully they sang.

A huge thank you to all the staff who helped make this evening so special.

A huge thank you to the parents and grandparents who came to show their support. A huge well done to all the children.



Carol Service



Rock Steady Concert

On Thursday the St. Aidan's staff, pupils and parents were treated to a rock concert. I am blown away by the talented St. Aidan's rock bands. Thank you to Ryan for preparing the children for the concert.



A Special Visitor

On Thursday this week each class received a special visit. Santa had been so impressed with the children of St. Aidan's he delivered special hampers for each class.



Yesterday St Aidan's had a very special visit from Santa!

Each class was delivered a brilliant box full of fun gifts which will be super useful for regular school days.

But Santa had a small request - that we sang him a Christmas song!

Thank you for our visit Santa - we really enjoyed meeting you!

From,

All the pupils of St Aidan's School



MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Year 6 Gingerbread Making

Year 6 have been making delicious gingerbread cookies this week.



Football Match v Smitham

On Friday 13th December, St Aidan's football team went to Smitham school to play in a football match.

The game kicked off very competitively and both teams had early chances to score with Smitham managing to find the back of the net early in the first half but we did not give up or let our heads drop. Just 5 minutes later with a through ball from Stanley to Louie who smashed it passed the goalkeeper to equalise at half time.

St Aidan's dominated the second half with lots of good midfield play and a few chances on goal. Jahavantaye soon scored making it 2-1 to St Aidan's as the final score. A great come back and well done to Danell for Man of the Match. Thank you Coach T for all your hard work.

Match Report by Michael and Delaneo (Y6)

Y6 Imperial War Museum Trip

On Friday 6th December Year 6 class were lucky enough to go on a very fascinating visit to the Imperial War Museum. We all enjoyed the trip very much especially seeing the World War II artefacts because they have been the focus of our topics. Thank you to our teachers for taking us and for the parents that volunteered their time to help.



Goodbye Mrs Maloney and Miss Zagara

On behalf of all the children and staff we wish you all the best for the future and thank you for all your hard work in Year 2.



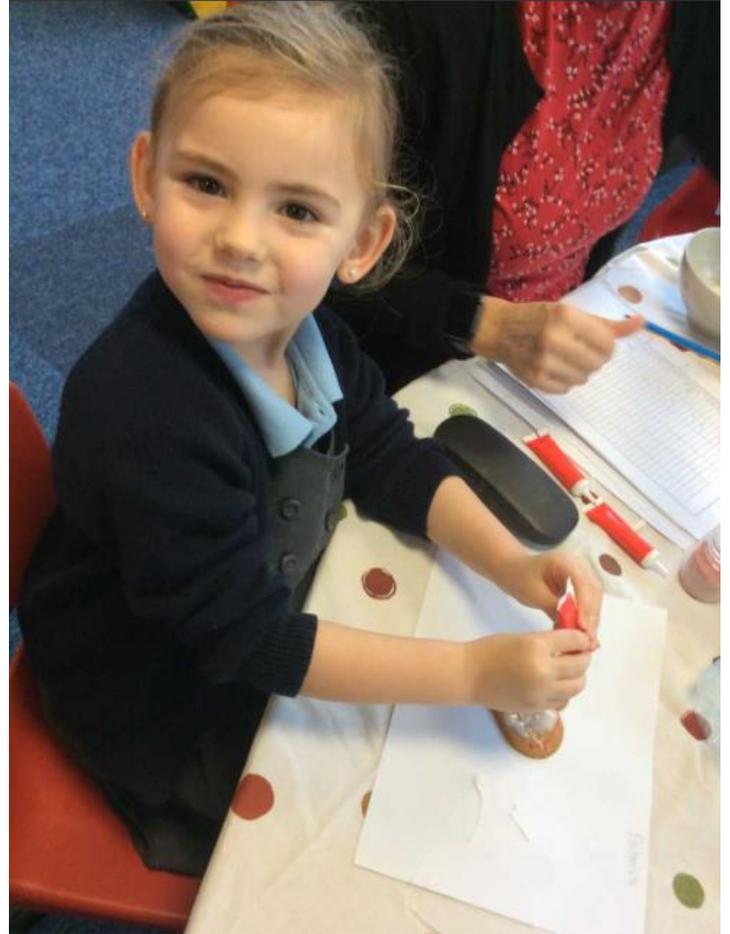
Reception and Year 6

Year 6 paired up with Reception to find the Nativity story around the woodland area and then talked through the story sharing scripture with their Reception buddies.



Reception

Reception have been decorating cookies for Santa to leave for him on Christmas eve. I think Santa will be very pleased.



Aren at Chelsea Academy

Aren (Y3) was fortunate to attend the Chelsea Football Academy Christmas celebrations this week and got to meet the first team and was a mascot at the Chelsea match later in the evening!



SASA Information and Key Dates

Thank you!

As we wrap up a busy first term of the year, we would like to thank all the parents, carers, staff and volunteers for your support. This term we have raised:

Fireworks - £3,263
Christmas Fair* - £1,400
Elfridges Sale - £1,165
Raffle - £1,087
Total - £6,915

**Christmas Fair figure is approximate, final number tbc*

We will share more next term on how and when the funds will be invested in the school.

Well done to our Raffle Winners! - Winners are listed on the next page.

We'll be in touch with the winners in the next few days to distribute the prizes.

Other Ways to Fundraise

You can continue to raise funds for the school over the holidays by

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

Shopping online through our fundraising link [here](#). Easyfundraising partners with most retailers including Amazon, Argos, Boots, Dominos, Waitrose, JustEat, M&S and many, many more. All you have to do is make an online purchase by accessing the website via easyfundraising and the school get a percentage of the sale. It's a win win, particularly for those January sales.

Stay Connected

Download the **ClassList** app to buy event tickets, check updates, and stay involved with all our activities.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful 2025.

SASA

Well done to our Raffle Winners!

Natasha Fernandes	Top Prize £200 CASH!
Sheridan O'Reilly	Luxury Hamper
Odette Machado	Round of golf followed by lunch at one of Wentworth's 18-hole courses
Jennifer Gerogalin	Breakfast with Santa
Ilseo Park	£50 Quality Brands Outlet voucher
Nathalie Dring	Carpet Cleaning voucher
Anish Mankuthel	£50 voucher for the East Dulwich Tavern
Clare Steedman	2 Flipout Vouchers
Jack Noonan	Voucher for Woods Jewellers
Chloe Clarke	1 month membership at Nuffield Health
Ilseo Park	Hidden Gems theatre workshop
Rickard O'Connell	1 hour business or personal coaching session
Evon Jude Kavilan	1 30 minute tarot reading
Vinay Mathew	1 hour reikhi healing voucher
Leonora Gouveia	Crystal Palace Goody Bag
Karolina Lukjaniuk	2 personalised stockings
Craig Ross	£25 Los Arcos Voucher
Louisa Lawrie	Cyco Cafe £10 voucher
Nadia Corsini	Children's holiday workshop at Art K Purley
Norah Fogarty	2 personalised Baubles
Jon Parker	Chocolate Bar Decorating at Cocoa Jones
Lynne Apperley	Darnley's Gin set with 2 glasses
Clive Fernandes	Luxury Skincare goody bag
Karolina Lukjaniuk	Free half term at Woodland Warriors
Rosane Deligiannis	39cm hanging wooden family plaque
Natasha Fernandes	Chrystal Beauty Voucher
Julia Whicher	2-person entry to Bocketts Farm
Emma Whittaker	Family voucher to visit Little Street Wallington
Kate Mcsherry	Kidspace Croydon 2 adults and 2 kids entry
Julie Mulligan	Bliss cafe voucher
Chloe Clarke	£10 off a reikhi session with Louise at spirit and soul reikhi



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: Zoe D
- St Francis: Beau M
- St Joseph: Naomi L
- St Bernadette: Joshua L
- St Theresa: Herbie K
- St Peter: Sienna C
- St Paul: Eva O



- St Mary: Darcey D
- St Francis: Cara C
- St Joseph: Lola D
- St Bernadette: George G
- St Theresa: Jacob D
- St Peter: Sofia H
- St Paul: Rosa B