St Aidan's Catholic Primary School Newsletter
Friday 20th November 2026

Head Teacher's Message

'Living and growing in Christ'

It has been a busy week at St. Aidan's. On Wednesday we had the directors from Sancta Familia visit. Our children gave them a tour of the school and showed them their favourite learning from this term. We had our first parents evening of the academic year on Wednesday evening and we hosted the Travelling Crib event.

Parents, please be considerate when parking at drop off and pick up times. We are seeing an increasing number of our parents blocking residential driveways, parking across yellow zig zag lines and parking where the cones are positioned. Please respect our neighbours and the road safety initiatives that are in place for the safety of all our children and families.

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.

St. Aidan's Prayer Leaders

Important dates for your diary…

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 4pm - 6.30pm
17th December	6pm Carol Service at church
18th December	**School closes at 1.45pm**
4th December	**School opens at 8.45am**

Wintershall Travelling Crib

We were delighted to host the travelling crib workshop at St. Aidan's and invited several primary schools from across the Sancta Familia Trust and other schools across Croydon.

The children were completely captivated as the Christmas story came to life right before their eyes, surrounded by real animals and engaging nativity scenes. Watching the story unfold in such an interactive way sparked wonderful excitement and curiosity across every year group. It was a resounding success, and we are so grateful to the Wintershall team for creating such a memorable festive highlight for our pupils.













Wintershall Travelling Crib Continued















Fireworks

A huge thank you to all our parent helpers for making firework night such a success. Your hard work and contribution to our school does not go unnoticed. This is a vital fundraiser for our children and thank you to all the families that came.

Thank you SASA for giving our children a special memory: Watching the fireworks with their friends. A special thank you to the parents that helped with the clean up at the end.

Irish Dancing Individual Achievement

Wow! We are so proud of Emilia K (Y6) for gaining an outstanding 5th place at the Southern England Qualifying competition! What an amazing achievement showing how your hard work and dedication has paid off. We can't wait to see where this takes you next!

Well done Emilia!





Football Match v Chipstead Valley

The football team headed to Chipstead Valley for their next match and what a brilliant win they had—It finished 5-0! We are very proud of the boys for working hard and playing as a team - well done all!

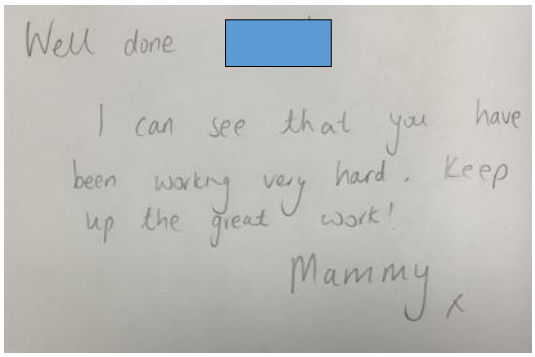
Netball Matches v Chipstead Valley

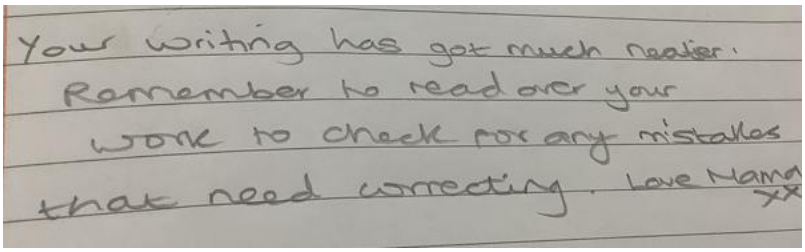
What a great start to our netball season! The A and B teams visited Chipstead Valley Primary School for their first matches. The girls had not played this formatin before and for some of them it was their first experience of a match and they all made us so proud! They worked so well as a team, they were kind towards each other giving our newest players great opportunities and they tried their hardest. The A team won their match 9-3 and the B team also won their match 4-2! Great results all round!

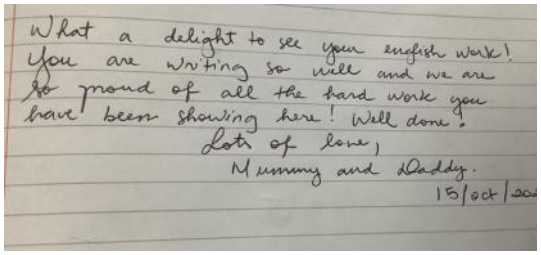


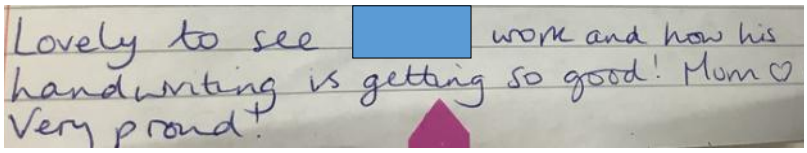
RE and English books sent home

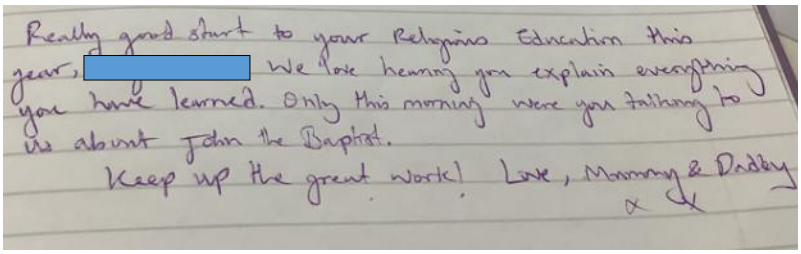
Last week we sent home RE and English books. Thank you to all the parents who left comments in their child's books. Here are a selection:

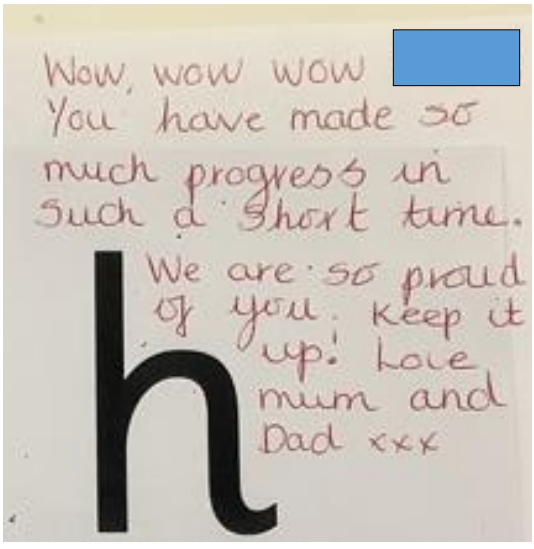


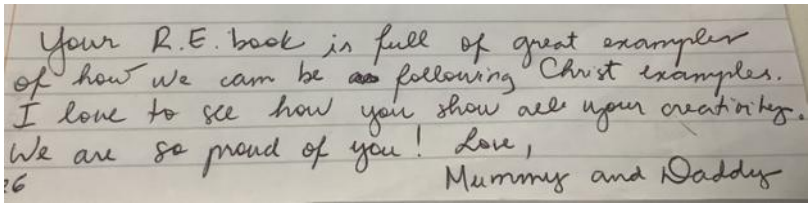












We're delighted to invite you to take part in our family survey for St. Aidan's Primary School, part of Sancta Familia Catholic Academy Trust. We need to take time to learn from you about what is working and how we could be even better.

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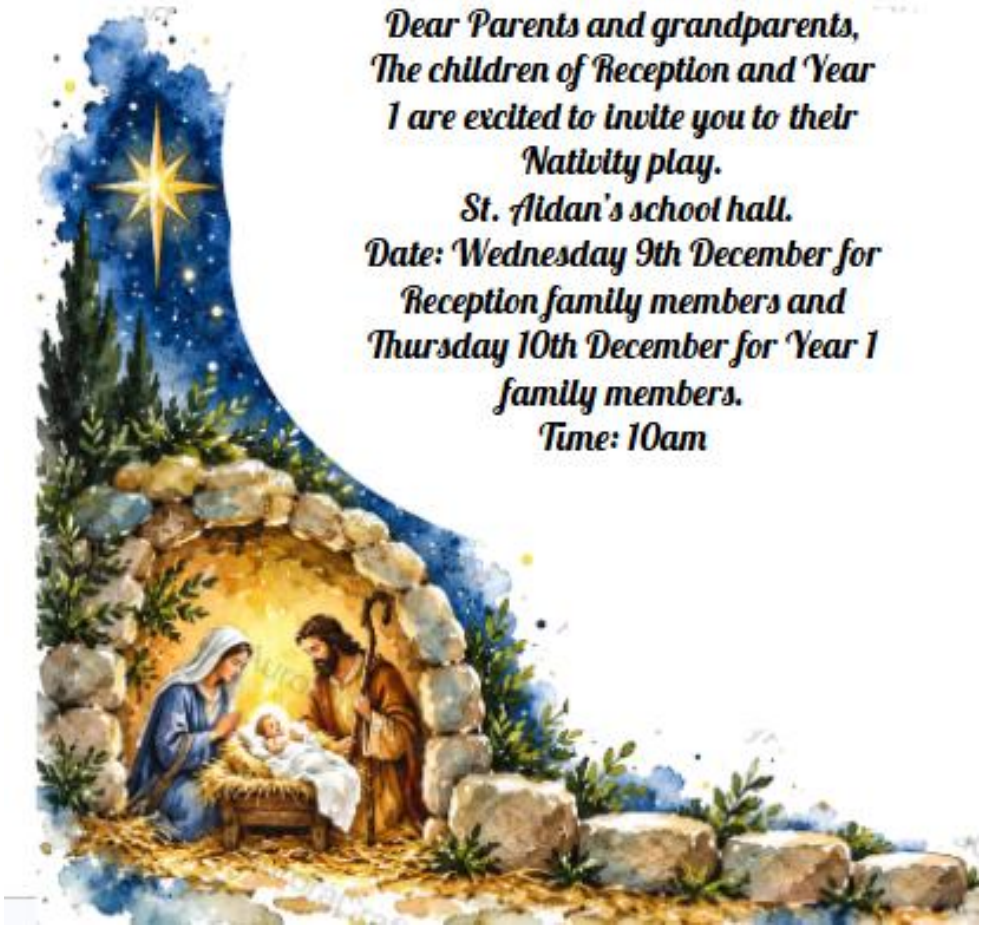
Thank you for taking a few moments to complete the family survey.

Online Safety

This game is rated as 18+ and as such, no child at our school should be allowed access to it, even under supervision.



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

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: Krish W

St Francis: Albin W

St Joseph: Nylah H

St Bernadette: Lily P

St Theresa: Stephie H

St Peter: Florence D

St Paul: Lucas M

BEHAVIOUR HERO

St Mary: Angel S

St Francis: Ellie G

St Joseph: Aife O

St Bernadette: Tommy M

St Theresa: Teddy G

St Peter: James R

St Paul: Ashley C