



### **Head of School's Message**

We have had a lovely week in school, the children have been learning how to be a 'St. Aidan's Excellent Learner' this week. Year 5 had a fantastic time singing at the O2 for Young Voices. Thank you to all the adults that helped. What a wonderful experience for the children!

**'Living and growing in Christ'**



Look out for a whole school challenge!  
Have a lovely weekend,  
God Bless,  
Mrs Hughes

# **St Aidan's Catholic Primary School Newsletter**

## **Friday 24h January 2025**



### **St. Aidan's School Value this term: Respect**

This half term our school value is 'Respect'. Our School Councillors and Prayer Leaders have been on the lookout for children giving examples of being respectful.

Well done to the following children:

Lydia Y3 - for being very kind and helpful

Lorelei Y4 - for always playing nicely with everyone

Langazye Y5 - for following all of our school rules

Dylan Y6 - for always being well behaved

### **Important dates for your diary...**

28th January	Nursing team visit - Reception class height and weight check
29th January	Y2 Flight Day
4th February	Y5 and Y6 school trip to Wallington Girls Drama Production
5th February	Y3 Trip to Chertsey Museum
13th February	School Closes for half term at 3.25pm
14th February	<b>INSET DAY</b>
24th February	8:45am School Opens
5th March	1.45pm Lenten Service at Church
5th March	Parents Evening
6th March	World Book Day - Dress Up!
13th March	Parents Evening
15th March	9am Woodcote Cross Country Race 2/3
3rd April	9.30am Rock Steady Concert
4th April	School Closes for Easter holidays at 1.45pm

Our Value this half term is:

# RESPECT



### Surrey Schools Primary Cross Country

At the weekend, Imogen (Y5) ran in the Surrey Schools Primary Cross Country races. It was a very tough race, in freezing conditions but we are very proud to say that she came 16th overall. What a fantastic achievement running at a high standard. Well done Imogen!

### Woodcote Cross Country

On Saturday, four of our pupils competed in the Woodcote Cross Country event. We are so proud of them for their commitment and resilience.

Well done Sienna C, Viola B, George T and Alessia L - you all ran a fantastic race!



## SASA Message

We hope you are having a good week.

### **How your fundraising makes a difference**

We have agreed with the school that some of the money raised last term will be put towards repairing the trim trail so that the kids can get the most out of it as the weather improves. Thank you for making this possible.

### **Upcoming events this term**

Watch out for save the date notices for Mother's Day sale and Costume Sale ahead of World Book Day. If you have costumes to donate, we'd be incredibly grateful for them. We'll share more details soon about how and when to donate.

### **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

## Children Who Read, Succeed!

We love hearing about all the fantastic books children are reading and enjoying. In the lead up to Book Week, some of the children will be sharing their recommended stories with a book review.

Ethan O (Y5) has reviewed *Alex Rider Point Blanc* by Anthony Horowitz. Please see what Ethan thinks of this book in the document attached to the Newsletter email.



## Prayer Leader Intentions

Please pray for all those people battling against Storm Eowyn especially those that have found themselves with no power in their homes.

Please pray for those that are sick and those that are lonely at this time.



## Y5 Trip - O2 Young Voices

On Tuesday, the Year 5 class had the privilege to travel to the O2 Arena to sing in a choir made up of over 8,000 children at the Young Voices Concert. It was FANTASTIC! We sang a variety of songs such as 'Birdhouse In Your Soul', 'Hair Spray' medley and 'Get Loud' to name only three of many.

Young Voices is the largest children's choir in the world and we feel very lucky to have been a part of it. Former primary school teacher and now World Book Day Ambassador, M C Grammar, performed and the crowd went wild! Special guest singers Tommy Blaize and Souparnika Nair also performed and the parents in the crowd even went wild for a garage music set!

It was a great day and we all enjoyed singing and dancing the night away. Thank you to Mrs Luke and Mrs Wright for all your help preparing us for the event. Thank you also to Mrs Tucker, Mrs Merlini and Mrs Costa who helped on the day.

### Report by Reuben (Y5)



## Jubilee Year - 'Pilgrims of hope'



Pope Francis has declared that the year 2025 will be a Holy Year of Jubilee for the Catholic Church – an event that takes place once every 25 years.

The theme for the 2025 Jubilee is “Pilgrims of Hope”, an invitation to showcase the hope of our Christian faith to people right across the world at a time when there is so much suffering from the impact of war, poverty and climate change.

St Aidan’s Prayer leaders have written a prayer of hope:

Dear God,

Our hopes,

We hope that all the children at St. Aidan’s always try their best, we hope that they are kind and loving.

We hope that the children always say please and thank you.

We hope that even in tough times we can be strong.

We hope that our teachers know how important they are.

We hope that we can be grateful.

We hope that the sick are healed and their families find strength.

We hope that the World is fair and the poor don’t go hungry.

We hope that the leaders make good choices.

We hope that the rainforest heals.

We hope that everybody around the World can live in peace and without fear.

We hope that everyone is grateful to you for the gift of our common home.

We hope we can look after it.

Amen

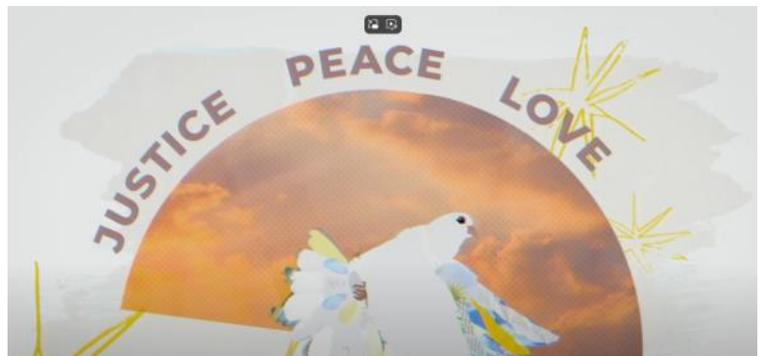
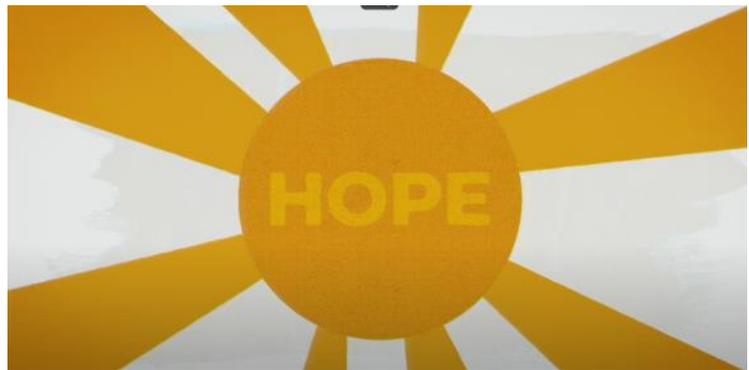


Jubilee Year - 'Pilgrims of hope'

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.

The prayer leaders will then chose one logo to be made into a display in our hall.

Your designs need to be given to your teacher by 13.02.25.



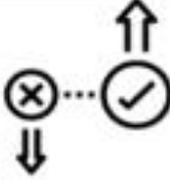
## St. Aidan's Excellent Learners

The children have been learning how to be an 'Excellent Learner'.

Here are our examples:

St Aidan's Catholic Primary School 

# Excellent Learners

 <p>Ask for help</p>	 <p>Like a challenge</p>
 <p>Listen well</p>	 <p>Learn with others</p>
 <p>Ask questions</p>	 <p>Are not scared to make mistakes</p>
 <p>Don't give up</p>	 <p>Are creative</p>
 <p>Can learn by themselves</p>	 <p>Want to learn more</p>



## 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: Sophia V  
 St Francis: Joseph S  
 St Joseph: Teddy G  
 St Bernadette: Harriet M  
 St Theresa: Joseph M  
 St Peter: Bethany H  
 St Paul: George W



St Mary: Jude L  
 St Francis: Isla R  
 St Joseph: Lola D  
 St Bernadette: Verity G  
 St Theresa: Lucas M  
 St Peter: All of Year 5  
 St Paul: Harry K