St Aidan's Catholic Primary School Newsletter
Friday 25th September 2026

Head Teacher's Message

'Living and growing in Christ'

You will have noticed that our newsletter is a little lighter than usual, the 50th celebrations are underway for our special anniversary.

We marked the occasion with a Mass this morning where the community came together. It was wonderful to see past pupils, parents, Governors and past staff at our celebration Mass.

The children have spent the afternoon on a carousel of activities to celebrate 50 years of St. Aidan's.

We will share photos of our celebrations in next weeks newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend,

God Bless,

Mrs Hughes

Important dates for your diary…

28th September	Y3 Trip to Lullingstone
28th September	Y2 Meet the teacher for parents to attend 3.30pm - 4pm
29th September	Open Morning 9.30am
29th September	Y5 and Y6 Gaelic football training
29th September	Y3 Meet the teacher for parents to attend 3.30pm - 4pm
30th September	9.30am Y5 and Y6 Cross Country at Royal Russell
30th September	Y6 Meet the teacher for parents to attend 3.30pm - 4pm
30th September	Y4 Meet the teacher for parents to attend 4pm - 4.30pm
1st October	Y5 Meet the teacher for parents to attend 3.30pm - 4pm
2nd October	Y6 Visit from the nursing team: Height and Weight
2nd October	Y1 Meet the teacher for parents to attend 3.30pm - 4pm
7th October	Open Morning 9.30am
12th October	PGL Week
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

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.

Online Safety

