



## Headteacher's Message

It has been a busy week this week with Year 5 visiting Purley Food Hub, Macmillan cake sale and lots of wonderful learning happening in classrooms.

We look forward to welcoming many of the parents to our meet the teacher meetings next week.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Hughes

'Living and growing in Christ'



# St Aidan's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 26th September 2025

## Prayer Leaders

Introducing our prayer leaders:



## Important dates for your diary...

29th September	Y3 trip to Lullingstone Country Park
29th September	Y2 parents Meet the Teacher Presentation at 4pm
29th September	Y3 parents Meet the Teacher Presentation at 4.30pm
30th September	Y1 parents Meet the Teacher Presentation at 4pm
30th September	Y5 parents Meet the Teacher Presentation at 4.30pm
1st October	Y1 and Y2 Hearing Test
1st October	Y5 and Y6 Gaelic Football Training
1st October	Y4 parents Meet the Teacher Presentation at 4pm
1st October	Y6 parents Meet the Teacher Presentation at 4.30pm
2nd October	Y4 trip to National Maritime Museum
2nd October	Y1 and Y2 hearing test continued
6th October	Whole School Flu Immunisation
9th October	School Open Afternoon at 2pm
13th October	Y6 on PGL week
14th October	Reception Parents lunch
15th October	Reception Parents lunch
23rd October	School Open Morning at 9.30am

## School Packed lunches

A polite reminder that we are a healthy school and crisps are not permitted in packed lunches.

Polite reminder that no food containing nuts are permitted at school.

## Come and meet your child's teacher

Please find below dates and times for Meet the Teacher across the different year groups. These are detailed in the 'important dates' section every week also.

29th September	Y2 parents Meet the Teacher Presentation at 4pm
29th September	Y3 parents Meet the Teacher Presentation at 4.30pm
30th September	Y1 parents Meet the Teacher Presentation at 4pm
30th September	Y5 parents Meet the Teacher Presentation at 4.30pm
1st October	Y4 parents Meet the Teacher Presentation at 4pm
1st October	Y6 parents Meet the Teacher Presentation at 4.30pm

## Reception Admissions - September 2026

Please do let any friends and family know about our upcoming Open Days detailed below if they have children due

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Portnalls Road, Coulsdon, Surrey CR5 3DE



As a small one form entry school we believe that we know and value every one of our children.

Our friendly School Office is always happy to answer any questions you may have and to talk to you about your child's educational future. To learn more about Reception admissions or to add your child to our waiting lists in Years 1 to 6, please feel free to contact us.

To arrange a visit please contact the school:

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### School tours and meet the Headteacher

#### Come and join us at our open days:

9.30 am 19th September

2pm 9th October

9.30 am 23rd October

9.30 3rd December

2pm 18th December

to start primary school in September 2026.

## Visit from Author Tola Okogwu

Report by Atalia M Y4



### TALENTED TOLA'S BOOK RELEASE

New York Times ASTOUNDING

REPORTER: A. Mathau

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September, the famous author, <sup>from Nigeria</sup> Tola Okogwu came to St Aidans primary school to celebrate the launch of her brilliant book 'Champions of the Galaxy'. The <sup>affluent</sup> pupils from yr2-yr6 were amazed by her pleasant presentation and entertaining quiz. She even had four people come up to stage to act for her. This amazing event was organised by english leader Mrs Luke. No one will forget this delightful event. The best thing was when she signed everyone's books.

Speaking later to our roving reporters, Mrs Luke, the Yr4 leader grinned, "I was so excited when I saw Tola Okogwu. Her visit was a huge

success. The publisher said we could sell 60 books and, all sixty were bought. I'd like to say a big thank you to all our children and parents who bought a book.

According to Atalia Mathau, "I was so interested in the assembly. It was brilliant. She is a treasure trove with anything to do with space! I wish she could do an assembly every day!"

Tola herself said, "I was so happy to be asked to St Aidans! It was a pleasure. I hope one of the children become writers. I will be so proud of them!"

Everyone agreed it was a memorable moment. As the St Aidans children say, "readers are leaders!"

Outstanding!  
(10/10) (100%)

Please publish in Newsletter.

## Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

As part of our Catholic Social Teaching Learning the children decided they wanted to raise money for Macmillan.

With the help of Mrs McCleave they sold lots of lovely cakes today.

Thank you to everyone who baked cakes and thank you to everyone who donated cakes.



### 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.

Riley Y2 - for following the school rules

Shiloh Y2 - for being respectful to her friends

Max Y5 - for showing dignity towards his team mates

Bethany Y6 - for helping others around the school

## Year 5 Trip to Purley Food Hub

As part of their learning about Catholic Social Teaching, Year 5 have been learning about 'dignity'. The children were inspired by their learning and wanted to help the community. They went on a visit to help at Purley Food Hub.



"We are grateful for what we have, we should only buy what we need because there is a lot of wastage."

"Catholic Social Teaching tells us how to live like good Catholic's, today we did this because we put the needs of others first."

" Food banks play an important role for so many people in need, it made me feel really grateful but also happy that I could live like Jesus and help."

## Faith Doors

Each class have designed and made their own Faith door. Reminding us that Jesus' door is always open to us.

Our prayer leaders now have the impossible task of deciding an overall winner. Watch this space winner announced next week!





### Y6 Boys Sporting Event at Trinity

This week a group of Year 6 boys went on a sports event held at Trinity school which tested many aspects of sport like our speed, agility and strength. We had a lesson on sports psychology and learnt skills on keeping positive mental health during sporting activities.

**Report by Danell Y6**

### Y5 Girls Sporting Event at Trinity

A group of Year 5 girls went to Trinity this week for an amazing sporting opportunity to learn more about nutrition and mental preparation for sports. We also learnt skills to help us run faster! It was a really great experience and we learnt so much!

**Report by Eliana Y5**



### Y6 Girls Sporting Event at Croydon High

On Thursday 25th September, some Year 6 girls went to Croydon High for a fantastic sporting event. We took part in a number of activities including: hurdles, high jump and lots of fitness exercises.

It gave us the opportunity to try a variety of new sports which was a great experience

We would like to thank Mr Topson for this amazing experience.

**Report by Sienna, Viola and Mia Y6**



## Y6 School Councillors Visit St George's Cathedral

On Wednesday the Year 6 school councillors travelled to St. George's Cathedral to attend a special Mass given by Archbishop John. All schools across the diocese attended.

The children represented St. Aidan's and behaved beautifully. They were a credit and modelled exemplary St. Aidan's behaviour.

Well done Y6!



## Football Match v Heavers Farm

On Thursday 25th September some St Aidan's boys travelled to play Heavers Farm Primary school in the first match of the season.

This is the first time we had all played together and we are very proud of ourselves for winning 5-0!

**Report by Langazye Y6**



## This Week's Awards at St Aidan's



Well done to everyone who received an award this week.  
We are very proud of you!



St Mary:

St Francis: Nylah H

St Joseph: Evelyn M

St Bernadette: Naomi L

St Theresa: Gabrielle N

St Peter: Jake W

St Paul: Viola B

St Mary:

St Francis: May Sian M

St Joseph: Emily P

St Bernadette: Elizabeth O

St Theresa: Rocco C

St Peter: Joseph M

St Paul: Owen S

