



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School Newsletter - Friday 28th February 2025

Head of School's Message

We have had a great first week back after half term. There has been lots of wonderful learning from performing speeches in role as Odysseus in Year 5 to opening up their own St. Adan's vet role play in Reception.

Progress reports are being sent home today and children will be coming home with their RE books to share with you at home. Don't forget to write a comment for them in their books and please return the books on **Monday**.

Look out for information on our Sponsored Lenten Walk for CAFOD.

God Bless,
Mrs Hughes

'Living
and
growing
in Christ'



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:

Mia (Y4) - For playing really nicely at playtimes

Isabel (Y4) - for being sweet to everybody

Josiah (Y5) - for being funny and brightening up everyone's day

Ethan (Y5) - For always being friendly

Prayer Leader Intentions

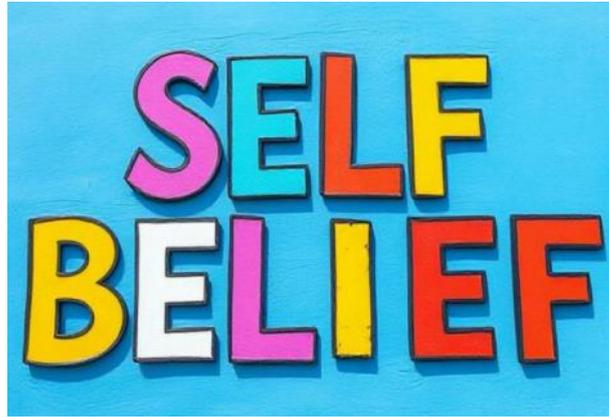
Dear God,

Please watch over Pope Francis in his time of need. Please help him to feel better and get well soon. Please continue to help Pope Francis to continue his work spreading the good news. Please send him good nurses and doctors to help him recover. Amen

Important dates for your diary...

5th March	1.45pm Lenten Service at Church - all parents welcome
5th March	10am Y4 and Y5 trip to Waterstones
5th March	Parents Evening
6th March	World Book Day - Dress Up!
11th March	Y2 trip to Coulsdon Library
12th March	Y5 Greek Food Day
13th March	Parents Evening
14th March	Y3 trip to Coulsdon Library
15th March	9.00am Woodcote Cross Country Race 2/3
17th March	Y6 trip to Royal Institute London
20th March	9.15am Y1 Class Assembly - Y1 parents welcome
21st March	Reception class trip to Coulsdon Library
21st March	SASA School Disco
25th March	Y1 trip to Coulsdon Library
2nd April	Save the Date - Workshops for Parents - 'Managing Anxiety in Children'
4th April	School Closes for Easter holidays at 1.45pm

Our value this term is



Netball Match v The Hayes

On Thursday, we played two netball matches against The Hayes Primary School. We all tried really hard and noticed how much we had improved since the last time we played them. Unfortunately we lost both games but the margins were much smaller. Although we didn't win, we all tried our very best and worked as a team.

Thank you Mrs Ryan and Miss Zographou for being our biggest cheerleaders.

Report by Sienna, Isabelle and Viola (Y5)

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.

Mia (Y5) has reviewed *The Boy in the Dress* by David Walliams. Please see what Mia thinks of this book in the document attached to the Newsletter email.



Friendship Ambassador Award



Y6 - Evacuee Talk

On Thursday, the Year 6 class was delighted to have a visit from Mrs Jenkins, one of the WW2 evacuees who came into school to tell us about her experience during the war. Her talk was so interesting and amazing. She talked about moving to Somerset during the bombings, the lady she was sent to live with and her experience at new schools and making new friends each time she had to move to a safe location. It was an inspiring talk and we're very honoured to be able to hear a first hand account.

Report by Vianne Mathew



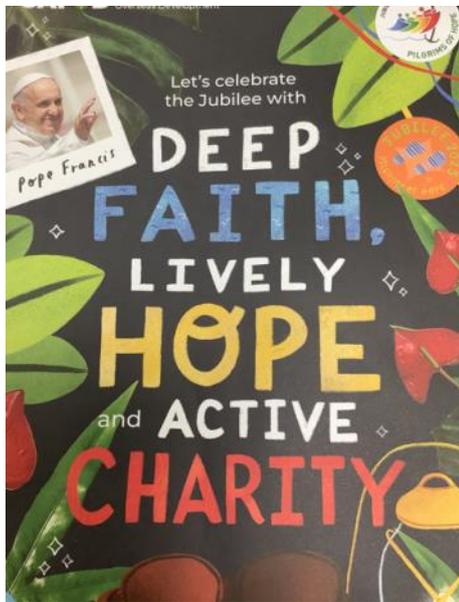
THANK YOU SASA!

The children and staff of St Aidan's would like to say a huge thank you to the St Aidan's School Association for funding the purchase of brand new PGL coats! The ones we had been using were around 20 years old and no longer waterproof.

These new coats are a great addition for our annual PGL trip and for any other school trips going forward should we need them.

THANK YOU for all your hard work fund raising.





WALK 200KM IN 40 DAYS TO HELP FIGHT GLOBAL POVERTY

BIG LENT WALK

We are asking children to take part in a sponsored walk throughout Lent to raise money for CAFOD.

This can be done as a family, on the weekend or after school. Share the just giving page with family members and please send in photos of your child completing their walk so we can celebrate these in assembly.

Good Luck Everybody! Please donate here:

[St Aidan's Big Lent Walk Fundraising is fundraising for CAFOD](#)

St Aidan's Big Lent Walk Fundraising

Donate to this fundraiser



My story

We're taking part in The Big Lent Walk, please sponsor us!

Your donations can change lives. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.



SASA Message

We hope you had a lovely half-term break. Our fundraising events have begun in earnest. Thanks to everyone who donated costumes for our sale today or who volunteered their time on the stall. We are looking forward to seeing the children dressed up for World Book Day next week.

How your fundraising makes a difference

Work has been completed on the trim trail in the playground. The children are looking forward to using it to its full extent during break times. The red PGL jackets have arrived and are ready to be used for the first trip later this year.

Because you support our events through attending, volunteering and spending money we are able to make this happen, so thank you!

Upcoming events this term

Wednesday 5th March - 2025 challenge

Next week marks the launch of our 2025 challenge. Take a look at the poster below for more information. Please take a look at the poster attached to the newsletter email.

Friday 21st March – Disco

There are just three weeks to go to our school disco. We run a disco once or twice a year, which the children really enjoy. They get a chance to hang out with their friends for an hour and dance to their favourite tunes. Times are as follows:

KS1: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

KS2: 4.45pm - 5.45pm

Tickets are £5 and include entry to the disco as well as a drink and snacks. They will be available to buy on ClassList next week. As with all our events, it is your time and effort that help them make a success. If you can spare just half an hour on the day to help out we would really appreciate it. Volunteer lists will go up on Classlist next week.

Friday 28th March - Mother's Day Sale

Like our Elf-ridge's sale in December, the Mother's Day Sale is a chance for the children to buy a gift for someone in their family for Mother's Day. Children can bring cash on the day or buy tickets on ClassList and spend the amount of the ticket on a gift. Watch out for tickets and volunteer lists on ClassList.

Monday 31st March - Uniform Sale

As we head into the summer term, you will have an opportunity to pick up pre-loved summer uniform items for a fraction of the cost of buying them new. If you have any unwanted summer term uniforms, you'll have an opportunity to donate them in a couple of weeks.

Taskforce Day

We are arranging another date for this term to do some work on the pond area to make it a nice space to hang out in. The plan is to take the fence down around the pond to make it more open, put down astroturf and set up picnic tables in the area. If you are handy with taking down fences or building picnic tables, we would be grateful for your help. Date to be confirmed.

Easy ways to keep supporting the school

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

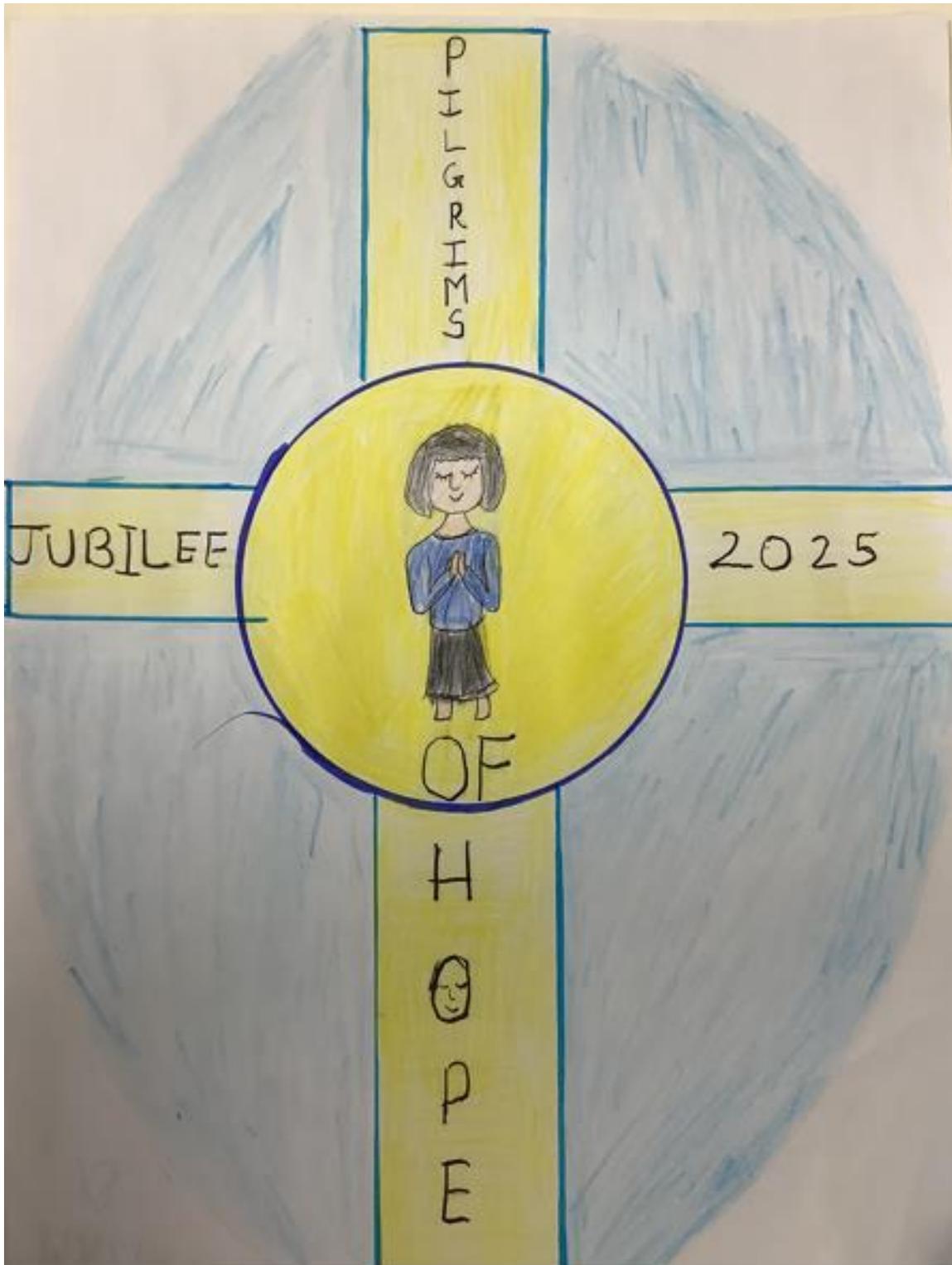
Shop online through Easyfundraising: Access your favourite retailers including Amazon, Argos, Boots, Domino's, Waitrose, JustEat, M&S and many more through [Easyfundraising](#). Every purchase you make earns the school a percentage of the sale, at no extra cost to you.

Thank you for your continued support.

SASA

Jubilee Year - 'Pilgrims of Hope'

Thank you for all the entries and wonderful designs we have seen!
The prayer Leaders have selected this design by Atalia Y3 as our winner .





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: Emilia R

St Francis: Cara C

St Joseph: Elizabeth O

St Bernadette: Maks D

St Theresa: Isabel C

St Peter: Olivia KC

St Paul: Taye G

St Mary: Freya R

St Francis: Mila L

St Joseph: Samara T

St Bernadette: Celina L

St Theresa: Olivia M

St Peter: Charlie F

St Paul: Alex H

Excellent Learners

