



Headteacher's Message

It has been an exciting week this week, as Reception and Year 1 have begun their Nativity rehearsals. Year 5 had the Wonder Dome visit and Year 6 visited Imperial College London.

A reminder that Reception and Year 1 are performing to Reception parents and grandparents on 10th December and to Year 1 parents and grandparents on 11th December.

Have a lovely weekend,

God Bless,

Mrs Hughes

'Living and
growing in
Christ'



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



St. Aidan's School Value this term: Resilience

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

Lucas H (Rec) - for always smiling

Elodie T (Y1) - for always including her friends

Chiara N (Y3) - for listening to her friends ideas

George T (Y4) - for following the school rules

This week the Friendship Award goes to George G (Y4)

Important dates for your diary...

2nd December	Y2 ONLY MUFTI - Stipes for Stripey Stork Charity
3rd December	School open morning at 9.30am
4th December	2.30pm Rock Steady Concert to parents
5th December	MUFTI DAY - bring chocolate for the Christmas Fayre
5th December	Singing Club Performance to parents at 4.10pm
9th December	Nativity being performed to the school
10th December	Nativity to Reception class parents at 10am
10th December	School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
11th December	Nativity to Year 1 class parents at 10am
12th December	MUFTI DAY - bring bottles for the Christmas Fayre
12th December	Christmas Fayre 4.30pm - 7.30pm
15th December	School Carol Service at 6pm
17th December	Class Christmas Parties and Santa
18th December	School open afternoon at 2pm
19th December	School Closes at 1.45pm
5th January	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils
6th January	School Opens at 8:45am
12th January	Extra curricular clubs re-start

Y4, Y5 and Y6 Burning of the Sins

To celebrate the start of Advent, Y4, 5 and 6 attended a very special service at St. Aidan's church led by Father Peter. The children were invited to reflect on their sins and write them down. Father Peter then burnt the sins outside the church. Thank you to Father Peter for the wonderful service.

Thank you to the staff and a thank you to the children for representing our school and behaving beautifully.



Football Match v Smitham

We are very proud of our boys football team who played against Smitham this week. After going 1-0 down, they worked hard as a team and played some really good football to go on and win 2-1! Well done to the team!

Year 6 Trip to Imperial College

Yesterday on Wednesday 26th November 2025, Year 6 went on an amazing and fascinating School trip to an imperial college in London.

We arrived at Croydon South train Station and took the train to Victoria, then got the underground.

We arrived at the wonderful Imperial College and a kind-hearted man showed us the college and took us to our room that we'll be in for the day.

Once we arrived at our room we straight away had our lunch and sat down. After lunch, we started on our technology ~~where~~^{where} we were making robots out of lego. Once we made our Robots we loaded on a laptop where we had to do some coding to make our robot work and move.

Once everyone had done their coding, we all got in the middle and the robots from each table had a battle in a Sumo wrestling form so they had to knock each other out of the ring. When we had finished everything, the class said a big thank you and we started our journey back to school. Thank you so much to the Imperial college and we know that everyone had a great time.

Newsletter ~~from~~ made
from Joseph Y6.

Year 6 Trip to Imperial College Continued

On Wednesday 26 November year 6 went to Imperial College! We were all really looking forward to it. Coding is something a few of us had never even heard of and most of us always like to try new things but we all love school trips!

First we all got into partners, put on our bright, red coats and backpacks and started to walk to Coulsdon South station. We hadn't had much information about what we would be doing there so we were all really excited and curious about our activities.

We got on a train that took a long time and then on the underground which was very short. We walked for about eight minutes and then... We were there!

For some reason, even though it was only 11:30 all of us were hungry. We ate our lunch, eager to start learning. There was a big TV on which there was a powerpoint about what we would be doing and during it many gasps of excitement and astonishment.

I was thrilled when I realised that we were going to be making lego robots that actually moved! The best part was that at the end they would all fight each other! I'll be honest, I thought some people would feel left out but the students made sure we were all involved and had the time of our life.

When the robots fought at the end it was so much fun and our teams had actually clipped the other robot over!

Finally it was time to go home. We were all really disappointed but couldn't wait to tell our families all about it!

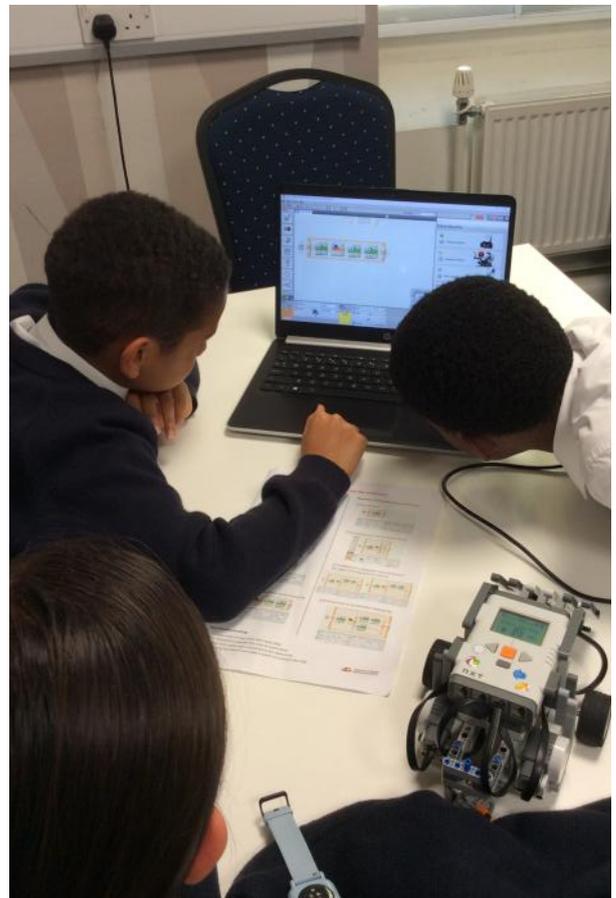
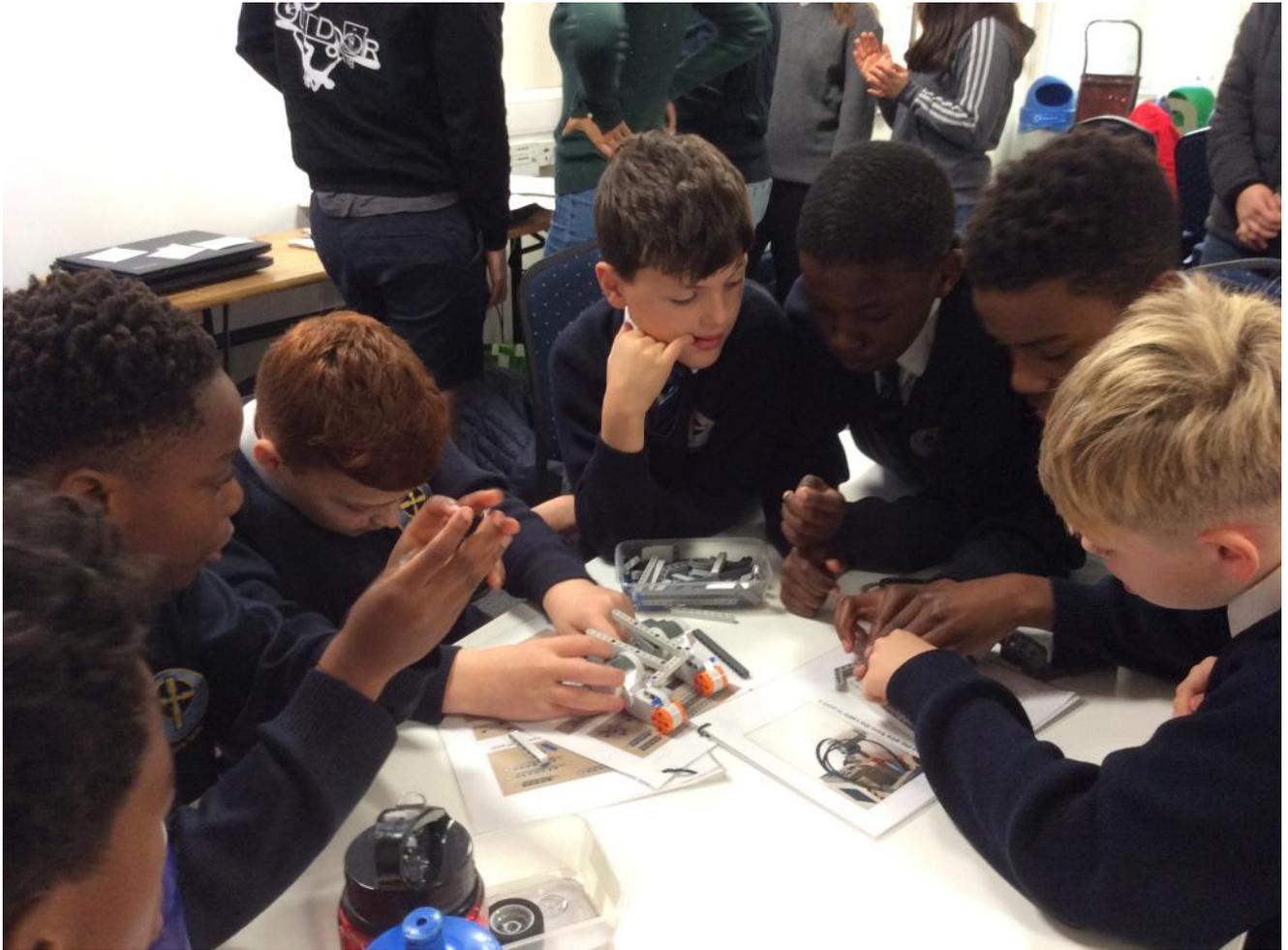
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Year 6 Trip to Imperial College Continued

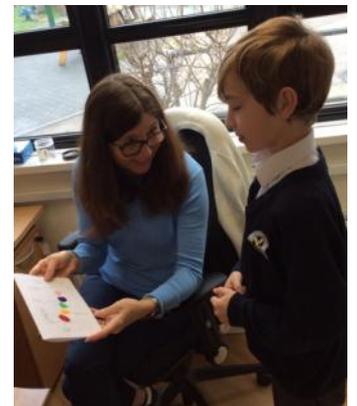
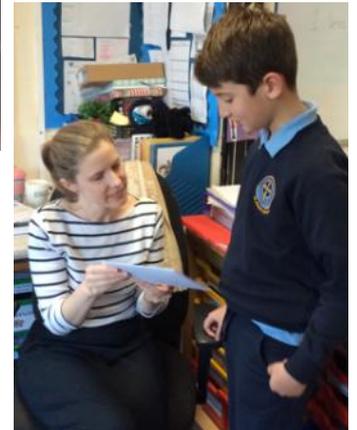


Thank you Mrs Tuffrey for all your hard work organising this trip and to Mrs Membrino and the parent helpers for coming with us!

Year 6 Trip to Imperial College Continued



Catholic Social Teaching at St. Aidan's



This week the children have been learning about Catholic Social teaching.

Reception- The common good

Y1- Peace

Y2- The option for the poor

Y3- The dignity of work and participation

Y4- Dignity

Y5- Solidarity

Y6- Stewardship



Here are some images of Year 5 showing solidarity and thanking the staff and Reception class thinking of the common good collecting food tins for a local food



To Mrs Bardetti,
You have been so kind to all of us since you started and you all ready give in to St Aidan's. We love you and care about you! Thank you for being here! and helping us learn and grow!





Dear Parents and family members,
The children of St. Aidan's wish to invite
you to our Advent Carol Service.



Venue: St. Aidan's Church

Date: Monday 15th December

Time: 6.00pm



SASA Message

Fireworks Night Update

Huge thanks to all of you who turned up to our fireworks night despite the miserable weather. It was a great night overall and what a fantastic display! Special thanks to Ian McIntyre for running the BBQ, to DJ Lawrence for keeping the dance floor full and every single one of our volunteers who made this happen.

On the display alone we made **£2269 profit** to go towards new iPads for the school. Just fantastic! Full details on how much we made overall to follow.

Christmas Fair - 12th December

Prep is well underway for our annual Christmas Fair. As always, these events are not possible without our fantastic volunteers. Watch out for volunteer lists for the Christmas Fair on Classlist next week.

Raffle tickets have been sent home in book bags this week. More tickets will be available from early next week. If you have a raffle prize to donate please contact info@staidanssa.co.uk, we would love to hear from you.

We are still looking for donations for hampers such as biscuits, jams, mince pies, Christmas food treats, bubble bath, shower gel, hand soap, candles, perfume, makeup or any other items suitable for hamper. Drop your donations off at the main office or breakfast/after school hut by **30th November**.

Elfridges Sale - 17th December

Each year the children have an opportunity to buy a Christmas gift for their parents, carers or siblings at the Elfridges sale. You can send in cash or buy tickets up to a certain value per gift (usually around £5), More to follow on this nearer the event.

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.

SASA



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: Leonardo G

St Francis: Sofia R

St Joseph: Isla R

St Bernadette: George W

St Theresa: Joshua L

St Peter: Eliana A

St Paul: Reuben O

St Mary: Nael O

St Francis: Nylah H

St Joseph: Chizelu M

St Bernadette: Anne S

St Theresa: Veronica C

St Peter: Lily B

St Paul: Harry G

Excellent
Learners

