



### **Headteacher's Message**

It has been busy this week, with two school trips, two cross country races, a catholic social teaching walk to Coulsdon and Reception children met their reading partners. The Year 6 children have been excellent role models and have helped our Reception children at playtimes.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us at our meet the teacher meetings this week.

Have a lovely weekend,

God Bless,

Mrs Hughes

**'Living and growing in Christ'**



**St Aidan's Catholic Primary School Newsletter**  
**Friday 3rd October 2025**



### 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.

Alex N - Y1

Chizelu M - Y2

James C - Y5

Alana B - Y5

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

6th October	Whole School Flu Immunisation
9th October	Y5&6 Tag Rugby at Trinity School 12.30pm
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
24th October	School closes at 3.25pm

#### **\* HALF TERM \***

3rd November	School opens at 8.45am - <b>All children in winter uniform</b>
6th November	Individual School Photos
7th November	<b>MUFTI DAY</b> for Catholic Children's Society

## After School Club

When collecting your child from After School Club, we kindly ask parents to wait at the bottom of the steps. The children will be dismissed one by one. **No Parents are permitted to enter the hut.**

After School Club is becoming increasingly busy and we are fully booked on most days. We therefore encourage you to book ahead to avoid not being able to get a place. Unfortunately, if your child is not booked in they will not be permitted to attend.

## Reception Admissions - September 2026

Please do let any friends and family know about our upcoming Open Days detailed below if they have children due to start primary school in September 2026.

### St Aidan's Catholic Primary School

Portnalls Road, Coulsdon, Surrey CR5 3DE



**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**

## Y3 Trip to Lullingstone

Year 3 had a wonderful day on Monday, visiting Lullingstone Country Park. While there, they got to explore and measure a river, linked with the work they have begun in Geography, conducting investigations to learn about the speed and depth of the river.

The afternoon was spent exploring the nearby location of an iron age settlement, which used the river as a vital source of water and building materials. The children worked hard as a team to build a model of the iron age round houses and are excited to learn more in history next term.

Many thanks to all the adult helpers who made this trip possible.



## October the Month of the Rosary



During the month of October, we are learning about how acts of kindness can make a difference to somebody else's day.

We have been learning that during the month of October, we can say the rosary.

Our Prayer Leaders have prepared special rosary bags to share out with parishioners at Mass this weekend. Inside they have put special messages, sweets, rosary beads and a guide to praying with the rosary beads.

Look out for our children at church this weekend giving out their rosary bags.

## Y2 Catholic Social Teaching walk

Year 2 learnt all about hard work this week. How it is better to work together. The children wanted to say thank you to all the shopkeepers in Coulsdon. They made beautiful thank you cards and hand delivered them.



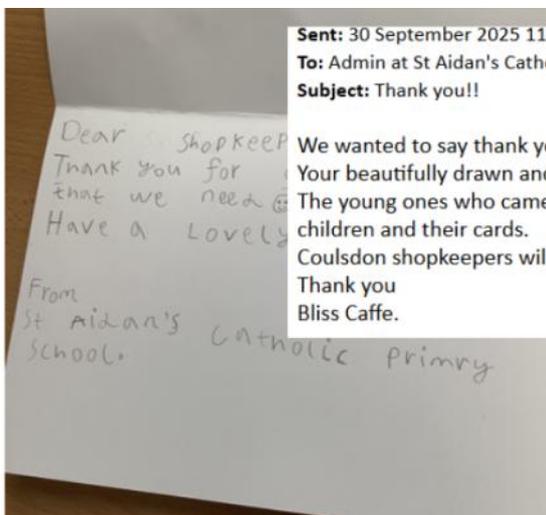
"I want to say thank you to all the people in Aldi because they work really hard and they always smile."

"I think God wants us to work hard and be kind to one another everyday."



The dignity of work and participation

Year 2



**Sent:** 30 September 2025 11:46:02  
**To:** Admin at St Aidan's Catholic Primary School  
**Subject:** Thank you!!

We wanted to say thank you back for putting a smile on our faces. Your beautifully drawn and written cards now have pride of place at the front of our cafe. The young ones who came in and spoke so confidently should feel proud as with all the children and their cards. Coulsdon shopkeepers will feel extra happy on this lovely sunny day because of you!! Thank you Bliss Caffe.



## Y4 Trip to Maritime Museum

Report by Atalia M Y4

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October Yr 4 travelled on a mesmerising trip to the marvellous Maritime museum.

When we first arrived at the thrilling museum, our tour guide, Kate took us to our designated room. She was very kind and helped us all while we learned about pirates!

She told us about pirates like Blackbeard. A famous pirate who terrorised the Carolina and Virginia coasts until he was killed in the early 1700s. Kate then gave everyone on their tables a bag filled with little items that pirates would have. Most children voted for a dark skull and crossbones flag. But, they were wrong! Pirates didn't usually have war so they rarely put up their flag.

Subsequently, Kate gave us a topic to learn about in the museum. I saw that pirates usually died in their thirties but the most successful pirate died in her sixties. When we all went back to the learning room to share our discoveries, Kate was very impressed. Then, after a long morning, we went to refresh ourselves with lunch.

Thereafter, we all went to the activity room called 'All Hands on Deck'. Everyone really liked a game where you would try to hit a circular, brown disc with a pitch black cannon.

After that, everyone rushed to our last exhibit about pirates. I learnt that when pirates

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defeated an evil enemy, they would drink rum.  
But, one pirate called Bartholomew, liked drinking  
tea instead!

Sadly, ten minutes later, we had to leave the  
magnificent museum. When I first stepped into  
Maritime museum I was clueless about pirates!  
But, now I have learnt about pirates, I know a lot  
more.



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Report by Moses I - Y4

### PIRATES EXHIBITION: FACT OR FICTION?

ST AIDANS YEAR 4 HAVE DISCOVERED THAT THE CRIMAS OF THE SEA ARE REAL.

Yesterday <sup>the 2nd</sup> of October  
32 Pupils of St Aidans went  
all the way over to Greenhit  
wich to the magnificent Famous  
National Maritime museum.  
Some people even told  
us some facts about the  
king's of the sea. Like  
Pirates didn't really  
steal money they actually  
stole food. Pirates sailed  
the seas over 400 years  
ago.



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### Y3 & Y4 Croydon Schools Cross Country at Royal Russell

The children took part in a cross country race at Royal Russell. Schools all over Croydon took part. We are proud of all the children, their behaviour and their manners did us proud. Excellent running from our Y3 and Y4s.

Thank you to Coach T and Mr Topson.

Thank you to Mrs Ikpa and Mr Tomassi for helping.



### Y5 & Y6 Croydon Schools Cross Country at Royal Russell

The children took part in a cross country race at Royal Russell. Schools all over Croydon took part. We are proud of all the children, their behaviour and their manners did us proud. Excellent running from our Y5 and Y6s.

Thank you to Coach T and Mr Topson.

Thank you to Mr Lagos Sewell for helping.





## 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: Ore O

St Francis: Freya R

St Joseph: Amerly H

St Bernadette: Hassan S

St Theresa: Charlotte M-F

St Peter: Sienna H

St Paul: Alexis G

St Mary: Leo G

St Francis: Alex N

St Joseph: Nicholas C

St Bernadette: Luca H

St Theresa: Somi O

St Peter: Ashley C

St Paul: Lyra F

Excellent  
Learners

