



# St Aidan's Catholic Primary School Newsletter - Friday 4th April 2025

## Head of School's Message

It has been a busy week at St. Aidan's, we have had sports matches, an Easter Egg Hunt, The Passion Service, Anxiety Parent Workshops and a Rock Concert.

Year 5 put on a wonderful Passion Service reminding us of Jesus' suffering and his sacrifice for us all. Thank you to the parents who were able to join us.

Don't forget, we are walking 200km in Lent for CAFOD. See details on our just giving page below.

On behalf of all the staff at St. Aidan's, we wish you a very Happy Easter and a restful break.

Mrs Hughes

'Living  
and  
growing  
in Christ'



## St. Aidan's School Value this term: Self Belief

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

Well done to the following children:

Ava C (Y2) - for staying happy and positive all of the time

Ezra B (Y2) - for always presenting our school rules in his actions

Betsy (Y4) - for including everyone in her games

Eoin D (Y5) - for always being a good friend to others

## Important dates for your diary...

<b>21st April</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>22nd April</b>	<b>School Opens 8.45am - All children in Summer Uniform</b>
23rd April	Y3 Local area walk
24th April	2.15pm - 4pm Swimming Gala trials at Trinity for those selected
25th April	<b>Green</b> and <b>Blue</b> Team <b>Mufti</b> (Y3-6)
26th April	Mini Marathon for those with a place (Y4-6)
29th April	Y2 Trip to Brooklands Museum
<b>5th May</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
12th May	Y6 SATS Week
16th May	Reception Multicultural Day
21st May	Y4 trip to Legoland
<b>23rd May</b>	<b>School closes 3.25pm for half term</b>
<b>2nd June</b>	<b>School Opens 8.45am</b>
11th June	School Sports Day

Our value this term is

**SELF  
BELIEF**

Friendship Ambassador Award



Children Who Read, Succeed!

We love hearing about all the fantastic books children are reading and enjoying. Some of the children will be sharing their recommended stories with a book review.

Viola (Y5) has reviewed *Max The Detective Cat—The Catnap Caper* by Sarah Todd Taylor. Please see what Viola thinks of this book in the document attached to the Newsletter email.



## Choir Performance to the School

Today we were treated to a performance by our wonderful choir club who showcased what they have been working on this term. A lovely performance children! If your child would like to join the choir club, a reminder that this is held in school on a Wednesday 12 - 12.30pm and open to Y3 - 6.



## Guild of St Stephens Medals



We are incredibly proud of our altar servers at St. Aidan's church who received their Guild of St. Stephen medals during Mass. What an honour! Congratulations Michael, Dylan and Michelle.



## Parent Workshop



Thank you to Mrs Esparon and Mrs Ryan for putting on two informative and important workshops about children's anxiety.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend.



## The Passion Service

I was incredibly proud and moved by the wonderful performance by the Year 5 pupils at the Passion Service this week. They sang, acted and read beautifully. The children were fantastic ambassadors of the school showing us the true meaning of Easter.

We were reminded just how much Jesus loves us by his suffering and sacrifice.



## St. Aidan's Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny delivered 216 Easter Eggs to SASA this week.

The Children had different challenges. Reception along with their Year 6 reading partners went on a hunt for images of the Easter story. They had to find the images and the sequence to the story.

Y1– 5 completed an Easter trail in which they had to solve a code. By answering questions on the Easter story they had to search for an image and then use the letters to spell a special pass code.

The children then received their special prize.





HAPPY  
easter

## Gaelic Football Blitz Tournament

On Wednesday some of our Y6 Gaelic football team played the first four matches of the season. We lost our first 2 matches. Then we built up our confidence and team working skills to draw 6-6 in our third match and went on to win our final match 10-8! A great improvement and we all enjoyed the experience. Thank you to the Gaelic football coaches for teaching us, a special thank you to Mr Hession for helping us on the day and a big thank you to Mrs Merlini for accompanying us.

**Match Report by Dylan R and Harry K (Y6)**



## Football Match v St Thomas Beckett

On Monday the St Aidan's football team travelled to St Thomas Beckett school to play in the quarter finals of the League Cup. With some great football and confident shots at goal we came out victorious with a 3-0 win and we're so happy to be through to the semi finals!

Thank you Coach T.

**Match Report by Joseph M and Danell R (Y5)**



## Football Match v Royal Russell

On Wednesday the school football team played against a very good Royal Russell team in the semi final of the Big Schools Cup. After a tough game unfortunately we lost 3-0. They were a great time and we just couldn't get a goal this time.

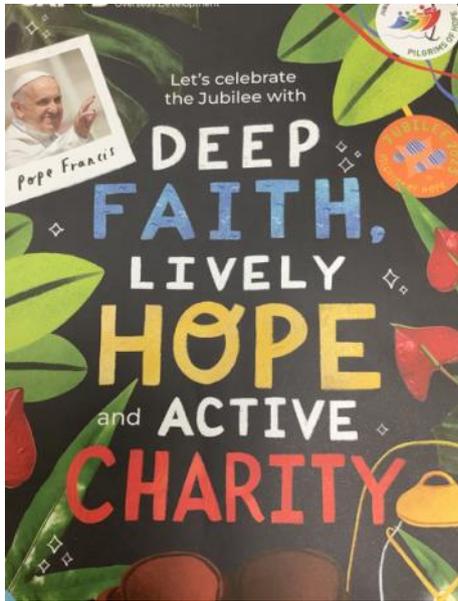
Thank you Coach T for coaching us. A warm thank you to Mr Hession for organising the use of the pitch at Coulsdon Colts throughout the season. Finally we wish Royal Russell the best of luck in the final.

**Match Report by Joseph M and Danell R (Y5)**

## Rock Steady Concert

On Thursday, we were blown away by our St. Aidan's Rock bands. The children were amazing and it was brilliant to see the progress they have made since starting their Rock Steady lessons. There are still some places available to join some of the Rock Steady bands—please check the link in the Clubs spreadsheet.





## 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.



## The Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope'

As part of the Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope' celebration, St. Aidan's Church, Coulsdon would like to kindly invite all the children and their families to come and join us during the scheduled visitation of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of Ss Jacinta and Francisco on 5-6 April 2025.

Visit of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the Relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco

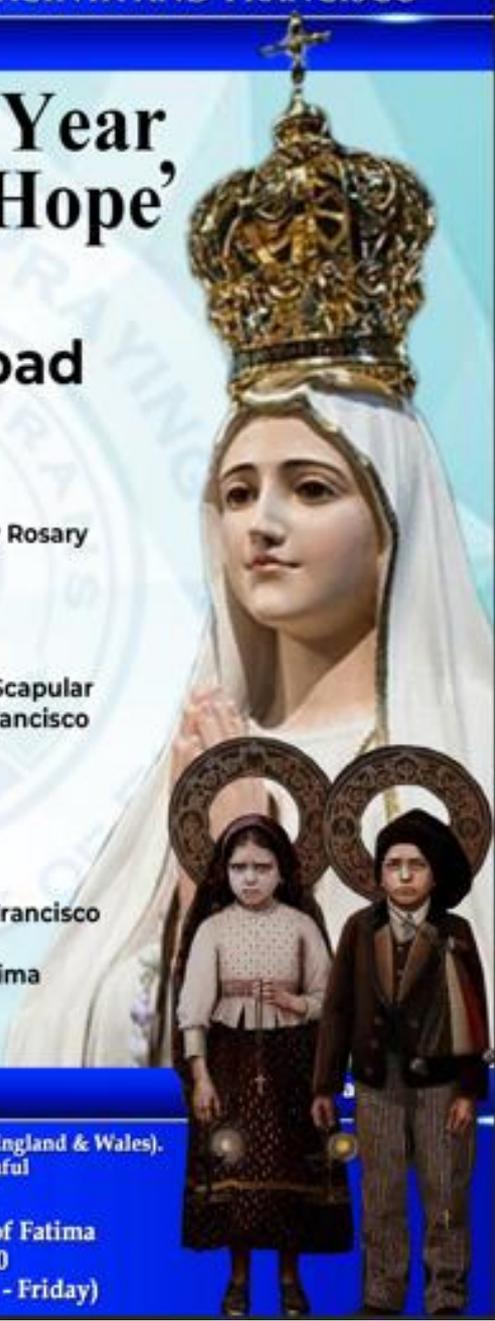
**VISITATION OF THE  
NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUES (NPVS) OF**  
*Our Lady of Fatima*  
**AND THE RELICS OF BLESSED JACINTA AND FRANCISCO**

 **The Jubilee Year  
'Pilgrims of Hope'**

**St. Aidan's Church  
Chipstead Valley Road  
Coulsdon CR5 3DD**

**Saturday, 5 April 2025 (1:00 pm to 6:00 pm)**  
**1:00 pm** - Reception of Our Lady of Fatima & Holy Rosary  
**1:45 pm** - Docu-film on Fatima  
**2:30 pm** - Talk on Fatima  
**2:35 pm** - Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
**4:00 pm** - Holy Hour & Confession  
**5:00 pm** - Enrolment & Investiture of the Brown Scapular  
**5:30 pm** - Veneration of the Relics Ss Jacinta & Francisco  
**6:00 pm** - Vigil Mass

**Sunday, 6 April 2025 (8:00 am to 12:00 noon)**  
**8:00 am** - Recitation of the Rosary  
**9:00 am** - Holy Mass  
**10:00 am** - Veneration of the Relics Ss Jacinta & Francisco  
**11:00 am** - Holy Mass  
**12:00 nn** - Procession of the Pilgrim Statue of Fatima  
& the Relics of Ss Jacinta & Francisco  
outside the Church



 Arranged by the World Apostolate of Fatima (England & Wales).  
A Public Association of the Faithful  
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Contact the World Apostolate of Fatima  
Mobile No. 07788473210  
(9:00am - 5:00pm only, Monday - Friday)

## SASA Message

We hope you had a good week, we can't believe it's the end of term already. After a busy few weeks of fundraising, we are delighted to confirm that thanks to your donations, contributions and giving up your time to volunteer, we have raised:

Disco - £1,070  
Golf Day - £100  
Books and Teddies - £67.50  
Costume Sale - £85  
Mother's Day Sale - £782.23  
**Total this term: £2104.73**

That brings the total raised for this school year so far to \*drum roll please\*

**£9,019.73!**

After the break we'll be able to share more about how your fundraising is going to make a difference to the school and we'll confirm the dates for the summer uniform sale.

### **Dates To Look Forward To**

#### **Sunday 22nd June - Taskforce Day**

We have few jobs lined up for Taskforce Day including some additional work on the pond area and painting the outside of the school. We would be grateful for your help. Email [info@staidanssa.co.uk](mailto:info@staidanssa.co.uk) to register your interest.

#### **Friday 22nd June - Summer Fair**

Our final biggest fundraiser of the year will take place on Friday evening, 27<sup>th</sup> June. More details to follow after the break, so watch out for:

Details of the fun activities you can enjoy at the fair  
Volunteer lists for our stalls  
Dates for tombola donations

We are grateful for any prizes you can donate for the summer fair raffle too. Get in touch with [info@staidanssa.co.uk](mailto:info@staidanssa.co.uk) if you can contribute.

#### **Easy ways to keep supporting the school**

**2025 challenge:** We are asking each child to raise £20.25 by 19<sup>th</sup> May by doing chores, a sponsored walk, a bake sale, the opportunities are endless. See ClassList for more details.

**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.

Have a fantastic break and thank you for your continued support.

SASA



## 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.



  
**Excellent  
Learners**

St Mary: Ethan W  
St Francis: Shiloh M  
St Joseph: Avril L  
St Bernadette: Charlotte M-F  
St Theresa: Elsie M  
St Peter: Whole of Year 5  
St Paul: Dara H



St Mary: Aria B  
St Francis: Olivia C  
St Joseph: Chiara N  
St Bernadette: George T  
St Theresa: Jesse H  
St Peter: Charlie F  
St Paul: Lana N