



Headteacher's Message

A reminder that Reception and Year 1 are performing their Nativity to Reception parents and grandparents on 10th December and to Year 1 parents and grandparents on 11th December. We look forward to welcoming you then.

Have a lovely weekend,

God Bless,
Mrs Hughes

'Living and growing in Christ'



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 5th December 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:

Jude M (Rec) - for being respectful to his friends

Sophia S (Y4) - for always being a role model to the school

Jesse H (Y5) - being nice to her friends in football and always being a good sportsman

Eliana A (Y5) - for following the school rules

This week the Friendship Award goes to Chiara N (Y3)

Important dates for your diary...

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
12th January	Y4 start swimming lessons
15th January	Y6 Junior Citizenship trip to Croydon Fire Station
19th January	Y5 trip to Young Voices at the O2
11th February	Y2/Y3 play to Year 2 parents at 10am
12th February	Y2/Y3 play to Year 3 parents at 10am

Sancta Familia Academy Trust



Sancta Familia

On Monday the 1st December, St. Aidan's joined Sancta Familia Academy Trust.

Our Year 6 pupils along with their Reception reading partners invited Sancta Familia for a tea party. The children spoke about what they love about St. Aidan's.



24/11/20

Dear Mr Feely,

I am a young student called Langarize Kaloba and I am writing to you today to tell you how excited we are at St Aidan's to be joining the Sancta Familia Academy Trust!

At St Aidan's all the children have a great time as the staff are extremely kind and caring, the lessons are fun and our headmistress Mrs Hughes always make sure she does the things that make our school shine so bright. I love St Aidan's because of all the fun lessons we have and also the school trips. Every year, each class does one assembly and often we show our talents with a brilliant piece of music, a moving dance, an inspiring reading or acting that makes all the parents proud. These assembly assemblies are great as it gives all around the school confidence and self-belief.

Being an aspiring student-athlete myself, I love all the opportunities the school provides with football matches every 1-3 weeks, Gaelic football tournaments, rugby tournaments, netball and even basketball! The academic opportunities include maths, general knowledge and science, with our science team becoming national champions! In our school, we are known to show resilience and it pays off as we love all that we do at this school.

Year 6 letters to Sancta Familia

Dear Mr Feely,

27/11/2025

I am a proud pupil in Year Six at St Aidan's school. My name is Sofia, and I have thrived during six years at this school. We are excited to join the Sancta familia Academy Trust.

At St Aidan's, we are taught and encouraged that we can be many things: writers, mathematicians, scientists, historians, readers and more. To enhance our learning, we go on thrilling school trips to different places. Recently, we visited the Imperial College for a robotics workshop, supporting our coding lessons.

Our school is a safe place where both teachers and students help create a friendly, loving atmosphere. As a school, we perform acts of service such as visiting care homes and raising money for charity. Our faith is strong, and we act in God's love for the common good. The best thing about St Aidan's pupils is how everyone is kind, respectful and caring. All the services we do and our behaviour helps strengthen our faith. In all we do at St Aidan's, we display great qualities such as kindness and love. Last year, we learned about dignity, and how we can show dignity by doing simple things in our daily lives.

At our school, we really do Live and Grow in Christ every day at St Aidan's! We are all very excited to be part of the wonderful

Sancta Familia journey. We believe that by joining this academy trust, it will change and improve.

In my opinion, St Aidan's could be even better if we bought some new ipads; currently we have to use the ipads in pairs, seeing as there are not enough for one each.

Thank you for reading this letter and considering my requests. I hope you enjoy looking around our school. Once again, we are very excited to be part of the Sancta Familia Academy trust.

Yours sincerely,
Sofia

Dear Mr Feely,

I am a pupil of year 6 and my name is Josiah of St Aidan's school. I would like to introduce you to our bright, beautiful school.

I love St Aidan's because there is a lot of fun lessons and activities to do. My favourite subject is Maths because I really enjoy solving problems and having to think, it's good practice to keep your brain healthy.

At St Aidan's school we believe that we can be and do anything. We have had lots of educational trips like going to Imperial College to study about robotics and technology. We have also went to the London Science Museum to study about fossils.

I'm proud of our sporting activities, we do lots of fun sports at St Aidan's (Hockey, Netball, Football etc). The best thing about St Aidan's pupil is their respectfulness and kindness, we follow our school motto living and growing in Christ.

We have learnt about catholic social teaching and we show dignity by going to care homes, raising money for charity and doing good to help the

in need of money. We do this because God said "put others first before you". This shows that even a little thing can make someone's day.

Last year in catholic teaching we learnt about the common good and we went to Amberley Lodge Carehome to give to give the cookies and sing songs for them. We also got a visit from Age Concern UK were we did fun activities and a Q&A at the end.

We live and grow in Christ at St Aidan's. We are proud to be part of the Sancta Familia family. Our school would be greater if we had better technology.

From Josiah
Class 6 pupil

Catholic Social Teaching

Year 2 have been learning about Option for the Poor. The children in Year 2 decided they wanted to help families who cannot afford to give presents at Christmas. The children created their own Santa's workshops by donating toys, preparing gift bundles and wrapping them for children this Christmas.



Catholic Social Teaching



“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart” Colossians 3:23

Year 3 have been learning about the dignity of work and participation. To celebrate all the hard work done by the people of Coulsdon, the children decided to decorate and deliver biscuits to businesses in the community.





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: Cass R

St Francis: Athran K

St Joseph: Riley H

St Bernadette: Jacob I

St Theresa: All of Year 4

St Peter: Jacob D

St Paul: Langazyze K

St Mary: Hugo M

St Francis: Freya R

St Joseph: Charlie P

St Bernadette: Teddy G

St Theresa: Bailey E

St Peter: Louie L

St Paul: Viola B

