



### **Headteacher's Message**

It has been a very sporty first week back after half term, with a Gaelic football tournament, a football match and a cross country event.

The children have all had their school photographs this week, they came into school all looking very smart.

Thank you to those parents who submitted feedback or questions via their class reps. It was lovely to meet with the reps this afternoon.

God Bless,

Mrs Hughes

**'Living and growing in Christ'**



# **St Aidan's Catholic Primary School Newsletter**

## **Friday 7th November 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.

Albert P (Y1) - for being kind and respectful

Robyn-Grace S (Y1) - for being resilient

Isabella W (Y4) - for always having a positive personality

Danell R (Y6) - for including others in his games in the playground

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

12th November	Parents Evening 1
14th November	SASA Fireworks Night—gates open at 6pm and close at 7.15pm
14th November	No clubs on this day due to SASA Fireworks Night
20th November	Pantomime visit to the school
20th November	Parents Evening 2
21st November	Y6 Class Assembly at 9.15am
26th November	Y6 school trip to Imperial College
3rd December	School open morning at 9.30am
4th December	2.30pm Rock Steady Concert to parents
5th December	<b>MUFTI DAY</b> - bring chocolate for the Christmas fair
10th December	Nativity to Reception class parents at 10m
11th December	Nativity to Year 1 class parents at 10am
12th December	<b>MUFTI DAY</b> - bring bottles for the Christmas fair
12th December	Christmas Fayre 4.30pm - 7.30pm
15th December	School Carol Service at 6pm

## Y5 and Y6 Gaelic Football Competition

On Wednesday, our Y5 and Y6 Gaelic football teams travelled to Mitcham Rugby Club to compete in a Gaelic Football tournament against other schools. All the children played really well together as a team and all tried their best. Both teams successfully made it through to the finals with the Y6 team narrowly missing out on a win and coming 2nd overall and our Y5 team won their tournament! Well done boys and girls—we're incredibly proud of you all. Thank you to Mr Topson and Mrs Vickery. A special thank you to Mr Doohan for helping with the coaching and to all the parents who helped to get the children there.



## Football Match v Fairchild's

On Thursday, the boys football team travelled to Croydon to play against Fairchild's school. It was a good game and they won 5-1. A special mention to James who got a hattrick! The boys made us very proud as normal and a huge thank you to Mr Topson, Mr Vickery and Coach Olly for their excellent coaching.

**Report by Harry G (Y6)**



## Welcome to Maria Adele in Year 3

We wish to welcome Maria Adele who joined our St. Aidan's family this week.

## Catholic Schools Cross Country Race

Well done to the children who participated in the Catholic Schools Cross Country race at John Fisher playing grounds this morning. It was a long race, in tough conditions but the children were brilliant - they showed determination, resilience, and cheered each other on from the side lines with some superb individual performances. The team did brilliantly - they came 3rd overall and came 1st for the Small Schools, bringing home the smalls schools shield for another year.

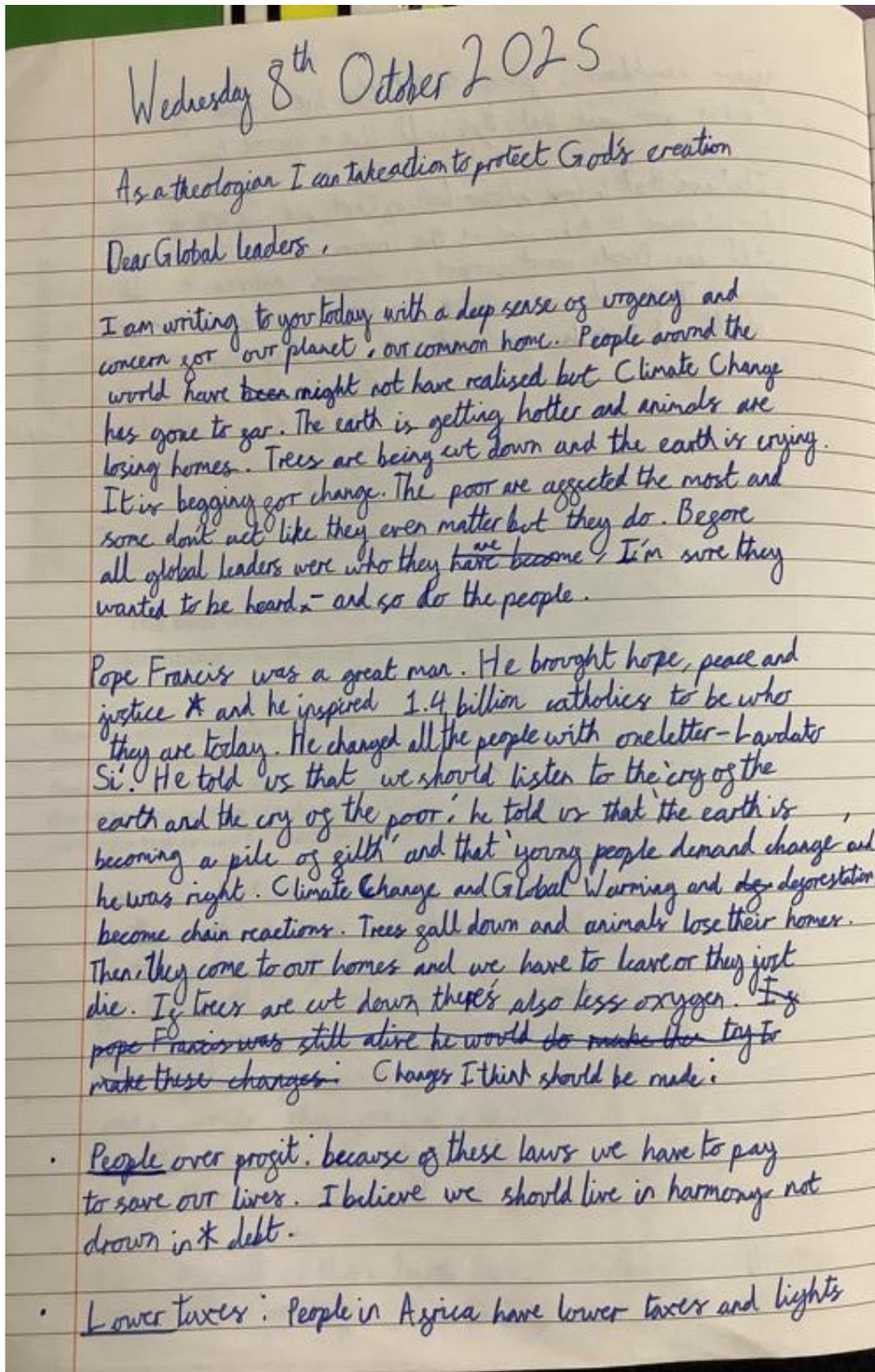
Thank you to Mr Topson and Mrs Vickery and all the parents that got the children there and stayed to support in the rain!



## Year 6's Letters to World Leaders

As part of our work on Catholic Social Teaching, Year 6 have been learning about Stewardship.

They have written letters to World Leaders, inspired by Pope Francis' Laudato Si.



## Year 6's Letters to World Leaders Continued

Wednesday 8th October

As a theologian, I can take action to protect God's creation.

Dear Global Leaders,

I am writing to you because our planet is in danger. It is our home, place of living and we can't let it die out due to climate change. We need to fix this problem as soon as we can.

The earth is getting warmer due to cutting down trees and burning fossils. This is bad as it causes heatwaves and other extreme weather. This also causes suffering for the poor and also reflects on children's futures. It is not fair that the poor did nothing and still have to suffer like this. It is also other things like carelessness where people litter not knowing that they can kill animals. The earth and the poor are suffering, please make a change to this.

In catholic social teaching, one of the values is the option for the poor but these days we are not showing any dignity to the poor.

as we are not looking out for each other or maybe not loving one another, this affects a lot by them feeling more and more depressed over these days. We need to be stewards of the earth and protect and look out for one another as that is the point of catholic social teaching.

We cannot worn out this beautiful environment as it is full of amazing lands and sea animals. A beauty of forests with palm rivers and fresh lovely air. But due to climate change oceans and rivers are getting polluted and sometimes air is dirty. But God is an able God and he can strengthen us and make us do good things for this world, so all we need is hope peace and love.

I therefore ask you to take the following actions.

- Be selfless that doesn't choose money over our planet but stays humble and following to the Lord.
- Promote global recycling so that we get less pollution and people think more about the earth than themselves.

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Dear Global Leaders,

I am writing to you with a sincere sense of urgency for our wonderful planet, our common home. We need to take decisive action to address the environmental crisis, so that we can all live in a non-polluted world.

For a matter of years, we have treated the earth like a bundle of gifts and dirt, forgetting our roles of stewards. We have taken more than our fair share and used it for the negatives, also while polluting the planet and using too many fossil fuels which is causing climate change.

The result of this attitude is that the poor and vulnerable are being affected more than anyone by climate change. These two crises are inseparable, with some people taking more of the advantage than others. We won't be able to put a stop to climate change and look after our world, without addressing the other.

Pope Francis claims that in the spirit of Catholic social teaching, we are reminded that we must take care of the earth and everyone living in it. That is an essential virtue for living life perfectly.

I therefore demand you to take these actions:

- Don't encourage pollution and any other aggravation to our earth.

- Reject the attitude of others
- Look after the poor as they are as important as anyone else
- Abduct any disapproving and wrong behaviour towards our planet.

The challenge is immense, but the opportunity for making a fresh new start is even greater! By choosing the correct actions you can make a difference!

Yours Sincerely,

A concerned citizen



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

### SASA AGM - 7th November

Thanks to everyone who attended the SASA AGM this afternoon, minutes will be circulated next week.

### Fundraising Update

Our big project this year is to **replace school iPads** with newer models that can support the latest programmes children are using as part of their learning. We have raised £114 from the uniform sale and huge thanks to the Golf Dads who raised £200 just before half term.

We are grateful for your regular donations through the school lottery, [easyfundraising.com](http://easyfundraising.com) and your direct debits. If you haven't signed up yet, see below.



### Fireworks - 14th November

The last few remaining tickets are available for one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. Get yours on ClassList now. A handful of volunteer slots are still available too. We are grateful for any half hour you can spare. Look forward to seeing you all next Friday for a fantastic evening!

### Christmas Fair - 12th December

Prep is well underway for our annual Christmas Fair. Raffle tickets will be sent home next week and will be on sale at the Fireworks Night event. If you have a raffle prize to donate contact [info@staidanssa.co.uk](mailto:info@staidanssa.co.uk), we would love to hear from you.

Thanks to Jen Blackburne who is putting together hampers for sale at the Christmas Fair. These hampers make ideal Christmas gifts and are a great fundraiser for the school. If you have any items to donate for the 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 them off at the main office or breakfast/after school hut by **30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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



**St Aidan's RC Primary School**

**FIREWORKS  
DISPLAY**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

St Aidan's RC Primary School, Portnalls Road, Coulsdon, CR5 3DE

**Gates open at 6pm and close at 7.15pm**  
**Firework display at 7.30pm**

**Adults £7.00 Children £5.00 Children under 2 FREE**

Tickets available online from Classlist

BBQ - DJ - Licensed Bar - Glow Toys - Hot  
Drinks - Sweet Treats - Family Fun and more!



**St Aidan's School Association**



## 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: Lucas H

St Francis: Phoebe J

St Joseph: Eli F

St Bernadette: Olivia H

St Theresa: Amelia M

St Peter: Lorelei B

St Paul: Ethan D

St Mary: Jude M

St Francis: Aife O

St Joseph: Laura V

St Bernadette: Maria Adele C

St Theresa: Isabella W

St Peter: Anastazia W

St Paul: Mia D

