

Catholic Social Teaching

Autumn 2

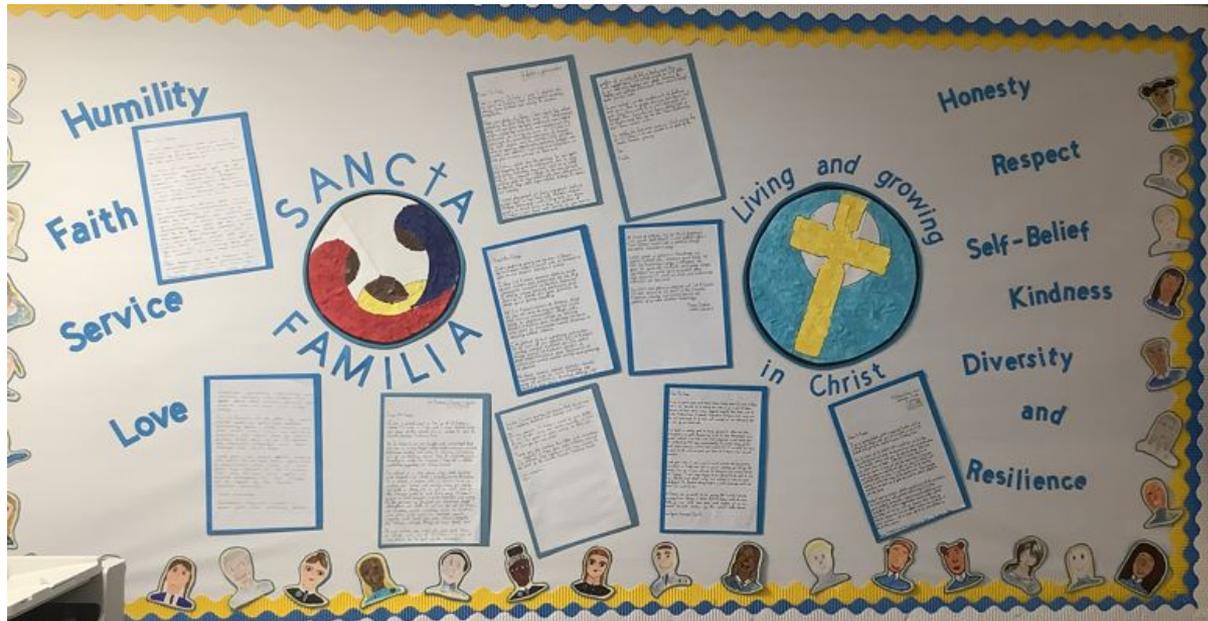


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Sancta Familia

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.



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Dear Mr Feely,

I am a young student called Laryuze Kaluba 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, or 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.

Being Christians at this school we learn a lot about catholic

St Aidan's primary school
27/11/25

Dear Mr Feely,

I am a proud St Aidan's year 6 student and my name is Michelle. I have participated in many events from football and running to academic competitions.

There are plenty of things I love about this school including the fact that we have self-belief meaning that we can grow up being mathematicians, english writers, historians, scientists and whatever we are dedicated to. During my years at St Aidan's, I have got the marvellous experience of learning the loob, uilleann and the recorder. Also, we have lots of sporting opportunities including football, cross country and athletics. Quiz club is a competition we take part in every year and we thrive in it.

St Aidan's school has the privilege to use laptops and computers to work on coding and how to stay safe online. Yesterday, my class went on a school trip to the Imperial College to do some fun and exciting work on lego robotics. We have also gone on historical trips and topic-related outings to enhance our learning.

On our playground, we have equipment, fields, a muga and a trim-trail with obstacles such as climbing frames and walls. These give our busy minds a break twice a day. The children at St Aidan's are kind and loving; if you have a



As part of their Catholic Social teaching learning all about stewardship and caring for our common home, Year 6 decided they wanted to raise money for charity. They held a pre-loved sale for the rest of the school showing us how important it is to reuse rather than throw away.

Children, you have shown what excellent role models you are.



Year 6 children raised £390 for CAFOD, by selling unwanted toys, books and teddies.



Stewardship

Wednesday 8th October 2023

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

Dear Global leaders,

I am writing to you today with a deep sense of urgency and concern for our planet, our common home. People around the world have been might not have realised but Climate Change has gone too far. The earth is getting hotter and animals are losing homes. Trees are being cut down and the earth is crying. It is begging for change. The poor are affected the most and some don't act like they even matter but they do. Before all global leaders were who they have become. I'm sure they wanted to be heard - and so do the people.

Pope Francis was a great man. He brought hope, peace and justice * and he inspired 1.4 billion Catholics to be who they are today. He changed all the people with one letter - Laudato Si. He told us that we should listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. He told us that the earth is becoming a pile of gifts and that young people demand change and he was right. Climate Change and Global Warming and deforestation become chain reactions. Trees fall down and animals lose their homes. Then they come to our homes and we have to leave or they just die. If trees are cut down there is also less oxygen. If Pope Francis was still alive he would do much more to make these changes. Changes I think should be made:

- People over profit: because of these laws we have to pay to save our lives. I believe we should live in harmony not drown in debt.
- Lower taxes: People in Africa have lower taxes and lights

Year 6

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 maines 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.

Year 6 learnt about Stewardship. Inspired by Laudato Si, the children wrote letters to Global Leaders.

Stewardship

Wednesday, 8th October 2025

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

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 handle of filth and dirt, forgetting our role as stewards. We have taken more than our fair share and used it for the reckless, 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 properly.

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 ever greater! By choosing the correct actions you can make a difference.

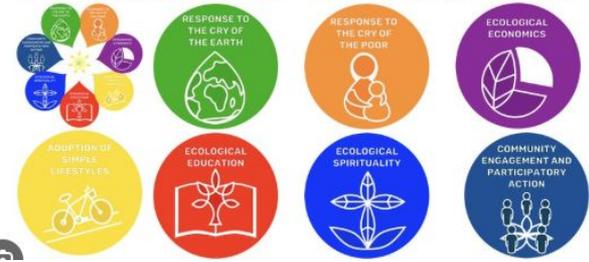
Yours Sincerely,

A concerned citizen

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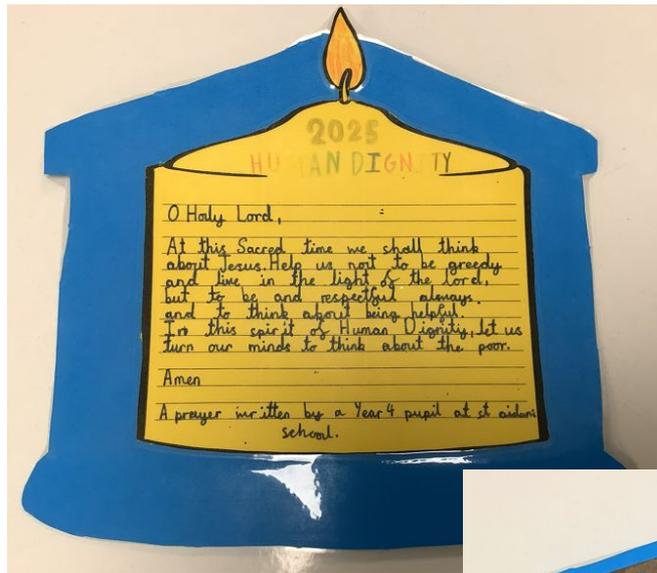
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Stewardship

Year 4 have been learning about Human Dignity. The children are visiting a local care home to talk to residents and perform a concert. They have made Christmas tree decorations with their own human dignity prayers on the back to give out. The children are also attending the St. Aidan's parishioners lunch.

Dignity



Dignity

On Friday the 5th of December, Year 4 travelled to St Aidan's Parish hall to entertain the Parishners who attended the lunch. Year 4 acted the annunciation and sang a few songs from Joseph and the Technicoloured Coat. Subsequently, we gave the people a prayer and a crib scene that we made independently. Thereafter, Mrs O'Callaghan, (the organiser of the whole thing!) gave us a sweet drink and a delicious biscuit. We couldn't have carried out this performance without Mrs Luke, Mrs Melvise, Mrs Bradley and last but not least, Mrs O'Callaghan!



PIC • COLLAGE

Year 6 Class Assembly

Year 6, what a truly inspiring and thought-provoking assembly you have delivered. It was clear how much effort, creativity, and dedication went into every part - from the dancing and role-plays to the wonderful singing and talented musicians.

You tackled the incredibly important theme of stewardship and caring for our environment with maturity and clarity. You not only explained the challenges facing our planet but, more importantly, you showed us that every single one of us has a role to play. Your message about being responsible caretakers of the world around us resonated strongly.

It takes great courage to stand up in front of the whole school and share such an important message, and you did so with confidence and enthusiasm. We are all incredibly proud of your hard work.

A huge well done to every single one of you in Year 6, and thank you to your teachers for guiding you so brilliantly. You have given us all something important to think about today.

Thank you, Year 6.

CAFOD

Our Year 6 pupils raised £390 for CAFOD from their nearly new and re-use sale.



Catholic Social Teaching Week 24.11.25



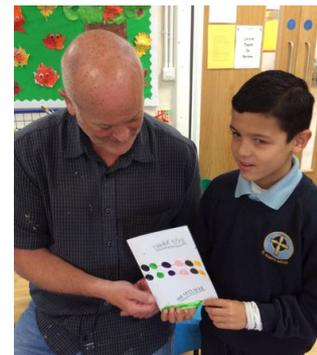
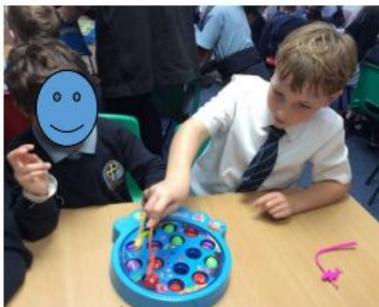
Reception children learnt about the parable of the lost sheep. They made puppets and retold the story. Children donated food items and Mrs Conroy took them to the Little Free Cupboard in Carshalton.

Reception

The Common Good

Year 5

Our Year 5 pupils were learning about making a commitment in RE. The children decided to show solidarity and commit to helping the Year 1 class learn all about turn taking. They visited their wellbeing buddy and modelled turn taking whilst playing different games.



To Mrs Hughes,

Thank you for being the best headteacher ever. You do so much for St Aidan's and all the children. We are so lucky to have a headteacher as good as you. I am so glad I had you as my year 1 teacher. The laughing was my personal favourite.

Love from,
Olivia Yr 5

Year 5 decided to show Solidarity as a St. Aidan's family. They wanted to thank the staff and each staff member received a card from a Year 5 pupil.

Solidarity



Big Question: Is the world fair? Explain why. Use examples

No the world is not fair because I have a strong home and some peoples houses are not strong enough because they can't afford it so they have to build it and when a storm comes there house is distrod which is extremely sad. And some people don't have good or water so every single time I go to church even if it is out of my own money we donate 1 or 2 pounds to the poor. Some people don't have homes and have to beg for money which is not fair because they have to save while we can have food when we want. ~~Some~~ every one wants something especially children and some people don't have that some people don't even have clouds so when god see a charity shop donate something.

“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, they decided to decorate and deliver biscuits to businesses in the community.

	Year Group:	Year 3
	Catholic Social Teaching Principle:	the dignity of work and Participation
	Scripture:	colossians
	Charity:	We sold cookies and on 2nd December we will give them
	Activity:	wwf is what i want to do.
	Big Question:	How are our actions affecting the earth?

The dignity of work and participation

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.

How can you help the poor?

Sentence Stems

- I can help the poor by...
- One small thing I can do is...
- I can share...
- I can look after people who...
- Jesus teaches me to...

How can I help them?

- Share toys
- Donate food to the food bank
- Donate to the less fortunate
- Help a neighbour
- Join charity days
- Pray for people who need help

I can share toys that I don't need or do not want any more. I can help people in need because they do not have much or is struggling to pay bills. We can buy plays every lunch & after school to try to help because they need us to help them. You can take food to the food bank.



Santa Stork 2025

Where we come together to spread some Christmas magic to children across Surrey and Croydon

Year 1



Year 1 have been learning about peace. They learnt that a dove is the symbol of peace and made their own peace wreaths for advent.



peace

Year 4

Yesterday Year 4 braved the wind and the rain to visit Amberley Lodge Care Home to deliver their handmade Christmas cards and Christmas tree cookies.

The children spread the joy of Christmas as they sang carols and danced beautifully to the residents—some of whom suffer from dementia. How proud of the Year 4 children we were. They really show a deep understanding of the Catholic Social Teaching value of 'Human Dignity'.

Well done Year 4.

