

# St Aidan's Catholic Primary Academy

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**Monthly Newsletter December 2024**

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*'Together we enjoy Learning, Achieving, Sharing and Praying. Let Jesus Love shine through in everything we do.'*

Dear Parents/Carers,

The fourth Week of Advent is the week of Love. Jesus came because God loves us so much! Love is what shines through our school community and during this season of Advent as we prepare for Christmas we have shared love together in many ways as our St Aidan's family.



*'Love is the gift from God'*

## **Christmas Bazaar:**

A wonderful community event, thank you to all who attended and supported the bazaar. It was lovely to have the school community together for a festive event. A HUGE thank you to all the staff who together worked tirelessly to create and run the stalls with the children. A special thank you to Miss Chambers & Mrs Elsey who created a beautiful Santa's grotto and wooden sleigh and of course thank you to Santa for coming all the way to visit St Aidan's again this year to see the children.

We raised a grand total of **£1,162** This will go towards the continued development of the play areas.

## **EYFS & KS1 Nativity:**

Well done to the younger members of our school who created beautiful ways of sharing the most important story with us. I am very proud of how confident the children were with their speaking and singing which is not easy in front of an audience. The children shared with us the true meaning of Christmas and the gift that God gave us is the most important gift.

## **KS2 Christmas story:**

It was wonderful to see so many parents join us for the KS2 Christmas story performance. The children were amazing with beautiful singing and thoroughly enjoyed themselves too especially with the African Noel and O come all ye faithful! Well done KS2.

## **Christmas dinner & Jumper day:**

We had a wonderful festive time on Thursday for our Christmas meal together pulling crackers and dancing to Christmas music. We had a special visit from the Elf and the Gingerbread man this year who kept us entertained. Quote - *'Miss this is the best day ever!'*

## **Goodbyes:**

We sadly say goodbye this term to Mrs West who has given service to St Aidan's for 25 years. We wish her all the best for the future and always keep her in our prayers as a member of our St Aidan's family.

## **St Aidan's staff:**

May I take this opportunity to thank every staff member that is part of our St Aidan's family who work so hard each day to ensure the children have the best experiences and opportunities. Thank you to them all for their commitment, care and passion that drives the standards here at St Aidan's.

## **Journalists:**

Please enjoy the children's articles this month –

Nursery, Favour (5G), Teniyra, Zoe, Cora, Duran, Chidera, Patrissia (4/5D), Botond, Janujan, Alisha, Samuel & Melissa (6Dw).

I wish you all a truly blessed Christmas with your families, thank you for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of January 2025 for the start of the new term.

Kind regards, *Mrs. Campling*

**Please ensure all your contact details are up to date with the school office and inform them of any changes. Please ensure you have provided emergency contact details for your child. Thank you.**

## Diary dates

**6/1/25** – Parent/teacher consultation day – pre-booked appointments

**7/1/25** – Pupils return to school 8:45am

**9/1/25** – Swim lessons start for Yr5

**8/1/25** – Epiphany Mass at 9:30am with Fr Marius parents welcome

**10/1/25**- Parent coffee morning at 9am

**16/1/25** – Healthy lifestyle workshop for parents at 9am in the main hall  
Yr 1 phonics parent workshop at 3:30pm

**17/1/25** – Road safety workshop Yr6

**23/1/25**– Yr 6 Parents SATs meeting at 3:45pm

**30/1/25** – Opal parent play session 12-1 book a space  
Reception phonics parent workshop 3:30pm



## Music lesson vacancies

There are currently places available for Rock Steady music lessons Yrs 1,2,3,& 4

Enquire at the school office for more details.

## After school sports clubs

From January the following clubs will be available after school 3:30-4:30pm by Sporting for schools:

**Tuesday – Gymnastics Yrs 1-6**

**Wednesday – Football Yrs 1-3**

**Thursday – Dodgeball Yrs 2-6**

**Friday – Football Yrs 4-6**

Registration for a place and payment is available via this link, please book directly with sporting for schools.

<https://sporting4schools.classforkids.io>

## Parent/teacher consultation day

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Pre-booked appointments via parentmail.

Please arrive at the main school office to sign in for your 10-minute appointment.

Please bring your child with you to the appointment so the teacher can share their achievements and targets.



Join us for coffee morning  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 9am**

**Pre-loved uniform will be available**

## Wraparound care provision



Breakfast and after school care will be available from January for Nursery to Yr6.

Please book via this link and register your details for your child's place.

<https://www.shineclubs.com/staidans>

## Primary school applications

If your child turns 4 years old before the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 then you apply for a school place online with the Local authority.

<https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/primary-school-admissions/>

**Deadline is – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**If you are selecting St Aidan's then please also collect an application pack from the main school office asap.**

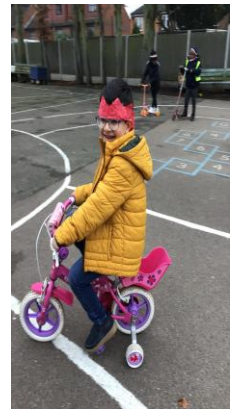
**If you have any questions about admissions then please see the school office staff.**



# St Aidan's News!



**Christmas fun!**







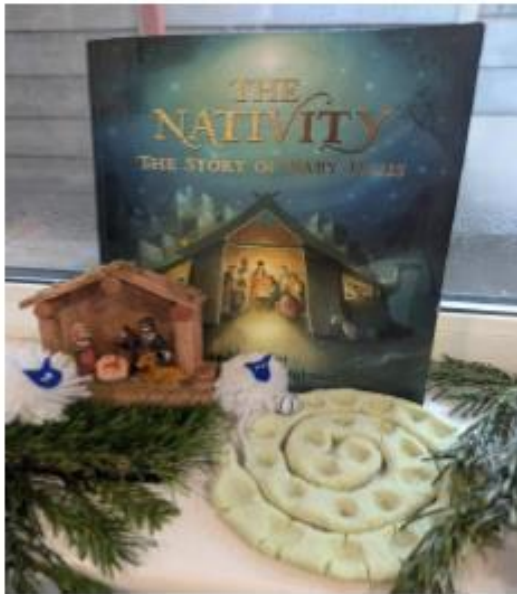
This month Nursery have been learning about Advent and the greatest story ever told!

We learnt how the angel Gabriel came to Mary, we discussed how Mary put her trust in God.

We learnt that Mary and Joseph had to make a very long journey and Mary rode on a donkey. We explored how to make a shelter for the donkey and other animals that could have been at the birth of Jesus.



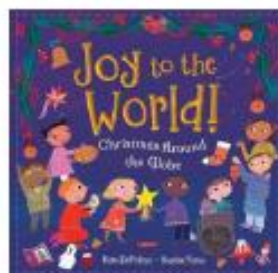




We found out about the shepherds and how they came to visit Jesus, we made pom pom sheep to add to our Nativity scene.

We measured the ingredients together to make salt dough and made an Advent spiral. As each day passes we move the marble one hole closer to the centre, to show that we are moving closer to Christmas.

We read lots of stories, some about Jesus' birth, some about the animals in the stable and some about what advent is. We learnt about how people all over the world celebrate Christmas.

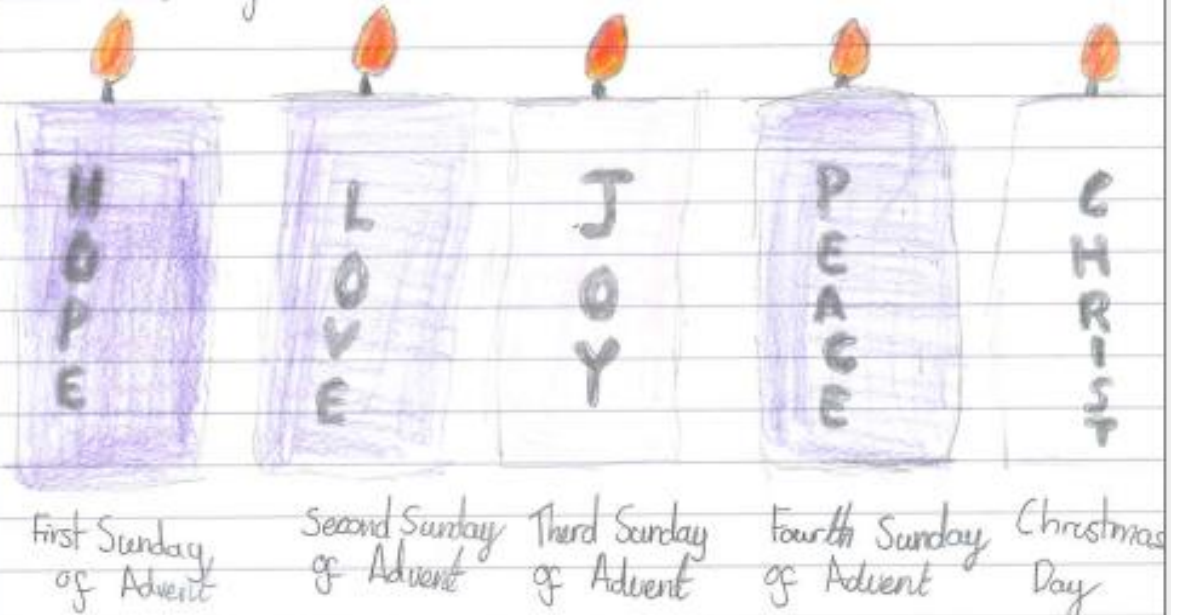


## Advent

Advent is a special time of the year where we prepare for the coming of Christ our lord. It is also the time where we start to make promises and improve our behaviour and actions.

The five candles each have a meaning. The first candle represents Hope it is the first candle to be lit. The second candle is Love where we repent and are sorry we also try to love more. Third Sunday of Advent also known as Gaudete Sunday which means we are halfway through Advent it also represents Joy. Fourth Sunday is the last Sunday before Christmas it is Peace. Christmas candle is lit on Christmas day it is white.

Advent means arrival and comes from the Latin word *adventus*. It also means something is coming to existence. Advent is the season just before Christmas in the Christian calendar.



By Favour A 5G



ks2 Christmas Concert

happy XMAS

Teniyra 4/5D

At first we sung hosanna Rock and after a while we singed our class's song and a few other class's did as well after there was even more Role Play which was intrsting and sung a few more songs and finshed with a song called sing nowel. I learned about how mary and Jospha did not give up even they got REJECIT they did not give up. even did not have a place but baby



Merry Christmas

Baby JESUS



Merry Christmas



# The KS2 Christmas concert

Zoe 4/5D



A christmas concert is about jesus's birth. There was a play about it. There were so many songs and actions. My legs were hurting because we had to stand and sit so many times.



The story was also about mary and joseph. They never give up. This teach us to never give up.



We sang lots of gospel songs and mary and joseph was doing most of the actions.



I really loved silent night because it is really calm and it is a nice music. Also choir had to sing so almost all of them. Our first song was hosanna rock.



Our second song was our song. the name of our song is. how can this be?



how can this be?



why have you chosen me?



how can this be...



Cora 4/5D

# Advent

Advent is a very special, it is a time of waiting we can celebrate it by decorating, being with your family and by praying. Advent is very important for everyone, we need to wait for Jesus to arrive and come. Advent is really fun because you get to be with your family more and you get to be with Jesus more.

We have Advent candles, we light one each Sunday. There are 4 weeks in advent but there are 5 candles of advent because one is lit on Christmas day. The candles symbolize hope, love, joy, peace and Christ.



Advent starts on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December and ends on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December (Christmas day). You can pray to God and Jesus and when Jesus will arrive. Jesus is coming soon to be with us, we may not see him but he is there with us.



Advent is my favourite season because I get to spend more time with my family that I love and care for so much and I wouldn't have them if it was not for Jesus. Get ready for Advent.

Love and care for them as if



Advent is a time that takes place from December to December 25<sup>th</sup>. Advent has four weeks. The first candle for the first week of Advent is a purple candle that represents Hope. Advent is also the time of preparation for the coming of Jesus, the Savior being born. The second candle for the second week of Advent is Love.



The Third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete in Domino Semper means Rejoice in the Lord always. You should always rejoice in the Lord. Jesus is coming mightily so Advent is a time to prepare for that.





Chidera  
4/5D



# The KS2 Christmas concert



Today we had a Christmas concert. The year 6 was acting the story of Jesus birth at Christmas. I know the parents enjoy it.



We showed the parents singing and acting it was so fun to share with everyone to hear one of the most important story.

Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem as Gabriel the Angel told them to, but when they got there there was no more room for the Jesus to be born. They find a stable and went there. There were a lot of animals there. Then it came to the time for Jesus to be born.



We singed more and it was so fun to do this very important story. My favourite song was sing Noel and oh come all faithful. I would love to do another Christmas concert.



Patrissia 4/5D

# KS2 Christmas performance

I learnt the story of baby Jesus being born for us. I also learned that Joseph and Mary had to find a place for the night, but they couldn't. They still never gave up which teaches me I should never give up.

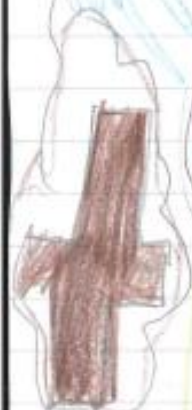
In our performance we should tell the story of Jesus being born, as well as singing in front of all parents.

## BELIVE Angel

I also learned how the three wise men had come to give Jesus the precious gifts of myrrh, gold and frankincense.

Three wise men had also come to give the gifts!

Baby Jesus





# Advent

In Advent as a school community, we all do good things everyday to celebrate the wonderful season of Advent!



# Advent

We all go to the hall and when the day comes, we light a candle.

Advent is a season that helps us prepare for Christmas. At Christmas day, we light the white candle, it represents Christ, the others being... Hope, love, joy and peace



By Botond  
6Dw



ADVENT

Advent is a time of preparation, we are preparing for Christmas and opening our hearts to Jesus



We have to prepare for the coming just like Mary and Joseph did during the birth, of our saviour, Jesus.



Let us pray

Dear Jesus,

During the season of Advent,  
Guide us towards the correct path of loving and forgiving.

Amen





# KS2 Concert



by: Alisha



So on the 18<sup>th</sup> of december was the day of the Key Stage 2 concert. Many Parents came too over A Hundred came. The narrators read All their parts whilst the others (the actors) played their roles.



All the hymns we sang too were hosanna rock, How can this be, Nobody wants to know, Emmanuel, little baby, something extra special, Glory to God, For unto us, we have travelled, The greatest treasure you are my brother, Silent Night, ding dong merrily on a high and fastly, hosanna rock



it was really fun each year group had their own song and we did sing noel and a come ye as an extra. So many parents and pupils really enjoyed it!!



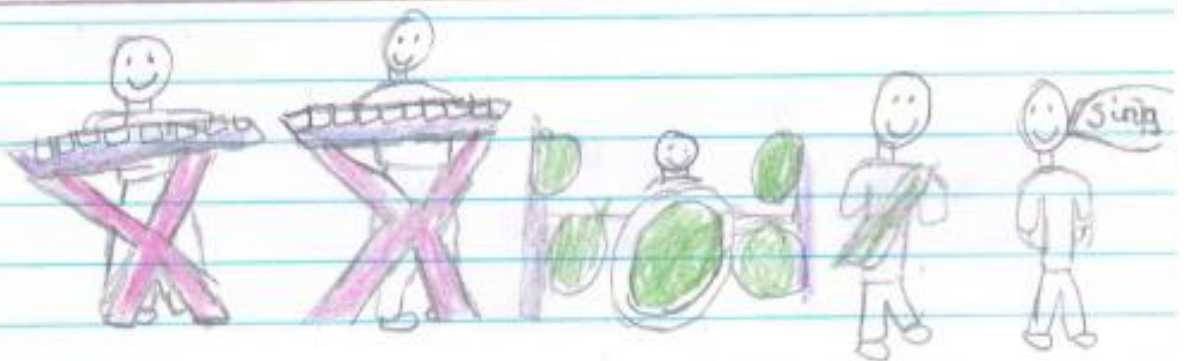
# Rock Steady Concert!

On the 5<sup>th</sup> December the Rock Steady Concert happened. They had been practising for ~~month~~ months and I was one of them who performed.

With the help of Mr Garth each band did ~~amazing~~ amazingly well. Parents were invited to come and watch.

Each band had there own song and my band had to do I can't stop this feeling by Justin Timberling, and the crowd went wild after we finished.

That day was a wonderful day and I would recommend that you register your child and let them join Rock Steady!





Melissa  
6Dw

# Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas bazaar was very fun. I had to sell jars that our class designed.



There was also candy floss there and it was very good.



At the bazaar there was a tombola where you could win different prizes.



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