

# St Aidan's Catholic Primary Academy

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**Monthly Newsletter March 2025**

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



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy term this season of Lent has given us the opportunity for a spiritual health check and reminds us to find time to pray. This week especially we have had two beautiful experiences sharing the important story of Jesus' journey through scripture and song. On Monday we shared the passion of Christ and participated in our Lent walk around the playground. Lent is a time of alms giving so thank you for the donations to the foodbank supporting those in need. Tuesday, we had the stations of the cross presented beautifully in art creations by each class. Parents and visitors from Palmer Academy came to view the artwork and pray together. It is strange that the Easter weekend is in the school holidays so we will celebrate the risen Christ when we return with Mass at St Cedd's church.

## **Staffing:**

We say goodbye to Mrs Garvan today who retires from St Aidan's after 23 years of service. We thank her for her commitment and love to many children over the years and wish her all the best for the future enjoying retirement.

Mrs Darcy will be returning after Easter in her new role as Deputy Headteacher, we look forward to strengthening the leadership team and welcoming her back.

## **Choir:**

The choir had the wonderful opportunity to visit the Royal Albert Hall this month to participate in the Redbridge music festival. Thank you to Miss Chambers who organised and prepared the choir with learning all the songs and they also enjoyed performing to the whole school 'shine like a star.'

## **Online Parent workshop:**

Please do see the information sent out about the fantastic opportunity for parents to learn about keeping your child safe online. 23<sup>rd</sup> April either book a place for 9:30-11am or 5pm-6:30pm, please book with the school office. I urge you to attend as it is very useful!

## **Journalists:**

Please enjoy the children's articles this month –  
Nursery, Rares (RS), Esther (RS), Nursery, Varsha, Zoe & Aimee (4/5D)

Have a truly blessed Easter break celebrating the risen Lord, thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you all in the Summer 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

22/4/25- School returns 8:45am  
23/4/25 – Easter Mass at St Cedd’s KS2  
5/5/25 – Bank holiday Monday school closed  
7/5/25 – Class 5G trip  
8/5/25 OPAL parent play 12-1pm please book  
12/5/25 – Yr 6 SATs week  
19/5/25 – Yr 6 residential trip parent meeting at 3:40pm  
21/5/25 – May month of Mary procession  
23/5/25 – Half term – school closes at 3:20pm  
2/6/25 – School returns at 8:45am

## PE days

Please note next term the PE days will be:

Tuesday – 6Dw & RS  
Wednesday – 3/4R & 3W  
Thursday – 1M & 2A  
Friday – 4/5D & 5G

Children are required to wear their PE kit on the allocated day.

## Summer school Uniform

From the 22<sup>nd</sup> April the children can wear the Summer school Uniform.

Please check the uniform requirements to ensure it follows policy:

<https://www.staidansacademy.org/school-information/uniform/>

### Please ensure all items are name labelled

Please ensure your child has a water bottle and sun hat to wear in the warmer weather.

St Aidan’s Cap or plain cap (No logos, motifs)

Pre-loved items are available from the school office.

## Water bottles

It is vital to drink water to stay hydrated and keep the brain active. Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school each day.



Plastic bottles ✓



Metal bottles X (not permitted)

Please ensure the bottle is name labelled



## Absence Communication

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school it is the parent’s responsibility to telephone the school before 9am to report the absence and reason.

### Do not send an email

If you are requesting Leave of absence then you must complete a request form at least 7 days in advance.

The attendance policy can be found on the school website for full details.

**DID YOU KNOW...  
ST AIDAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL  
OFFERS WRAPAROUND CARE?**

We know how busy life gets. That's why St Aidan's Catholic Primary Academy has partnered with Shine Clubs – experienced childcare experts – to provide wraparound before and after school childcare.

As an Ofsted-registered provider, Shine Clubs help make school days easier for your family with childcare tailored to your needs. The clubs offer a fun, safe, and welcoming environment led by experienced staff, where your child can make friends and feel at home while you enjoy the flexibility you need.

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# St Aidan's News!





Lent is for 40  
days. We think  
about Jesus' good Friday  
was when Jesus died.  
He rose on Easter Sunday

BY RARES RS



We made a path  
for the row of  
eggs.

It was very fun.  
We got to eat

it. As a treat.

By Esther RS



# Nursery newsletter

March 2025



We started off the month sharing pancakes with our families!  
It was great to see everyone come together to eat pancakes and have fun. We look forward to hosting more families at our Easter egg hunt on the 4th April!



In RE this month we have been learning about the Easter story. We role played washing our friends feet, just like Jesus did for his disciples.

We have been learning about how we can think of others just like Chikondi the giraffe.



Nursery had a great time celebrating world book day, we spent the day reading our favourite stories and singing songs.  
We made book marks to take home to use in our reading books.

Don't forget to bring in your library book every Tuesday!





7-16 March 2025



## BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK IN NURSERY!



Sprouting veg



"We need new water."  
- Naomi

We learnt that you can grow new vegetables from the parts we would usually throw away! We cut the ends and left them in water, within only one day we could see new shoots sprouting out of the vegetables. Children noticed that the leek smelt strong and even the water smelt the same! The water had to be changed every day and the children did this independently.

For this experiment we look turns dropping food colouring into oil then we poured the mixture onto the top of the water. We were excited to see the ink drop through the oil to create amazing patterns in the water! We learnt that water and oil do not mix, which is why the oil sat on top of the water. Once the ink had seeped through we poured the mixture into a recycled plastic bottle to keep and explore further.



"I think it will explode!"  
- Ronnie



Fireworks in a jar



Invisible ink



"I can see it!"  
- Tiana

We started this experiment by mixing baking soda with a little water. We used hands to make prints and paint brushes to create patters, they dried and the image disappeared! When they were dry we painted over them with water and turmeric powder, it made the original prints show through again.

"Like magic!" - Mueez





Travelling rainbow



"Look! it's coming!"  
- Kriyansh

Observation skills were tested with this experiment! We watched closely as the ink from the pens started to travel through the tissue, as the tissue soaked up more and more water. Everyone was so excited to see the rainbow meeting in the middle.

"I see it, the colours moving!" - Mark

A huge hail storm was the catalyst for this exploration. We collected the hail to have a closer look, then watched a video about different types of weather. We discussed what weather made us feel hot or cold. A short while after the storm the sun came out! Children noticed the blue sky and how the grey clouds had cleared.

"I need my sunglasses!" - Lohann



"Quick! Look it's ice!" - Praneet



Changeable weather



Deep sea yoga discovery



"I can be a crab!"  
- Tyrus

We learnt about different types of deep sea creatures then tried out holding yoga poses connected to fun facts about the creatures.

We reached our arms out wide and learnt how star fish can grow new limbs, bent over like a crab and learnt how they use their shells as protection then waddled and huddled like penguins do to keep warm!

PLAYING, EXPLORING, THINKING, LEARNING.

"the important thing is not to stop questioning;  
curiosity has its own reason for existing"  
- Albert Einstein



# Nursery

Varsha  
2/1

## Royal Albert Hall

It was the best experience I had it was so fun being there. Everyone enjoyed it. I sat next to my best friend she sang well. I think it was a nice chance for us to improve our singing. I also saw there were a musical band. They gave us lighting wrist band. We all sang very well. The first song we sang was Hello. It was the best trip I had. We had dancers who danced along the song. Everyone can sing.



Zoe  
4/5D

# Royal Albert Hall

The choir from my school went to the Royal Albert Hall. There were so many people there and lots of children. First, we looked for our seats. When we found our seats we saw glowing wrist bands. After we sat down we had our lunch. The first song was Hello. During the practise other schools noticed someone was controlling the wrist bands. After the practice we went to the top of the stairs to have our dinner. After we went to our seats. The parents started to come when we were singing. When we finished the parents started to leave. Some people took the wrist bands with them. Then we had the coach back to school.



and



Aimee 4/5D

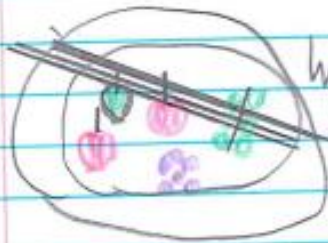
# Lent Newsletter

During Lent, we have been learning that Lent is the Season before Easter and we are preparing for Jesus' resurrection. There are 3 key words in Lent, Prayer, Almsgiving and Fasting. We have learnt that during Lent, we have to fast to have time to pray and repent. We can forgive our enemies and people who don't target us along with love for their lives. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. We had a beginning of Lent Service in the hall on Ash Wednesday. Lent lasted 40 days and leads up to Easter. Almsgiving also means charity so we can almsgive during Lent to people less fortunate and poor like Poppy Popocateca.

We can pray to God during Lent



We can almsgive to vulnerable people.



We can fast to have more time to pray.



We can read the bible to gain knowledge and wisdom.