

# St Aidan's Catholic Primary Academy

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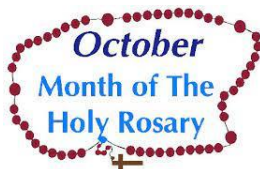
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**Monthly newsletter: September 2024**

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



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful start to the new academic year, it is always a joy to welcome all the children back after the Summer and to meet all our new starters. We welcome to the staff team this year Mrs Afridi class teacher for 2A.

### **New families:**

The children have all settled in so well to their new classes, routines and curriculum. We welcome all the new children and families to the St Aidan's family and look forward to the rest of the academic year together.

### **Coffee morning:**

Thank you to the parents who attended coffee morning this morning, it was lovely to see you there and for the wonderful donations of cakes. The money raised will go to Macmillan Cancer charity. Well done to our Year 6 pupil ambassadors who did an excellent job serving! We look forward to seeing you at our next parent coffee event soon.

### **OPAL:**

Our OPAL (Outdoor play and learning) project has had a fantastic start and it is a joy to see the children having such fun together exploring new aspects and areas of play. This enables children of all ages to play together, supporting their mental and physical health. Thank you for the donations, please keep them coming in as we can't continue to build the project without your support. Note our first Parent play session on 24<sup>th</sup> October, please book a place at the office if you want to come and play!

### **Parent volunteers:**

We are looking for parents/carers who would be interested in volunteering their time regularly to support in the following areas:

Gardening, reading support, Art & DT, resource preparation

If you are interested and have skills to offer then please contact the school office to register your interest. We would need to complete full DBS checks to add your name to the helper list.

### **Punctuality:**

This month there have been **72 late** arrivals which is significantly high. When the children are late for school it is very disruptive and unsettling for them and their class. Overtime this equates to a large amount of missed learning time. Please ensure your child arrives to school for 8:45am as the gates open each morning. The gates close at 8:55am and then the children still have to make their way to their classroom which results in a missed register mark. Please support your child in being organised and ready for school each day.

Please enjoy articles from the children: Daniyal, Cora & Patrissia (4/5D), Favour & Chizaram (5G).

Have a restful weekend, *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

**1/10/24** – Black History month & Month of Mary

**3/10/24** – Flu vaccinations  
Year 1 Parent phonics workshop at 3:30pm

**4/10/24** – CAFOD Harvest day

**10/10/24** – Young minds Mental Health day

**15/10/24** – Yr 4 Pedestrian training

**17/10/24** – Yr 1 Parent phonics drop in at 3:30pm

**24/10/24** – OPAL parent play session 12-1pm booked places only

**25/10/24** – End of Half term at 3:20pm

**4/11/24** – School returns at 8:45am

### CAFOD Harvest day

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October

We ask every child to bring in a tin or non-perishable item to donate to the Harvest collection for the food bank on Friday.

### Prospective parents open morning

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November**  
**9:30-11am**

If your child is turning 4years old by the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 and you are applying for a Reception place then please join our open morning.

Contact the school office to speak to admissions and book a tour:

**0208 590 5223** –

[admin@st-aidans.redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-aidans.redbridge.sch.uk)

### Nut free school

Please remember to **not send in chocolates** to school for birthdays. This may cause a significant allergic reaction for some pupils or staff. Small packet of Haribo type sweets are suitable if you wish.

### Black History month



The theme this year is Reclaiming Narratives. Sharing stories and celebrating heritage to ensure voices are heard. See the attached poster.

### Wrap around care provision

Thank you for completing the parent survey regarding the interest about Breakfast and after school child care provision.

We are pleased we have had sufficient interest and therefore proceeding to the next stage of the process.

More details to follow as soon as we have the registration.

### Young Minds Mental Health day



**Wear a Yellow item on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

Example:

- Ribbon, top, hat, badge, socks
- Please donate £1 on parentpay

### Secondary school applications

If your child is in Year 6 you will now be deciding on a secondary school for September 2025 – Yr 7. **You have to apply in the borough that you live not where the primary school is.**

If you require any help with online access or completing application forms then please contact Miss Rickwood in the school office who can offer support.

**Deadline for applications: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024**

### Year 7 open evenings

**Palmer Catholic Academy –**  
**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 4:30pm -7:30pm**



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# St Aidan's News!



**Our new  
Year 6  
pupil  
leaders  
2024/25**



**House Captains  
Aisha, Yusuf, Melissa & Alisha**

**Head Boy – Ethan     Deputy Head Boy - Joseph  
Head Girl – Zoha     Deputy Head Girl - Ishrat**



**Mental Health Ambassadors  
Dua & Ellie-Mae**



**Play leaders  
Samuel, Khaled, Kei'Arne, Eli,  
Ayaan, Maria, Chisom, Noemi**



**Woodland Monitors  
Botond & Shivom**



**Office Assistants  
Gideon & Paula**



**ICT Leads  
Mukesh & Janujan**



**GIFT Team  
Avin & Tomisin**



# Congratulations nursery!

Well done to all the new starters who have settled in so well, and to all the children returning!

We have all had a wonderful start to the term with our new nursery family.



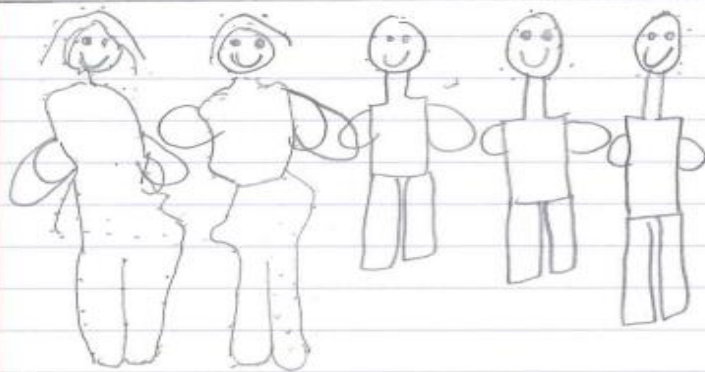
# SINGING

Daniyal  
4/5D

In singing I have learnt some awesome beats and a really amazing song. Lemon on lime keep it tight make it neat feel the beat not too fast not too slow keep it steady go go go.

In singing I have enjoyed the warm up because we do a little song and we make Z noises and move our fingers along with the noise we make.

We have a really nice singing teacher she is very talented in singing and she is very funny and kind.



Daniyal 4/5D

# Mass

Cora 4/5D

I love the mass because it helps me to learn more about God and Jesus. My favourite part of mass is being able to socialise and learn about our father. I enjoy doing mass because I get blessed from our christ and I can make others smile and be happy the next time. I am inspired by people encouraging and helping others. Mass is a sign of respect to God and Jesus.

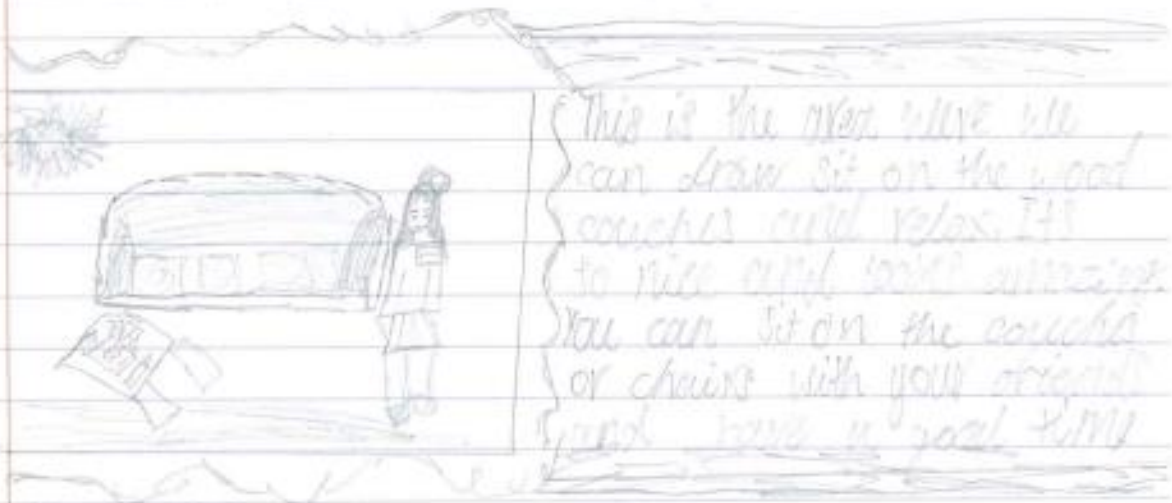


Cora 4/5D



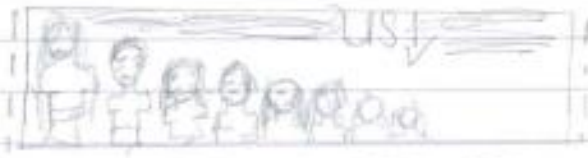
# OPAL

I enjoyed how all of the year's came together to play and how we could play with anyone we want. The music is so cool and all the accessories for the tables for us to enjoy and have fun with. I loved how we could draw or colour and the wood couches and chairs.



This is the next place we can draw sit on the wood couches and relax. It's so nice and so cool. You can sit on the couch or chairs with your original friend have a good time.

O.P.A.L



The music is the best we have to it sing and have the best time!

O.P.A.L



O.P.A.L

This is our bubble machine place you can pop bubbles it's really cool. We also have the baby box filled with fun stuff.

Patricia 4/50

This year we are starting with a new life and new beginnings.

We are trying to improve our skills and get to know each other better as a class, a team and best of all family that works together so that Jesus' love shines through us in all we do.

We are achieving our goals, exploring how to be the best we can be, and always praying to the Lord our God.

Through this journey we have to always remember that we are not alone and that there is someone always beside us.

In school we are doing OPAL which stands for Outdoor, Playing And Learning this year we are having a change.

**OPAL**  
Outdoor, Playing And Learning

FREEDOM

FORGIVENESS

THANKS  
GIVING

LIFE

GOD

TEAM  
WORK

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BY FAVOUR A 5G

PRAYING

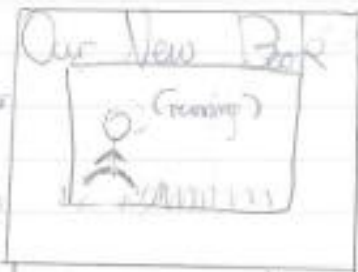
JESUS

Chizaram 5G

New beginning-

The beginning of year 5 have been a blast. I've got to see my friends and we have been taught lots of subjects and we have done a few projects. The playground was decorated with new equipment it's very fun to use. Maths has been so fun, we learned about new facts and solving problems also explaining.

We got new tables and a whole new class a new teacher and lots more. I think the subject I love most right now would have to be history we are learning about the Victorians and what happened in the Victorian era. In English we are reading a book named Street Child it is really interesting for me.



Our new teacher is really kind and I really like Miss Golding. I have made new friends and it's been really fun.

In science Miss Golding made Elephant from it was really cool.

She needed a lot of ingredients. This year has been a blast I can't wait!

