



YOUR NEWSLETTER
St Aidan's Catholic Primary School
Friday 4th Sept 2026
'Hand in Hand with Jesus'



Week Commencing 07/09/26

	Time	Information	Year Group
Monday	PM PM	Keyboard lessons Guitar lessons	KS2 KS2
Tuesday	Lunchtime 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Spanish club Tag rugby club	Y3 Y5/6
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Spanish club	KS1
Thursday	Lunchtime AM 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Spanish club Violin lessons Multi-sports club	Y4 – Y6 KS2 KS1
Friday			



It was lovely to welcome the children back into school this week. We gathered in assembly and shared our excitement for what is certain to be a wonderful year. We promised to rejoice, find joy and to be honest in all that we do. We looked forward to the opportunities to share in everyone's spiritual and academic successes with our families throughout the year.

Thank you, in advance, for your support this year in making 2026/2027 a happy and successful one.



Quiet Disciple

This week's Quiet Disciple is Aubrie Woods for having lovely manners and setting a lovely example.

This week in Care Club

We have been so happy to welcome the children back this week and we're so excited for your Early Years children to join us next week. A great term ahead!



Safer Eating

To continue meeting DFE guidelines for safer eating, we would like to remind parents that we are a nut-free school. We also ask that any grapes sent into school are always cut in at least halves. As staff would not have time to do this for the children, any un-cut grapes will be sent home.

Nasal Flu Immunisations

These take place on 24.9.26. Parents will receive the link to consent / withdraw direct to their emails from Intrahealth.

Dates

Next week we will send home, via Seesaw, a list of the events already planned this year to give time for families to prepare or be able to attend. There may be times when unforeseen reasons mean dates are changed or new events added. We wouldn't want to miss out just because of last-minute notice. We are sure there will be more but hopefully this initial document will be useful for everyone.



Attendance

Good attendance is vital for school to be able to provide pupils with the best possible chance of achieving their potential. Attendance of less than 90% can have a significant impact on learning, potentially leading to the loss of over a year of education by age 16. Each week, we will report class attendance on this diary. Holidays in term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. The policy regarding Education Penalty Notices is available on our website and has been sent home via Seesaw this week.

Uniform

Children looked extremely **smart** in their school uniforms and we want to **thank our families** for helping us to maintain this standard.

Children continue to attend school in **PE kits** the day they have these lessons. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in-line with our uniform and we have made this as simple as we can. It is a white t-shirt and black shorts and hoodies/tops. These can be purchased with the school badge from Slaters. Please avoid very short, fitted shorts, and girls can wear black leggings if they would prefer to. Any uniform without the badge must be plain and unbranded.

With regards to **hairstyles**, please note that very short hair e.g. **a number one or shaved lines are not acceptable** for school. Where children's hair is long, it should be tied back if it is likely to affect their learning. In addition, hair bobbles, hair bands and bows should be plain, preferably school colours. Bows etc. should not be any larger than a child's fist.

Following health and safety guidelines, children are not permitted to wear **earrings** to school. If earrings cannot be removed, children will not be able to go outside at playtimes or take part in PE, sadly a plaster is not sufficient. Children wearing the plastic retainers can go outside at breaktime and lunchtime but cannot take part in PE. Children who can take their earrings out and put them back in can certainly take part in PE lessons but teachers cannot be responsible for this. We thank all families who had their children's ears pierced at the start of summer to minimise disruption.



Children and screentime

Safeguarding advice asks us to encourage children to spend less time in front of screens and devices. For children up to 5 years, screen time should be limited to 1 hour per day. In school we give careful consideration to lessons and activities that involve screentime and ask that families also give this some consideration.



Staff Carpark

Please can we remind all parents and family members that the staff carpark should not be used between

8am and 4:30pm. This is for health and safety reasons. We have tried to be flexible, understanding that it is useful to use for dropping off and collecting for Care Club, outside of school hours.

We appreciate your support and ask that you share this message with family members to whom it is relevant.



The government is embedding an oracy framework—the ability to speak and

listen confidently and effectively—as a core educational area on par with reading and writing. To support this, we are **CONTINUING our NO PHONE ZONE** around school in the hope that as everyone enters school grounds phones will be put away and families will enjoy a screen-free moment to greet your child, share a smile, and ask about their day — we know they will have lots to tell you! Your support is essential in helping this initiative succeed, and we truly appreciate your cooperation. This also directly supports our safeguarding processes.

Wigan Warriors

We continue to work closely with the Wigan Warriors Community and are pleased to share this information on their half term camps.



Dates for your diary for the next half term

Please note that these dates may be subject to change

Date	Time	Information	Year Group
10/09/26	am	Year 6 senior prefect presentations	Year 6
14/09/26	10.30am	Reception 'First Days' photograph for Wigan Observer	Reception
16/09/26	AM	Tempest individual and family photographs	Reception – Y6
24/09/26	AM	Nasal flu immunisations	Reception – Y6

Safeguarding and Child Protection

Designated Safeguarding Leads are **Mrs Farrimond** and **Mrs Gillard**

Deputy Safeguarding Leads are **Mrs Wood** and **Mrs Maiden**

Our children and their families know that there is always a trusted adult who they can talk to.

