



# YOUR NEWSLETTER

## St Aidan's Catholic Primary School

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025

#### 'Hand in Hand with Jesus'



Week Commencing 1/12/25

	Time	Information	Year Group
Monday	PM 3.15pm - 4.15pm	Keyboard lessons Guitar lessons Computer club	KS2 KS2 KS2
Tuesday	Lunchtime 1pm 3.15pm - 4.15pm	Spanish club Carols & Crafts Dodgeball club	Y2 Nursery KSI
Wednesday	Lunchtime 2pm 3.15pm - 4.15pm	Spanish club Nativity Dance club	Y1 Reception KSI
Thursday	10am Lunchtime PM 3.15pm - 4.15pm	Nativity Spanish club Violin lessons Netball club	Reception KS2 KS2 KS2
Friday	3.15pm	FOSA treat Friday	

### Attendance: 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025 to 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2025

School attendance is really important. It is important that children do not attend school when they are poorly but we miss them when they are off as good attendance is vital to success in school and life.

The table below shows the % of children we have missed this week! had the best attendance.

Class	Absence %
Reception G	8.9
Reception W	1.0
Year 1C	16.6
Year 1/2C	1.6
Year 2CM	2.4
Year 3S	6.9
Year 3/4B	2.9
Year 4G	4.3
Year 5G	3.1
Year 5/6S	3.7
Year 6W	1.7
Whole School Average	4.8

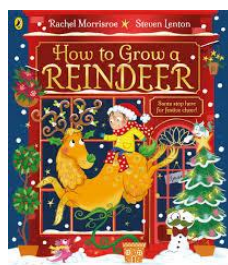


School is targeted to keep absences below 4%. Please help us to aim high with our attendance.



### Quiet Disciple

This week's Quiet Disciple is Sophie Cross (Y2) for lovely manners.



### Book Nook

The Independent has compiled the 14 best Christmas books for kids, read by parents and children.

The best Christmas books for kids in 2025, according to The Independent are:  
Best overall - How to Grow a Reindeer by Rachel Morrisroe: £6.49

Best budget option - That's Not My Winter Wonderland by Fiona Watt: £9.49

Best for Advent - Mr Men & Little Miss Advent Calendar by Adam Hargreaves: £10.30

Best for toddlers - Jingle Jumble Santa Mix and Match, published by Happy Yaki: £7.35

Best audiobook - How Winston Delivered Christmas Yoto digital card: £9.99



### Music Lessons

KS2 children are able to access instrumental lessons, delivered by Wigan Council Music Service. These take place once a week in the school day, at a cost of £7 a week, payable termly. We

currently offer keyboard, violin, guitar and brass. If your child is already having lessons, please contact the office to confirm whether they are continuing in the spring term. If your child would like to start lessons, please contact the office by 28<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.



### This week in Care Club

We have that festive feeling in Care Club and have started our Christmas crafts.

### Nativity performances

Please don't forget to send your ticket requests into school as soon as possible, particularly for Reception.



### Christmas parties

Dates for children's Christmas parties are:

Nursery/Rec/KS1 - 16/12/25

Y5/6 - 17/12/25

Y3/4 - 18/12/25



Parties take place in the afternoon during the school day. Children may come in non-uniform clothes on their party day.



### School Christmas dinner

Children on school meals will have 'party food' for lunch on 17<sup>th</sup> December. There are two options:

Cheese barm, pizza, vegan sausage roll,

cucumber and carrot sticks

Turkey barm, pizza, vegan sausage roll, cucumber and carrot sticks

The dessert will be shortbread biscuits.

To allow the cook to order in advance, please can parents go on to Evolve and choose their option for this date.

Thank you

### Please note

Please can we ask parents not to block the pavement at the top of the path to the KS2 playground/Nursery. Parents are finding it difficult to get through.



### FOSA Treat Friday

FOSA will be selling treats from the KS2 playground after school on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> December.

### Dates for your diary for the next half term

Please note that these dates may be subject to change

Date	Time	Information	Year Group
8/12/25	2pm	Nativity	KS1
9/12/25	2pm	Nativity	KS1
9/12/25	6pm	Nativity	KS1
11/12/25		Save the Children Christmas jumper day	Whole school
11/12/25		Elfridges	
12/12/25		Elfridges	
16/12/25	PM	Christmas party	Nursery/Rec/Y1/Y2
17/12/25	PM	Christmas party	Y5/6
18/12/25	PM	Christmas party	Y3/4
18/12/25	2.15pm	Carol service in church	Y5
19/12/25	1.15pm	School closes for Christmas	
6/1/26		School opens for spring term	
15/1/26		Closing date for Reception 26/27 applications	

### Safeguarding and Child Protection

Designated Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Farrimond and Mrs Gilland

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.

