



YOUR NEWSLETTER
St Aidan's Catholic Primary School
Friday 9th January 2026
'Hand in Hand with Jesus'

Week Commencing 5/1/26

	Time	Information	Year Group
Monday	PM 3.15pm - 4.15pm	Guitar lessons Keyboard lessons Brass lessons Computing club	KS2 KS2 KS2 KS1
Tuesday	Lunchtime 3.15pm - 4.15pm	Spanish club Netball club	Y2 Y5/6
Wednesday	Lunchtime 3.15pm - 4.15pm	Spanish club Dance club	Rec/Y1 Y5/6
Thursday	Lunchtime PM 3.15pm - 4.15pm	Spanish club Violin lessons Multisports club	KS2 KS2 KS1
Friday			

Dear Parents and families,

Welcome back to the new spring term and our first newsletter of 2026. On behalf of the Staff and Governors I would like to wish all our families, parishioners and friends of the school a very happy and healthy new year. I hope you all had a peaceful Christmas, which was full of laughter and joy. Thank you for the many kind words, cards and presents sent into school. Your kindness and generosity are very much appreciated, and staff were made to feel very special indeed.

The weather certainly challenged us a little this week, but I think we all managed to keep warm and certainly safe. I am reliably informed it is due to be warmer next week!

The diary is already starting to look very full for this half term with parent meetings, after-school clubs, Catholic Life and Mission events, Stay, Pray and Celebrate, and FOSA events already planned. The Senior Prefects will continue to work through their Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy and the Children's Charity Day on the 19th of March is often a highlight of this term. I look forward to continuing our work together for another successful term at St. Aidan's.

Mrs Farrimond

Attendance: 15th Dec 2025 to 19th Dec 2025

School attendance is important. Although it is important that children do not attend school when they are poorly, we do miss them when they are off. Good attendance is vital to success in school and life.

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

Class	Absence %
Reception G	95.3
Reception W	91.6
Year 1C	81.2
Year 1/2C	87.1
Year 2CM	85.9
Year 3S	86.1
Year 3/4B	90.0
Year 4G	93.7
Year 5G	94.5
Year 5/6S	93
Year 6W	92.7
Whole School Average	90.1



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 Melissa Morrison (Y1) for lovely manners.

This week in Care Club

This week in Care Club we have been excited to welcome our children back to Care Club. Another fantastic term is planned.



Healthy Snacks

Just a reminder that we promote healthy snacks at school during break times. While we are unable to provide an exhaustive list of suitable items, fruit is always a great option. We kindly ask that children do not bring crisps, biscuits, chocolate, sweets, or other highly sugary foods. Beyond this, we leave snack choices to the discretion of families and appreciate your support in this matter.



Spanish Club

Lunchtime Spanish clubs restart next week, as above. All club fees are £4.70 per session, x 11 sessions this term, payable termly. Beginners are most welcome and all children can have a no-obligation taster for these clubs by signing up at www.boltonlanguages.co.uk/enrol and paying AFTER the trial session, by skipping the payment stage of the signup until the trial is complete. If your child doesn't wish to continue, then you don't need to pay anything. Some clubs may have limited spaces, so please submit the form to join the waiting list if full. Please contact Chris Abalain if you would like more information on these clubs, you can email chris@boltonlanguages.co.uk or call 07917 848745.

Book Nook



Please see your child's class Seesaw account to discover which book they will be studying this term. There is an exciting range of books being studied across the school and we're sure the children will enjoy them.

Lost property

A black Montirex coat has gone missing in school. Has anyone taken it home by mistake?



Guard of Honour Experience

Thanks to our close relationship with the Marshall family, we are delighted to share an exciting and memorable opportunity for our pupils to take part in the Guard of Honour at Liam Marshall's testimonial match taking place at the Brick Community Stadium on Saturday 1st February at 3:00pm. Children selected will have the special experience of being on the pitch at the start of the game as the players walk out—an opportunity that is always great fun and very memorable. Due to the limited number of spaces available, only 20 places can be offered. These will be allocated strictly on a first come, first served basis.

All participating children will require a match ticket. Tickets are available at a discounted price of £5 for the child when purchased alongside a full-priced accompanying adult ticket (£20). Tickets must be purchased directly through LM5 using the email address below.

If you have already purchased tickets for your child and would still like them to be considered for the Guard of Honour, please mention this in your email and they will be allocated a place where possible.

If you would like your child to be considered for this opportunity, or if you have any questions, please email social@marshy5.co.uk with the subject line "St Aidan's Guard of Honour" to reserve your place.

This opportunity will remain open until Monday 12th January, after which it will be opened to the general public.

Dates for your diary for the next half term

Please note that these dates may be subject to change

Date	Time	Information	Year Group
14/1/26	7pm	Family mass at St Jude's for children making their First Holy Communion	
15/1/26		Closing date for Reception 26/27 applications	
22/1/26	6pm	First Holy Communion session 4 at St Aidan's club	
26-28/1/26		Bikeability	Y6
30/1/26	9.15am	Stay, Pray & Celebrate - parents and carers welcome	Y5/6S
5/2/26	6pm	First Holy Communion session 5 at St Aidan's club	
10/2/26	9.15am	Stay, Pray & Celebrate - parents and carers welcome	Y3/4B
12/2/26	PM	Young Voices at Co-op Live Arena	Choir
13/2/26	9.15am	Stay, Pray & Celebrate - parents and carers welcome	Y1/2C
13/2/26	3.15pm	FOSA treat Friday	
16-20/2/26		February half term	
24/2/26	5pm	Asset committee	
24/2/26	6pm	Reconciliation service at St Jude's	
25/2/26	9.15am	Stay, Pray & Celebrate - parents and carers welcome	Y5G
2/3/26	5pm	Quality of Education committee	
3/3/26	6pm	First Holy Communion session 6 at St Aidan's club	

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.

