



# YOUR NEWSLETTER

## St Aidan's Catholic Primary School

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025

#### 'Hand in Hand with Jesus'



### Week Commencing 13/10/25

	Time	Information	Year Group
Monday	PM PM	Keyboard lessons Guitar lessons	KS2 KS2
Tuesday	9am - 2pm Lunchtime 3.15pm - 4.15pm	Trip to St Edmund Arrowsmith to watch 'Sister Act' Spanish club Football club 6	Y2 Y5/6
Wednesday	Lunchtime 3.15pm - 4.15pm	Spanish club Computer club 5	Y1 Y5/6
Thursday	Lunchtime PM 3.15pm - 4.15pm	Spanish club Violin lessons Netball club 6	KS2 KS2 KS2
Friday		World Mental Health Day - children will take part in small activities to ensure we are looking after ourselves and others	

### Attendance: 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025 to 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2025

Year 2 had the best attendance last week

Year group	Attendance %
Reception	92
Year 1	92.4
Year 2	97.9
Year 3	96.7
Year 4	93.3
Year 5	96
Year 6	97.8
Whole School	95.2



The school target for attendance is 96%.  
Please help us to aim even higher with our attendance.



### Book Nook

Hollywood actor Michael Sheen has been talking about co-writing his first book for children, called A Home for Spark the Dragon. Spark has his nest destroyed in a storm and needs to find somewhere else to live.

"I thought this was a really great opportunity to be able to address issues around what the home is and homelessness," says Sheen from Port Talbot, Wales, who has campaigned on the issue.

"When Spark does eventually find a house, a new house, it doesn't work for him to begin with, he's scared, something's not right.

"And it's all his friends who come together in the community, who make that house into a home for him, give him the support he needs, so that he can be happy there."

### DfE Guidance and How it affects School



How our children have accessed their food during time in school has always been safely considered. With new directives from the Department for Education, we have

made some changes that families need to be aware of and reassured by. In Nursery, staff sit at the table with the children during lunchtime and a set time for snack makes this a fun part of the day. In Reception, the snack table is accessible for all, in the middle of the classrooms so staff can oversee when children are there.

In Key Stages 1 and 2, children will now have a more 'sociable' time for snack and depending on the lessons that day, the classes will enjoy their snack before or after break-time, sat with their friends.

**We are also stating ourselves as a 'cut-grapes' school and ask any child bringing grapes into school has them with them already cut length ways. This includes grapes that are part of a pre-packed tubs or bags. Will will ask children to take home any un-cut grapes.**

The link below is guidance for schools, however, families might also find it useful. If you have any questions, please telephone school but we hope this is a reassuring message.

[Help for early years providers : Food safety](#)



### Fire Drill

We held a very successful fire drill this week. 400+ people were safely evacuated. The children were so calm and sensible.



### Quiet Disciple

This week's Quiet Disciple is Theo Gillespie (Y3S) for lovely manners.



### Dates for Christmas

Please note that some of these have changed since the list of dates was sent home to parents.

Date	Event	Year group
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec at 1pm	Carols & Crafts	Nursery
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec at 2pm	Nativity	Reception
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec at 9.15am	Nativity	Reception
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec at 2pm	Nativity	KSI
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec at 2pm	Nativity	KSI
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec at 6pm	Nativity	KSI
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec at 2.15pm	Carol service	Y5



### This week in Care Club

This week in Care Club we have started our seasonal activities and crafts. Don't be scared when they come home!



### FOSA 100 Club Winners

Congratulations to the October draw winners; Catherine Molyneux and Andrew Kay.



### Spellings

We are having a different approach to spellings this year, with a focus on learning and applying the rules of spelling rather than a list that is then tested each week. Research supports this.



### Sporting Equipment

We are working on making our breaktimes as active as possible this year but our equipment stores are running low. If any families have any outdoor equipment such as skipping ropes, hula hoops, balls, beanbags etc. that they no longer need and would be happy to donate to school, they would be gratefully received.

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

Please note that these dates may be subject to change

Date	Time	Information	Year Group
23/10/25	2pm - 6.10pm	Settling in meetings - letter sent home 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception
23/10/25	3.30pm - 6.15pm	Open Evening - this is an opportunity to speak informally to the teachers.	Y1 - Y6
24/10/25		Times Tables Rock Stars/Robots day	Y1 - Y6
31/10/25		Closing date for high school 26/27 applications	Y6
3/11/25	3.30pm - 5pm	Open evening for Reception 26/27	
5/11/25	2.15pm	Seeds & Gardeners assembly	Reception & Y6
10/11/25		Everyone is invited to wear odd socks for Friendship Week	Whole School
13/11/25		On World Kindness Day we are asking for donations for The Brick	Whole School
16/11/25		Link closes for flu consent / non-consent	Rec - Y6
21/11/25	1pm - 3pm	As part of Men's Mental Health Month 'Bring Your Chap for a Chat Day'	Whole School
28/11/25	AM	Nasal flu immunisations	Reception - Y6
15/1/26		Closing date for Reception 26/27 applications	



### 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.