YOUR NEWSLETTER
St Aidan's Catholic Primary School
Friday 13th November 2026
'Hand in Hand with Jesus'



Week Commencing 16/11/26

	Time	Information	Year Group
Monday	PM	Keyboard lessons	KS2
	PM	Guitar lessons	KS2
	PM	Brass lessons	KS2
	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Computer club	KS2
Tuesday	Lunchtime	Spanish club	Y2
	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Football club	LKS2
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Spanish club	Y1
	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Dance club	UKS2
Thursday	Lunchtime	Spanish club	KS2
	AM	Violin lessons	KS2
	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Multisports club	KS1
Friday		Non-uniform day for Elfridges – see below	
	3.15pm	Hot Dog Friday	



Quiet Disciple

This week's Quiet Disciple is Esme Callaway for being a kind friend.

Attendance: 2nd Nov 26 to 6th Nov 26

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, Y3/4 and Y5/6 had the best attendance last week.

Registration group	Absence %
Reception	1.4
Y1C	10.5
Y1/2	1.6
Y2	4.6
Y3	9.3
Y3/4	1.4
Y4	2.3
Y5	3.7
Y5/6	1.4
Y6	5
Whole School	4.1



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

Attendance

We are being challenged by both the Local Authority and Department for Education to improve attendance across the school. Whilst we are committed to providing support for families, as outlined in our Attendance Policy, we cannot achieve this alone. We ask all families to support us by avoiding holidays during term time and minimising any unnecessary absences wherever possible. Every day in school matters, and together we can ensure our children have the best opportunity to learn, thrive and succeed.





Baby News

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Smith on the safe arrival of Penelope Margaret this week. We can't wait to meet her!



Consultation

The governors are consulting with all stakeholders regarding the possibility of reducing of our yearly Pupil Admission Numbers (PAN). A letter was sent home on Monday, and all information is on the school website.

Mrs Wood's Stay & Pray – change of date

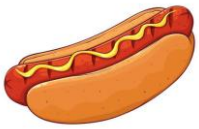


This will now take place on 14th December at 9.15am.

Bring Your Chap for a Chat



This event will take place on Tuesday 24th November, from 1.30pm to 3pm in school. Letters were sent home on 10th November, with a reply slip attached. Numbers are limited due to the capacity of the hall. Please respond quickly if you would like to attend as this was over-subscribed last time.



Hot Dog Friday

FOSA Hot Dog Friday is on 20th November after school on the KS2 playground. Cost £1.50, please bring correct change if possible!



Nursery/Reception class 'Carols & Crafts'

Please note this will now start at 2pm. Children who don't usually attend on a Tuesday afternoon are welcome to come and take part.



Mentions

We place great importance on celebrating our pupils' achievements both in and out of school. In class, we take time to recognise and share successes, while more significant achievements outside school can be featured in our termly newsletter.

If your child has been selected to represent their town, county or country, received a prestigious local award, or achieved success in a regional or national competition, we may also celebrate this on our Facebook page. All other achievements will continue to be recognised and celebrated within class.

We are proud of every one of our children and believe it is important to celebrate and support each other's successes.



Non-uniform day

On Friday 20th November we are having a non-uniform day for Elfridges. Instead of sending £1, please can parents send items such as Sellotape, wrapping paper, bows, Chocolate Oranges, Galaxy bars, gifts for men and gifts for women. Thank you for your support.

FOSA Elfridges event



This takes place on 3rd and 4th December, during the school day. Slips have been sent home with children today, and these are to be returned by 20th November if your child would like to visit the Elfridges shop. The cost is £3 per gift, and these will come home with the children, wrapped and labelled, ready to go under the tree. Thank you to our FOSA volunteers for all their hard work towards what is always a very successful fundraising event.



Reception nativity

Please note that there will be **one** Nativity performance for parents and carers. This is a change from the published dates. This will take place on 2nd December 2026 at 2pm. We will be able to offer a maximum of three tickets to each pupil. Further information to follow.



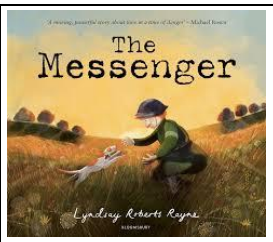
Welcome to The Lodge

We are delighted with our amazing outdoor classroom, raised by the hard work and effort of our fabulous FOSA group and families. We are excited to get inside and know it will be a well-loved addition to our outdoor space. Thank you to everyone involved.



This week in Care Club

We remember the sacrifices made as we create stunning poppy crafts. Lest we forget.



Book Nook

The Messenger: In her debut, from author Lyndsay Roberts Rayne, this is the moving story of how one small WWI messenger dog made a huge sacrifice. It's a story of war, friendship, comfort and courage. For thousands of years, animals have found themselves caught up in human conflicts and have accompanied us in our darkest hours. In WWI, over 30,000 dogs served Britain, France and Germany. These dogs – rescues, pets or ex-police dogs – had crucial roles. The Messenger, with brilliant sensitivity and powerful, filmic illustrations, follows one dog from his idyllic puppyhood on a rural farm to a war dog training camp, and from there by train to the trenches. This stunningly illustrated, wordless story is a beautiful exploration of the unbreakable bond between humans and animals - and is a gentle but still very real introduction to themes of war for readers of all ages.

Dates for your diary for the next half term

Please note that these dates may be subject to change

Date	Time	Information	Year Group
20.11.26		Non-uniform day for Elfridges	Whole school
20.11.26	3.15pm	Hot dog Friday	
24.11.26	1.30pm	Men's mental health event	
26.11.26	6pm	First Holy Communion meeting at St Aidan's club	
30.11.26	1.15pm – 7pm	Parents' meetings	Rec – Y6
1.12.26	2pm	Carols & Crafts	Mrs Gregory's Nursery/Reception class
2.12.26	2pm	Nativity	Mrs Wiggins' Reception class
3.12.26		Elfridges	
4.12.26		Elfridges	
7.12.26	2pm	Nativity	KS1
7.12.26	6pm	First Holy Communion meeting at St Jude's	
8.12.26	2pm	Nativity	KS1
8.12.26	4pm	Full Governing Body meeting	
8.12.26	6pm	Nativity	KS1
10.12.26		Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day	Whole school
14.12.26	9.15am	Stay, Pray & Celebrate – parents and carers welcome	Y6W



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.