



WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY DIARY  
St Aidan's Catholic Primary School  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
'Hand in Hand with Jesus'

Week Commencing 18/5/26

	Time	Information	Year Group
Monday	AM PM 3.15pm - 4.15pm	Swimming Guitar/keyboard/brass lessons Minecraft club	Y4 KS2 UKS2
Tuesday	All day Lunchtime	Cricket competition at Orrell Red Triangle Spanish club	UKS2 girls' team Y2
Wednesday	9.15am 10am - 12pm Lunchtime 3.15pm - 4.15pm 3.30pm	Stay, Pray & Celebrate Orienteering at Haigh Hall Spanish club Minecraft club Meeting for parents/carers re Y6 residential - in school hall	Y2CM Y6 team Rec/Y1 LKS2
Thursday	9.40am - 2pm Lunchtime PM 3.15pm - 4.15pm	Cricket competition at Highfield Spanish club Violin lessons Cricket	UKS2 boys' team KS2 KS2 Y4/5/6
Friday	3.15pm	FOSA tuck shop	

Attendance: 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026 to 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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 - Y1/2 had the best attendance.

Class	Absence %
Reception G	7.9
Reception W	19.7
Year 1C	6.7
Year 1/2C	0.0
Year 2CM	3.5
Year 3S	4.4
Year 3/4B	1.7
Year 4G	0.8
Year 5G	5.6
Year 5/6S	2.9
Year 6W	2.5
Whole School Average	5.0



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



Holy Communion

Congratulations to all the children who followed their faith alongside their families and parish to take their first Holy Communion last weekend. The services were delightful and full of joy and a celebration of our faith. Thank you to everyone involved in making the special event so successful.

Thank you also to everyone who contributed to the Mary's Meals collection on the day. With almost £700 raised this will feed 36 children for a full year. This is a poignant number considering 36 children took their first Holy Communion. How lovely!



Year 6 SATs

Congratulations to our Year 6 children who faced their week of tests with maturity and incredibly positive attitudes. We are very proud of you all.

Care Club 26/27

For Care Club children who are continuing with the same Care Club sessions in the new academic year, you do not need to contact school. If you would like to change sessions, please let us know.

PLEASE NOTE...

## Quiet Disciple



This week's Quiet Disciple is Tom Walker (Y3/4) for being a good friend.

## Sporting Events - repeated message

We are delighted to be able to offer such a wide range of sporting opportunities across different year groups throughout the year. These include inclusive events, development-focused activities, and more competitive fixtures, allowing many pupils to experience and enjoy sport in a variety of ways.



While we are keen to provide as many children as possible with these valuable opportunities, team selections are always made with careful consideration and for specific reasons. In more competitive events, where the standard of opposition can be particularly high, we aim to field our strongest team.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents who recognise and support this approach, and who trust our judgement in making team selections. Your understanding is greatly appreciated.

## Wigan Warriors - good luck message.



On Saturday 30th May, Wigan will take centre stage at Wembley. Both the Wigan Warriors Men's and Women's teams will be competing in the Challenge Cup Finals – including our very own Miss Davies!

To help show our support, we are inviting children to come to school on Monday wearing something "cherry and white" or part of the Wigan Warriors kit if they would like to join in. We will then come together as a school to send a special good luck message to the teams ahead of the finals.

Children who would prefer not to take part are, of course, welcome to attend in their usual school uniform.

We can't wait to celebrate together and show the teams how proud we are of them all.



## This week in Care Club

This week in Care Club we have enjoyed making special characters with wooden resources, and getting outside in between the rain downpours!

## Y4 Wigan Athletic Experience Day

The date for this trip has been changed to 10<sup>th</sup> June, and a coach has been booked to transport the children. This is payable on Evolve.



## Swimming Gala

We are looking for up to ten boys and girls from year 4 - 6 to take part in a swimming gala on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June. If your child can swim competitively at level 5+ (at least 25 metres) and would be interested in taking part, please can you contact school on MONDAY. Thank you to those who have already registered an interest.



## Men's Mental Health Event

We were saddened to cancel the event this week but with limited numbers it just wasn't viable. A genuine thank you to anyone who signed up for the event and to those who have been able to find time to reply and give feedback as to why they couldn't attend this time. We take on board time, closeness to the previous event and that children were not involved. When we hope to reschedule this event for November 2026 this honest and open feedback will be considered. Thank you for working with us.

## FOSA Tuck Shop

FOSA will be holding a tuck shop on the KS2 playground after school on 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

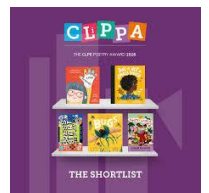


## Policy Update

We are updating our Marking, Feedback and Presentation Policy. If any parents would like to read the draft and consult on this before it is shared with governors, please contact the school office for a copy.

## Book Nook

**CLPE Poetry Award:** The shortlist for this year's Centre for Literacy in Primary Education Poetry Award was recently announced. This is the UK's leading prize for poetry for children and highlights outstanding new collections for the young and very young. Past winners include Carol Ann Duffy, Michael Rosen, Jackie Kay and Matt Goodfellow. This year's shortlist includes something for everyone: there are irresistible new finger rhymes for young poetry fans, imaginative and informative poems about bugs, a playful debut collection inspired by video games, and a superb anthology of poems by black poets.



## Dates for your diary for the next half term

Please note that these dates may be subject to change

Date	Time	Information	Year Group
20/5/26	9.15am	Stay, Pray & Celebrate	Y2CM
20/5/26	3.30pm	Residential trip meeting in school hall	Y6
22/5/26	3.15pm	FOSA tuck shop	
25-29/5/26		May half term	
1-3/6/26		Residential trip	Y6
2-4/6/26		Bikeability	Reception & Y1
9/6/26	5.30pm	Reception 26/27 induction meeting	
10/6/26	9.50am - 2pm	Wigan Athletic Experience Day	Y4
16/6/26	AM	Sports Day	Reception/KS1
17/6/26	AM	Sports Day	KS2
17/6/26	5.30pm	Nursery 26/27 induction meeting	
22/6/26		Inset Day	
8-10/7/26		Induction days at St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School	Y6
17/7/26	1.15pm	End of term	

### 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.

