



**YOUR NEWSLETTER**  
**St Aidan's Catholic Primary School**  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026**  
**'Hand in Hand with Jesus'**

**Week Commencing 19/1/26**

	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 PM 3.15pm - 4.15pm 6pm	Spanish club Violin lessons Dr Bike session - see below Multisports club	KS2 KS2 Y6 KS1
Friday		First Holy Communion session 4 at St Aidan's club	

**Attendance: 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026 to 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 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	6.6
Reception W	4.0
Year 1C	9.8
Year 1/2C	1.1
Year 2CM	1.7
Year 3S	11.4
Year 3/4B	7.2
Year 4G	2.5
Year 5G	1.3
Year 5/6S	5.4
Year 6W	6.3
Whole School Average	5.2

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



**Swimming**  
Y3 will start swimming lessons on 02.03.26, more information will be sent home regarding the cost and arrangements.

**Quiet Disciple**

This week's Quiet Disciple is Mia Grisenthwaite (Y2) for being a kind friend.



Congratulations to our January Winners

- Jim and Monica Cardy
- Claire Bertrand

**This week in Care Club**

This week in Care Club we are pleased to announce that Phoebe Parry (Y6) has won our new Care Club logo competition. Well done!



**Y6 Bikeability**

**please note**

Please can Y6 parents who have requested a place for their child to participate in Bikeability Training fill in the consent form that has been sent twice via Seesaw. Parents need to fill the form out and give electronic consent.

The slips sent back before Christmas were to gauge interest and for us to book initial places. It is vital that the consents are received as the instructors use the number of consent forms received to determine how long the programme will be and how many instructors to send. Please could parents fill this form in ASAP as failure to do so may mean the place is taken away. 41 children initially expressed an interest and we have only received 30 consents. Thank you.

This is the link again for those who have not seen the Seesaw post: <https://consentbikeability.org.uk/brief-undue-wait>

There is also an optional 'Dr Bike' session on 22nd January. Children are welcome to bring their bikes to school that day for a 'bike MOT' before the training begins. A member of the bikeability team will be visiting school to check the children's bikes and ensure the bikes are roadworthy. This is entirely optional and you may wish to carry out your own checks. There is no charge for this service.



### End of School Arrangements

At the start of each school year, we ask parents to inform us of their child's usual end-of-day arrangements. This most often applies to children in Upper Key Stage 2, where parents are starting to give their children some independence and responsibility. Arrangements may include being collected by an adult, walking home, or attending Care Club.

These arrangements are used by staff to ensure safe and consistent home-time safeguarding, and they must be followed as agreed. Staff cannot deviate from this information without confirmation.

We are very grateful when parents contact the school to let us know of any changes for that day. To ensure messages are passed on promptly and accurately, we ask that all changes are communicated via the school office by telephone. This helps avoid delays and confusion at home time while staff check unexpected changes.

Should you wish to change your child's end-of-day arrangements on a more permanent basis, please email the school office. This will ensure the information is updated and passed on to the appropriate staff.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep all children safe.



### Book Nook

The National Year of Reading 2026 is a campaign to address the steep decline in reading amongst children, young people and adults. It is a Department for Education initiative, in collaboration with the National Literacy Trust, as their delivery partner of the campaign. St Aidan's are taking part in the programme and are joining this monumental national celebration of reading designed to bring reading to life in classrooms, corridors, playgrounds and communities. Keep an eye out for events throughout the school year.



### Arriving safely to school

A few children were witnessed by school staff leaving their cars from the road whilst they were stopped at the zebra-crossing.

We appreciate that this is to avoid being late, but we would much rather children arrived safely than risked injury or accident.



### 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.

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

Please note that these dates may be subject to change

Date	Time	Information	Year Group
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	
16/3/26	1.30pm - 7pm	Parents' meetings	
19/3/26	AM	Children's Charity Day	
26/3/26	6pm	First Holy Communion session 7 at St Aidan's club	
31/3/26	9.15am	Stay, Pray & Celebrate - parents and carers welcome	Y3S
1/4/26	9.15am	Stay, Pray & Celebrate - parents and carers welcome	Y1C
2/4/26	3.15pm	Close for Easter holidays	

### 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.

