



WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY DIARY

St Aidan's Catholic Primary School

Friday 30th January 2026

'Hand in Hand with Jesus'

Week Commencing 2/2/26

	Time	Information	Year Group
Monday	PM PM 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 6pm	Spanish club Violin lessons Multisports club First Holy Communion session 5 at St Aidan's club	KS2 KS2 Y6
Friday			

Attendance: 19th Jan 2026 to 23rd 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 - Y3S had the best attendance.

Class	Absence %
Reception G	12.1
Reception W	1.6
Year 1C	5.4
Year 1/2C	1.3
Year 2CM	1.7
Year 3S	0.7
Year 3/4B	1.4
Year 4G	2.3
Year 5G	1.4
Year 5/6S	3.3
Year 6W	4.3
Whole School Average	3.2



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



Visitor Feedback

We have been delighted to receive some wonderful feedback from visitors to the school this week. They shared

how incredible the children's behaviour has been and commented that they have rarely met such polite pupils. The many cheerful "hellos" they received truly made them smile all day. It is lovely to hear such positive comments when we are focusing on behaviour in school.

Children's Mental Health Week 2026



Between the 9th - 13th February, we are delighted to focus on children's mental health with this year's theme of 'This Is My Place'. We are always mindful of this area, but this week allows us to highlight the importance of it. On **Monday, 9th February**, all children are invited to attend school wearing clothes that celebrate 'their place'. This can be kits they wear when playing for or supporting their favourite team, uniform for brownies, cubs, special clothes they might wear for church or when feeling safe and relaxed at home or even their school uniforms - because this is their place! Other activities will take place throughout the week.



Behaviour - REPEAT MESSAGE

We are proud of the behaviour and attitudes demonstrated by most of our children. They are amazing! So many of them politely say, "good morning," "pardon," "please", "thank you", "excuse me," they open doors for each other, step aside for members of staff, and would not consider responding disrespectfully. We actively praise our children, return their respect, and recognise positive behaviour through initiatives such as *Person in the Pot* (Early Years and KS1), *Hands* (KS2), as well as certificates and stickers. Regrettably, this does not reflect the behaviour of all children. As a result, we are placing a strong focus on reinforcing these basic skills of behaviour and manners. **We therefore ask for the support of our families in reinforcing these basic expectations at home, perhaps beginning with simply ensuring please and thank you.** In line with this, we have reviewed our Behaviour and Relationships Policy. A draft copy is now available on the school website. We warmly welcome feedback, which can be sent via email to the school office, before the policy is formally agreed by the governors in March. Thank you for your support.

Quiet Disciple

This week's Quiet Disciple is Rosa Jackson (Y1/2) for lovely manners.



Fit for School



We have received a few requests asking whether children who are well enough to attend school, but not well enough to be outside, can remain indoors during playtimes. Unfortunately, due to staffing

constraints, we are unable to accommodate this request. All school grounds have designated seating areas where children are able to sit, rest, and remain appropriately supervised during break times.

We apologise that we are unable to facilitate indoor supervision during playtimes and thank you for your understanding.

Book Nook

Comic Book Club returns to Waterstones Wigan this February Half Term! Join them on Monday 16th and Saturday 21st 1:30pm-2:15pm.

We will create a comic together and then have time to get creative and make our own. We will explore themes and character development and the importance of creating a story for everyone to understand.



Care Club Payments

Please can we remind parents to pay in full, in advance for booked sessions. Failure to do so will result in places being withdrawn.



Digital Update

We announced four Digital Leaders this week: Peter, Pheobe, Dexter and Cerys who will guide the children in all things digital. They are leading a competition for the

children to design a digital character using the programme 'Purple Mash'. This competition is open to all children in Key Stage 1 and 2. Children were told all about it during an assembly this week. Deadline is the end of February giving children half term to have some fun and create their character.

Current Y3 possible residential trip

Thank you to parents who have returned the forms asking for expressions of interest in this one night residential trip to the Anderton Centre in Chorley. Please return slips (whether or not your child wishes to attend) by 5 February, thank you.



Seesaw

Seesaw is a highly effective platform for communication between home and school, and we value the positive role it plays in supporting pupils and families. We kindly ask families to be mindful of the number of messages sent via Seesaw.

We understand that individual working patterns and family life may mean that messages are sometimes sent in the evening. At the same time, it is important that we protect the work-life balance of our staff and recognise that everyone has different availability. When we are all mindful of this, Seesaw remains a useful and effective tool for communication.

Please note that staff will not send or respond to Seesaw messages during lesson times.

For any serious, urgent, or safeguarding concerns, parents are welcome to contact the School Office directly by telephone or email. These matters will be passed to the appropriate members of staff. Safeguarding and other urgent concerns will be dealt with by our Designated Safeguarding Leads. Teaching staff will not be available during lesson times.

This week in Care Club

This week in Care Club we have started planning for Children's mental Health Week. 'This is my place.' We want every child to feel that they belong in Care Club.



Year 6 Bikeability

Well done to all the children taking part in the bikeability initiative this week. Feedback from the leaders around ability and behaviour has been wonderful.



Change of date

Please note that Mrs Griffin's class now have their Stay, Pray and Celebrate on 6th March at 9.15am.



Social Media Platforms

We will be closing our 'X' (formerly Twitter) account with immediate effect. We have taken this decision as we no longer feel that the platform matches our high standards for safeguarding or reflects our values and professional principles due to the potential use of the AI tool to change/adapt images. We are seeking advice from the Archdiocese as to which social media platform to use that ensures our images do not make us vulnerable. In the interim, we will use 'whole-school seesaw messages' to celebrate our children and events.

Dates for your diary for the next half term

Please note that these dates may be subject to change

Date	Time	Information	Year Group
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	
2/3/26	5pm	Quality of Education committee	
3/3/26	6pm	First Holy Communion session 6 at St Aidan's club	
6/3/26	9.15am	Stay, Pray & Celebrate - parents and carers welcome	Y5G
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.

