YOUR NEWSLETTER
St Aidan's Catholic Primary School
Friday 23rd October 2026
'Hand in Hand with Jesus'



Week Commencing 2/11/26

	Time	Information	Year Group
Monday	PM	Keyboard lessons	KS2
	PM	Guitar lessons	KS2
	PM	Brass lessons	KS2
	3.30pm – 5pm	Reception 27/28 open day	
Tuesday	Lunchtime	Spanish club	Y2
	2.15pm	Seeds and Gardeners family assembly	Reception & Y6
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Spanish club	Y1
Thursday	Lunchtime	Spanish club	KS2
	AM	Violin lessons	KS2
Friday		Dance show at St Helen's Theatre	



Quiet Disciple

This week's Quiet Disciple is Theo Gillespie, for lovely manners.

Attendance: 12th Oct 26 to 16th Oct 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 – Y1/2 had the best attendance last week – 100%!.

Registration group	Absence %
Reception	4.7
Y1C	6.0
Y1/2	0.0
Y2	2.0
Y3	1.7
Y3/4	5.5
Y4	1.3
Y5	3.0
Y5/6	2.9
Y6	4.0
Whole School	3.1



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



We said good bye and good luck to **Mrs Lowe** and **Mrs Smith** as they leave today to begin their maternity leave. We are all excited to meet their new arrivals.



Parking

We have been asked again, by residents and governors to remind everyone to take care when parking on the roads around school. There have been numerous reports of multiple vehicles dropping children off in the area outside the kS2/Care Club entrance, where there are either yellow lines or a designated 'School Keep Clear' markings. This is a significant safety concern, as stopping in these areas can put children at risk and could potentially result in a serious accident.

These restrictions are in place to protect the safety of the children, and no one should stop or drop children off in these designated areas.

There are two car parks close by that offer safer alternatives for parents who need to park and accompany their children to school. **Can we also remind Care Club parents not to use the staff car park after 8am or before 4.30pm, and not to park at the top of the path.**

Mrs Carson's class – Stay, Pray & Celebrate Please note that the date for this has changed from 11th February to 9th February 2027 at 9.15am.

Mrs Lowe's class – Stay, Pray & Celebrate

Please note that the date and time have changed to 16th Match 2027 at 2.30pm.





We are delighted to share that from after half term, **Miss Hardcastle** will join the school team to cover for Mrs Lowe, and we also welcome **Miss Wilkes** supporting teaching and learning in KS1.

Book Nook



Teddie B in Y5 loves to read! He reads at every opportunity and is a wonderful reading role model for his peers. He loves Dog Man, Bunny vs Monkey and the Investigators series. Teddie was given a star reader certificate this week and the whole class knew he would be this week's recipient. He loves to talk about the books he has read and we are very pleased to have such fabulous ambassadors for reading in our school. Well done, Teddie!

Men's, Women's and Wheelchair Rugby League World Cup



The Rugby League World Cup continues this weekend. Miss Davies and the England Women Team face a different challenge at 10am on Saturday morning as they face the Jillaroos, the World Champion Australian Women's Team. The England Men face France in an earlier game. We send good luck wishes to them all.

Seeds and Gardeners

We look forward to welcoming the families of our Reception and Year 6 children into school on Wednesday, 4th November for the annual assembly. It really is a highlight of the year.

Christmas Cards



The proofs have been sent home today. The deadline for parents to **ORDER ONLINE**, is 12pm on the 11th November. Sadly, school cannot change this or send any late requests.

This week in Care Club



The children have loved making seasonal crafts in this horrible weather. Please don't be spooked when they bring them home!

Men's Mental Health event – CHANGE OF DATE



To allow Antony from Andy's Man Club to lead this event again we are needing to change the date. The new date is Tuesday, 24th November at 1:30pm. More information to follow after the half term. As mentioned before, this will be a limited-ticket event so please respond quickly when the new date is set – it was considerably over-subscribed last year.

KS2 Dance Performance



We were delighted that so many family members could join us to celebrate the dance performance that brought together so many children in our school hall. A big thank you to Arising Stars and Amelia Quigley Dance School for this incredible enrichment opportunity. It truly was fabulous!



Stay, Pray and Celebrate



We have enjoyed two lovely prayerful celebrations this week. Thank you to Year 1/2C and Year 4G for leading us through some important messages sharing how we are Stewards of our world and to those family members who were able to join us.

Dates for your diary for the next half term

Please note that these dates may be subject to change

Date	Time	Information	Year Group
31.10.26		Closing date for high school applications	
10.11.26	6pm	First Holy Communion meeting at St Aidan's Club	
11.11.26	PM	Nasal flu catch up	
20.11.26	3.15pm	Hot dog Friday	
30.11.26	1.15pm – 7pm	Parents' meetings	Rec – Y6



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.