



# YOUR NEWSLETTER

## St Aidan's Catholic Primary School

### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025

### 'Hand in Hand with Jesus'



Week Commencing 24/11/25

	Time	Information	Year Group
Monday	PM 3.15pm - 4.15pm	Keyboard lessons Guitar lessons Computer club	KS2 KS2 KS2
Tuesday	Lunchtime 3.15pm - 4.15pm	Spanish club Dodgeball club	Y2 KS1
Wednesday	Lunchtime 3.15pm - 4.15pm	Spanish club Dance club	Y1 KS1
Thursday	Lunchtime PM 3.15pm - 4.15pm	Spanish club Violin lessons Netball club	KS2 KS2 KS2
Friday	AM	Nasal flu immunisations Non-uniform day for Elfridges donations - see below	Rec - Y6 Whole school

### Attendance: 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025 to 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025

Y3 had the best attendance last week.

Year group	Attendance %
Reception	99.2
Year 1	93.4
Year 2	96.3
Year 3	99.3
Year 4	98
Year 5	98.6
Year 6	98.9
Whole School	97.7



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



### Quiet Disciple

This week's Quiet Disciple is Isabella Alvarado (Y4-G) for lovely manners.

### This week in Care Club

The children have been designing Care Club logos for our new logo competition. Good luck to all the entrants.



### Nativity performances

Letters have gone home this week regarding tickets, please check your child's bag. Thank you.



### Book Nook

National Year of Reading 2026. In July of this year, Secretary of State for Education, Bridget Phillipson, announced that 2026 will be The National Year of Reading. The National Year of Reading 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. The National Year of Reading will position reading as a powerful contemporary activity and will aim to engage new audiences in reading - and to change the national reading culture. Reading supports success in school, work and in life, boosts wellbeing, brings people together and increases empathy. There will be an exciting series of events for primary and secondary schools. These will aim to boost reading for pleasure and will include virtual assemblies with inspirational figures, webinars and resources for teachers. Watch this space!

### Elfridges

The Elves have been busy prepping gifts, but we need your help!!

FOSA will be hosting a non-uniform exchange day on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November where we would appreciate your donations...



- Gift Tags, Ribbons & Bows
- Festive Chocolates
- Festive Biscuits
- Men's Gift items
- Gift Bags

Thank you in advance 📺



### Youth Mass

On Sunday, St Aidan's Church will be holding a special youth mass. A number of St Aidan's students have worked hard to prepare for this and we would

love for more St Aidan's pupils to join us. The mass is at the normal time of 9am and there will be a cake sale after mass and tea and coffee available. We are raising money for Mary's meals.

The St Aidan's students involved in the mass include Grace and Lily Anderton who have put together a dance routine; Harrison Holmes who is playing the drums; Peter and Katie Hill, Noah Kay and Jack Lawman who will be reading bidding prayers. There are also a number of past students involved and it is sure to be a great celebration.

### Chap for a Chat

Thank you to everyone for the incredible interest shown for this event. We hope to be able to repeat this sometime in the spring term to ensure everyone has the opportunity to attend.



### Music Lessons

KS2 children are able to access instrumental lessons, delivered by Wigan Council Music Service. These take place once a week in the school day, at a cost of £7 a week, payable termly. We

currently offer keyboard, violin, guitar and brass. If your child is already having lessons, please contact the office to confirm whether they are continuing in the spring term. If your child would like to start lessons, please contact the office by 28<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you

### Jubilee: Year of Hope Celebration

We joined together for an assembly led by the Senior Prefects and Hands Disciples to celebrate the Year of Hope and to share how we are all pilgrims of hope with our own pledges to continue of faith. Our Mission Statement talks about our

responsibility to care for our world and this was wonderfully evident today. Thank you to the family members who were able to attend.



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

Please note that these dates may be subject to change

Date	Time	Information	Year Group
28/11/25	AM	Nasal flu immunisations	Reception - Y6
28/11/25		Non-uniform day for Elfridges donations	Whole school
2/12/25	1pm	Carols & Crafts	Nursery
3/12/25	2pm	Nativity	Reception
5/12/25	10am	Nativity	Reception
8/12/25	2pm	Nativity	KS1
9/12/25	2pm	Nativity	KS1
9/12/25	6pm	Nativity	KS1
11/12/25		Save the Children Christmas jumper day	Whole school
11/12/25		Elfridges	
12/12/25		Elfridges	
18/12/25	2.15pm	Carol service in church	Y5
19/12/25	1.15pm	School closes for Christmas	
6/1/26		School opens for spring term	
15/1/26		Closing date for Reception 26/27 applications	

### 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.

