



## St Aidan's Catholic Primary School

*'Come in and learn with Jesus; go out and serve with love.'*

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Dear Parents & Carers

[Please read our full newsletter here](#)

Thanks to Year 6 who led the school in Celebration of The Word this week and thanks to the parents and carers who were able to share in this with the children today. It was lovely to see you in school. The Year 6 children were sharing the work they had done around **Holocaust Memorial Day** which they had presented to a large audience at North Tyneside Council Chambers HMD Service last week. I have received a letter from our Mayor, Norma Redfern, thanking the children for their contribution. They really were outstanding on the day and we are very proud of them.

Year 1 will lead the school in Celebration of The Word next week. Their parents and carers are invited to share in this with them. Please check See-saw for details.

This term we are launching our 'Big-Up Your Book' Bags in school to promote reading for pleasure (one of the biggest indicators of success in later life) and conversation about reading and books. A different child will bring home the BUYB kit to write or illustrate their own double page review of the book that they are currently reading – or a recent read that they would recommend. See our reading section for some lovely examples.

Several of our Year 4 children will be receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and The Eucharist this year. Their class will attend Mass fortnightly with the other classes attending on a rota on alternate weeks.

We have finally had confirmation that the Guinness World Record attempt at taking part in the biggest poetry lesson was a success. Our poem and official letter of success is in our full newsletter.

Last week was the launch of our Year of Hope in school for the Jubilee Year (photos and details of the Jubilee and our shared mission in hope can be found in the full newsletter).

Huge thanks to the PTA for helping us to prepare our small gardening area ready for use in the spring. It is a fabulous blank canvas ready for some fun science and ecology projects.

Please continue to check the diary as there will be several dates added during the coming weeks. The spring and summer terms are always extremely busy.

NB: Please update your contact details as soon as you change phone number/email address.

In the newsletter this week:

- *Pilgrims of Hope – A Year of Jubilee*
- *Attendance*
- *Statements to Live By*
- *Faith In Action*
- *Information for Parents of Children in Early Years with SEND*
- *The Wellbeing Hub*
- *Love Reading: Caterpillar App/Reading Challenge/Author of the Month*
- *RE Curriculum Plans – Spring Term*
- *Keeping Children Safe – Safeguarding Team in School*
- *The Wednesday Word*
- *PTA*
- *Feeding Families – How to Collect your Shopping*
- *Cost of Living Support for Parents*
- *Connect Mental Health Support*
- *School Lunch Link*
- *Wallsend Children's Community*
- *Dates for the Diary*

If you have any queries about any of these items, please get in touch via the school office.

Best wishes

Ms Lalor