



## St Aidan's Catholic Primary School

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

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Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

[Please read our full newsletter here](#)

Please see below for photos of our commemoration of VE Day in the UK on Thursday. VE Day which stands for Victory in Europe Day, commemorates the end of World War II in Europe on May 8, 1945, when Germany surrendered to the Allied forces. This year, 2025, marks its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Children spent the day dressed in red, white and blue – and learning about the significance of VE Day. The huge significance of the allied victory over the Nazi ideology of oppression of those they perceived as different – whether because of religion, race, sexuality, physical disability or special educational need – often it was the most vulnerable members of society that they targeted with their hatred. We have been reflecting on how lucky we are to live in a free society and how proud we are here at St Aidan's to be a fully inclusive school community where all are welcomed, understood, loved and supported to flourish – regardless of any difference or vulnerabilities. Our whole school ethos is underpinned by this, rooted in Christ's teaching – and we are proud that this has been a real strength recognised in our three inspections during the past year.

Year 1 led our school beautifully in Celebration of The Word, starting our May focus on The Rosary and Mary. Thanks to the parents and carers who were able to attend today. Year 2 will lead the school next week – parents please check Seesaw for your invitation.

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May, the first of our sacramental preparation groups will be receiving the sacrament of the Eucharist when they make their First Holy Communions at Our Lady & St Aidan's church. Group 2 will receive the sacrament on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Please remember the children in your prayers.

Parents of pupils starting Nursery in September are invited to attend a meeting in school on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 1.15pm. Those of you attending sports day who already know the school will only need to stay for a few minutes!

Parents of pupils starting Reception in September are invited to attend a meeting in school on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 9.00am.

We are all looking forward to Sports Day on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May. The gates will be open from 1.10pm for parents and carers to attend. Nursery parents, please look out for Seesaw information from Mrs Redpath about your child's sports day.

After the event, each class will go to gather their things and can then be collected from the usual exits. If we finish early, children will only be permitted to leave if they are accompanied by an adult. Any upper KS2 children walking unaccompanied must wait until the official end of the school day.

There are no after-school clubs during this short term due to after-school sports fixtures and sports day.

Throughout May and June, children in 1, 2, 4 and 6 will be undertaking Statutory Assessments. During the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> May it will be the turn of Year 6. They have worked really hard and are ready! See below for further details of assessments and checks in school during the next few weeks.

In the newsletter this week

- *Half Term Club*
- *Connect Mental Health in May*
- *Faith In Action – Rosary Challenge*
- *Jubilee Pilgrims Of Hope Information*
- *Attendance*
- *Statements to Live By*
- *The Wellbeing Hub*
- *Love Reading: Caterpillar App*
- *RE Curriculum Plans – Summer 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