



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](#)

Happy New Year! It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school in 2025. They have already been working hard and I have loved hearing about their fabulous Christmas holidays.

Monday 6th January was the feast of the Epiphany, when the Wise Men brought their gifts to the baby Jesus. Very well done to all of the children who received Headteachers awards this week for their commitment to sharing the light brought into the world at Christmas giving their 'gifts' of kindness, love and forgiveness to one another.

2025 is a Year of Jubilee. Pope Francis has called this Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims of Hope", and invites us to be people of hope. This year in school, launching on 24th January, we will be exploring what this means for us – as we reflect on Catholic Social Teaching and our role as beacons of hope within the world. See below for a short video and further information.

The cold weather may be set to continue for some time. The School Council collected a number of good quality 'pre-loved' children's coats last term. If you need a coat in the next size up or a spare for washing please pop into nursery and see Mrs Redpath on your way past in the morning. The School Council are committed to re-using and recycling items wherever possible.

Year 2 will be leading 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.

There is an information leaflet attached below for parents of children in Early Years with Special Educational Needs or Disability.

See attached information for this term's 'Australian Themed' school lunch on 16th January. You will be pleased to see that it does not involve a bushtucker trial! Please book online using the link below.

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*
- *Information for Parents of Children in Early Years with SEND*
- *Attendance*
- *Statements to Live By*
- *Faith In Action*
- *The Wellbeing Hub*
- *Love Reading: Caterpillar App/Reading Challenge/Author of the Month*
- *RE Curriculum Plans – Spring Term*
- *Admissions*
- *Keeping Children Safe – Safeguarding Team/Policy*
- *The Wednesday Word*
- *PTA*
- *Feeding Families – How to Collect your Shopping*
- *Cost of Living Support for Parents*
- *Connect Mental Health Support*
- *School Lunch Menus – 16th January Australian Themed Day*
- *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