



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 2 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.

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 week 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 below for examples.

Year 4 attended Mass at Our Lady & St Aidan's. 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. If you have a child in Year 4, 5 or 6 who would like to make their First Communion please contact the school office by next Friday.

Year 3 had a great visit to Howdon Library on Thursday morning to choose new books for the half term. Year 5 will visit next week. Year 6 will be representing our school and delivering a presentation at the Holocaust Memorial Day service at North Tyneside Council Chambers next Friday. The theme of this year's Memorial Day is 'For A Better Future'.

Also next week, will be the launch of our Year of Hope in school for the Jubilee Year (see below for details of the Jubilee and our shared mission in hope).

All of the children seem to have grown so much taller during the Christmas holidays; remember, Mrs Redpath has a selection of warm coats for people to collect if they need the next size up!

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.

Exciting news about the school grounds: our fabulous PTA have pledged to help clear and refurbish the garden area outside Y2 and Mrs England's room. That area has never really recovered from not being used or cultivated during the pandemic. The first step is to clear the area and then we are going to install some easy-to-manage gardening activity areas to make it a fun outdoor learning space for our children. Work starts next week!

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*
- *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