



## St Aidan's Catholic Primary School

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

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Dear Families,

[Please read our full newsletter here](#)

Thank you for voting in our Parent Governor Elections last week. I am delighted to announce that Emma Garrick has been elected to serve on our LGC for a four-year term of office. I am also delighted to inform you that Laura Bonello will now be co-opted as a Foundation Governor by the Diocese who are always looking for experience Governors – again for a four-year term. We are really lucky to be able to have two parents on our Local Governing Board.

Year 2 led the school beautifully in Celebration of The Word last week and Year 1 were fantastic leading school this week. Thank you to everyone who came along to share in this with them.

Last Wednesday the Year 6 LEGO team competed in the North Tyneside and Northumberland regional tournament for First LEGO League. The children have worked hard for months to design, build and code a robot that navigates missions within a robot game. They have also participated in a research project to identify and solve a relevant real-world problem linked to this year's theme 'Unearthed', which was focused on archaeology. We are very lucky to have been sponsored by The Sage Foundation to compete in the competition for a fourth year! The tournament is always incredibly competitive, with 20 teams competing. Year 6 LEGO team demonstrated great determination and perseverance throughout the day and made us all proud. One of the helpers from Sage commented on our children saying that they were the nicest and sweetest children they had ever met and praised them for their attitude towards all aspects of the day, their teamwork and their kindness towards other teams. They should be really proud of themselves. Thanks to Mrs Alexander for organising and leading the project.

Our Mini Vinnies held a bake sale on 18<sup>th</sup> March to raise funds for our Peter Rabbit sculpture as part of The St Oswald's Peter Rabbit Trail. Miss Steel went to collect him last week and he has already been spotted popping up all over school. The children have been busy designing his outfit and we should be able to start painting him very soon. See our Faith In Action Section for photos and special message from Peter Rabbit himself!

Year 2 had a lovely session with Nicola from Rockpool School to link with their Living things including animals in Science unit. See our Curriculum section for details.

Next week will be the final session for our First Holy Communions. **Thank you so much to the wonderful catechists from the parish, Mary, Maureen and Sheila, who have prepared the children so well.** They will receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and The Eucharist next half term and will continue to attend Wednesday Mass each week.

Thanks to everyone who dressed up and donated for Comic Relief today!

Families with children in Reception Class and Nursery are invited to a coffee morning with EYFS staff, Mrs England and Mrs Walker on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March from 9.00am until 11.00am.

**Please remember that the school photographer will be in school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March taking full class photos (not individuals).**

**For parents evening on Tuesday, people with appointments from 2.30-3.00pm please come through the office; appointments from 3.00-3.30pm come through the gates as usual. After 3.00pm, the**

**middle car park gate is the access and exit point. Your child's teacher will meet you in the hall in their Key Stage building.**

These newsletters will hopefully keep you up to date with what is going on in school week by week and also direct you to useful organisations and suggestions to support your child's education and development. Please check your Arbor and Seesaw Apps regularly for information from school. The Arbor system is now being used by all schools in Bishop Bewick CET and does work slightly differently from our previous messaging systems. Newsletters are sent to your Arbor account and also via Seesaw – and are uploaded to our website at least every two weeks.

**Outbreaks of Chicken Pox, Norovirus and general colds and viruses mean that our attendance figures are very low at the moment. Please contact us if you are having difficulty in getting your child to school when they are well due to parent/carer or sibling illness.**

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

In the newsletter this week

- *Curriculum – Outdoor Learning*
- *RE Curriculum*
- *Jubilee Year of St Francis*
- *2026 National Year of Reading*
- *World Book Day*
- *MHST Updates*
- *RE Spring Term Curriculum Plans Info for parents*
- *Faith In Action – Peter Rabbit Trail – Show Racism The Red Card*
- *Attendance*
- *Statements to Live By & Catholic Social Teaching*
- *Catholic Social Teaching – Faith In Action Prayer Stations*
- *Support for Families/Clubs in our Area*
- *The Wellbeing Hub*
- *Love Reading: National Year of Reading – Authorfy Link – Children In School*
- *Caterpillar App*
- *Keeping Children Safe – Great Ways to Encourage Reading*
- *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*
- *Admissions Information*
- *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.

Very best wishes  
Ms Lalor