



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School

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

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Dear Families

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The summer term has come to an end after what has been an extremely busy and successful year for St. Aidan's. We have packed a huge amount into the last two weeks of term and I think the children are all ready for their summer holidays now.

Well done to the **Year 5** Swimming Gala Team who won the overall event Trophy two Fridays ago! News of their victory just arrived as the last newsletter was being sent. (See below for details).

Nursery had a wonderful time at their Teddy Bear's Picnic. It was great to see them singing and playing games together. The progress they have made since starting school has been a joy to watch.

Last week **Year 3** visited The Great North Museum to complete some investigative trails. They had a fabulous time and were buzzing to tell me all about what they had seen. It is worth noting that the museum is a lovely free family day out during the holidays.

Year 4's LEGO team has been working hard on this year's FIRST LEGO League Explore project, **Unearthed**. They recently attended the FIRST LEGO League Festival with Mrs Alexander at the Village Hotel, where they showcased everything they had built, designed, and learned about archaeology. The children confidently explained their models and designs to the judges, as well as to children from other schools. They spoke with enthusiasm and confidence, and represented our school brilliantly.

On Tuesday Fr David celebrated our end of term Mass in school. The children read beautifully and demonstrated great reverence. They really were a credit to you. Thanks to Fr David for making the last Mass of the year so special.

Well done to our Year **5/6** Guitar and Ukulele Players who performed for other KS2 children last Thursday. They have all worked really hard and should be proud of themselves! Thank you to Mr Rice for teaching the children. (See below for photos).

Miss Steel took a group of our **Year 4** Mini Vinnies to the official launch of the St. Oswald's Hospice Tails On The Tyne art trail at Newcastle Civic Centre on Wednesday to celebrate their hard work and commitment to this fantastic art and fundraising project. We can't wait to hear who has spotted our very own Pirate Patch out on the trail over the summer. (Clue: he's a pirate so somewhere near the coast is very likely!). See below for further details of the project.

Our **Blue Influencers** have been really proactive and are applying for a grant to help to improve the Forest Area. This project supports their curriculum topics and is very much part of our Stewardship work on Catholic Social Teaching and living out our Mission Statement. Watch their video below for more information.

This week we have said a tearful farewell to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. They entertained their families on Monday with a fantastic show (thank you so much to all the parents and carers who were able to attend – and thank you for having such amazing children) and had a party on Wednesday. Last week they attended the WASP sports afternoon at Wallsend Boys Club and I received a lovely email commending them on their excellent behaviour! They received their superb

SATs results only yesterday and should be very very proud of what they have achieved. They have been a brilliant cohort of pupils – every member of staff has loved working with them over the years and they will be very much missed. A wonderful group of children, they have blossomed during their time here with us and we all wish them the very best for high school. You are ready for Year 7, and the high school years beyond! Keep being the amazing humans that you are and all will be well. I am looking forward to hearing great things about you in the future. Please remember the children in your prayers. (See below for a Year 6 round-up in photos)

Last Monday, you received information regarding your children's teachers for next year. Check Seesaw if you have not already received this information. Click on the curriculum links below to find out what your child will be learning in each half term next year.

Additional staffing news to share with you is that Tony Stephenson, 'Mr Tony' to the children, will now be working at St. Aidan's full time from September. We are delighted! We will also be welcoming Miss Taylor who will be taking over from Mrs King in the office from the beginning of term. She is really looking forward to meeting all of you. Miss Buglass is definitely looking forward to working with her after flying solo for the while year!

A heartfelt thank you to all of you parents and family members who have worked so closely with teachers and been a huge support throughout the year. Thanks, also for the overwhelming positive responses on your children's reports. St. Aidan's is the wonderful school it is because of your trust, support and partnership in building the very best for the children here. You are very much appreciated!

All that remains is to wish you a wonderful summer holiday. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday 2nd September.

Best wishes,

Rachel Lalor
Headteacher

See our reading section for details of this year's Reading Challenge at all North Tyneside Libraries and online as of now!

NB: Please update your contact details as soon as you change phone number/email address. Please check your Arbor and Seesaw Apps regularly for information from school.

NB: Please refer to the email sent on 30th June regarding our new meals providers Aspens.

In the newsletter this week

- *Farewell Year 6*
- *Blue Influencers – Video update*
- *Curriculum – Geography/History/Catholic Social Teaching*
- *Curriculum: Classics Award*
- *RE Curriculum – Launch Coming*
- *RSHE Curriculum Parent Information*
- *Jubilee Year of St Francis*
- *2026 National Year of Reading – Book-nic Video/Summer Reading Challenge*
- *MHST Updates*
- *Faith In Action – Muhoroni Baby Milk Fundraiser*
- *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 - Summer Reading Challenge - Authorfy Link - Children's Reading in School - Summer Book-Nic - 3rd July*
- *Caterpillar App*

- *Keeping Children Safe – Parent Information*
- *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 – Some Autumn Term dates in already!*

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

Very best wishes
Ms Lalor