



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](#)

I wrote to you earlier in the year to tell you that Mrs L Alexander would be retiring at the end of term. It will be her last day here at St. Aidan's next Friday, 18th July. She has been with us for 20 years (and I know taught many of our parents!), and has always gone above and beyond for the children in our school to ensure that they feel nurtured, seen, heard and loved.

Over the years, her work with the children has gone way beyond the national curriculum, modelling the values of kindness, empathy, and respect and encouraging children to develop their skills, talents and confidence. She has been a particular force of nature when it has come to leading residential visits to High Borran and Ford Castle over many years, and of course, her role as coach for girls and boys football during her time here has led to many children pursuing sporting success in later life. St. Aidan's team winning this year's Philip Reilly trophy really could not have been a more fitting send-off.

Passionate about nature and wildlife, Mrs Alexander has helped to plan and plant our own woodland area – named 'Alexander's Wood' after her – out on the school field.

We are all very sad that she is leaving and will miss her terribly but wish her the very best for a fun-filled retirement (with lots of walking in the countryside planned, I believe!)

Congratulations this week to our wonderful year 6 pupils who received their SATs results on Tuesday. Of course, they have achieved excellent results and should be very proud of themselves. Their hard work and dedication has really paid off.

I know I don't need to remind you, but SATs are such a small part of why we are so proud of them. Their artistic, sporting and musical talent, as well as their humour and ability to work together as a team, their ability to lead others in standing up against social injustice, their exuberant and boundless energy, and their quiet kindness are the qualities that really define them and make us proudest of all. (But they really have excelled themselves in their tests too!). It is hard to believe that they only have one week left here with us at St. Aidan's ...

End of Year Reports from class teachers for all children are being sent home today. I have had the pleasure of reading all of them and it has been wonderful to see the achievements of every pupil. I know that you will be proud of them. The love and care that our teachers have for the children really shines through.

Tuesday this week was Jubilee Pledge Day. See below for information about our Jubilee Pledge.

Reception and Year 1 enjoyed a fabulous visit to Wallington Hall this week and Nursery had a visit to Wallsend library. Lego Stem Club attended a Lego Celebration Day with Mrs S Alexander and the whole school enjoyed Lego Stem Day in school today. See below for photos.

A reminder that the PTA are holding a **Crazy Hair Day** during the last week of term on **Tuesday 15th July**. For a suggested donation of £1.00, children are invited to come to school in their normal uniform but with the wildest wackiest hair they can style!

The Library Summer Reading Challenge is taking place once again this summer. See below for details in our Reading Section – We Love Books! You can sign up online from Saturday 21st June or visit your local library from 5th July.

See below for details of the Holiday Club taking place during the summer, run by Mr Tony, our PE Coach.

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

In the newsletter this week

- *Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope Information*
- *Summer Holiday Club Information*
- *Attendance*
- *Statements to Live By*
- *The Wellbeing Hub*
- *Love Reading: Caterpillar App Summer Book-nic*
- *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