



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](#)

The spring term has been really busy and time has flown – I can't quite believe it is Easter already.

It was great to see so many of the EYFS parents attending the Reception Crafts coffee morning last week. We will definitely be hosting more coffee mornings with different themes in the coming term. Peter Higgins from the Mental Health Support Team enjoyed talking to you. See the MHST section for details of their next meeting.

Thank you to Fr David for celebrating Mass with us here in school on Monday as part of our Lent preparations for Easter. The children have also attended Stations of The Cross services with their class in our chapel or across at the Stations in the garden at Our Lady & St Aidan's (see photos).

The children preparing for First Holy Communion have been attending Mass with their whole class at Our Lady & St Aidan's every Wednesday this term. Some of the parishioners asked me to let you know that they are always impressed by the excellent listening, behaviour and reverence of the children each week. Well done Year 4!

A huge well done to our Year 5 Skipping Team who came first in the Inter-school competition hosted by St Thomas More (see below). Thanks to Miss Stock for preparing them so well!

Children began painting our Peter Rabbit sculpture ready for The St Oswald's Trail on The Tyne event. See below for updates and photographs from chief organisers Miss Steel and Mrs Alexander. Our Rabbit, Patch, has been spotted all around school this week. He was even there on Wednesday when we launched our **Active Mile**. See PE for information.

As you know, it is the Year of Reading. In our Reading section there are some lovely new resources to use over the Easter holidays as well as some information about 'World Book Night' which is to be held on 23rd April.

Thanks to everyone who bought tickets in our Easter Raffle. Thanks to Mrs Redpath and the School Council for organising. We raised £200. See the winners with their prizes below.

It was wonderful to get to chat to so many of you at parents evening last week. Thanks to everyone who attended consultation meetings with class teachers this term and who has attended any coffee mornings or class Celebrations of The Word.

Have a lovely Easter holiday. We will be open to welcome the children again on Monday 20th April.

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.

Today is Autism Awareness Day. See below for some resources for parents and links to the Wellbeing Hub resources.

In the newsletter this week

- *Curriculum – PE/Maths*
- *RE Curriculum*
- *Jubilee Year of St Francis*
- *2026 National Year of Reading*
- *MHST Updates*
- *Faith In Action – Peter Rabbit Trail*
- *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