



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 to everyone who has come along to one of our parents events this half term – whether it was sports day, Celebration of The Word, one of our parent coffee mornings or parent meetings about assessments – it is wonderful to share in supporting your child's learning with you.

There are several other parent coffee mornings planned for the remainder of the year. Look out for details in Seesaw and in the attached diary section of the newsletter. **3rd June and 8th July are our Wallsend Partnership Coffee Mornings with Kate Lockhart.** We are looking forward to welcoming you into school to find out more about parent partnerships and our new project 'The Story of Parent Power' where we will work alongside 'Community Champions' to benefit the whole community.

This half term we have resumed our library visits. Year 1 and Year 6 have been during the past two weeks and visits will continue throughout the summer term. Please pop along to Howdon Library during the half term holidays and choose some fabulous holiday reading. You will be warmly welcomed by the staff there.

There will be lots of other educational visits for different classes during the second part of the summer term. On Tuesday 2nd June, Year 2 will visit St. Mary's Island to link with their science topic. Keep an eye out for details on Seesaw and see the diary below for your child's class visit.

Our Mini-Vinnies organised the non-uniform day last Friday to raise money for St. Oswald's Hospice. Thank you to everyone who donated money towards their appeal. Patch, the pirate Peter Rabbit statue, will be placed on the Trail during the summer and then he will return home for us to keep here at St. Aidan's.

Our Year 4 Sacramental Preparation Groups are celebrating receiving the Sacrament of The Eucharist for the very first time this month at Our Lady & St. Aidan's. Our final First Holy Communions will be held on Sunday (24th). Please remember the children in your prayers.

Well done to our 5/6 Football Team who did us all proud on Wednesday in the Bishop's Cup hosted at St. Mary's. They played well and represented the school with excellent sporting attitudes.

Well done also, to our Y3/4 Football Team who impressed everyone up at St. Thomas More in the inter-school tournament on Wednesday. Huge thanks to Mr Tony Stephenson for preparing the teams.

Throughout May and June, children in Years 1,2,4 and 6 will be undertaking Statutory and Standardised Assessments. See below for further information.

An enormous 'Well Done' to our lovely Year 6 children who completed their KS2 SATs last week. They have enjoyed being able to relax this week – and are looking like teenagers in their Leavers '26 Hoodies! As a school, we will cherish our final weeks with them. What a wonderful group of children they are.

May is also our annual Rosary Challenge Month. Children have been praying the Rosary throughout the month.

We have had a lovely week in school to round off our half term with Health Week. We aim to ensure that our children are 'holistically healthy' and are able to build on this firm foundation throughout their lives. Children's learning has focused around sports, mental health and healthy eating as well as healthy

relationships using our RSE Curriculum Ten Ten. Following sports day, there was a rounders tournament, skipping workshops led by the Year 5 Competition Winners, scooters and bikes timetable, and special coaching sessions from WASP – Wallsend Active Sports Partnership – who will also be running a sports festival for Y6 on 8th July. Thank you to Mrs Conway for organising.

Some of the food technology units from the Design & Technology curriculum have been completed this week and Miss Stock has been introducing pupils to our new outdoor classroom – and cooking outdoors! It has been wonderful to begin to use the outdoor area that we have been preparing all year – as well as our small garden areas near to KS1. We hope that better weather in the weeks ahead means that we are able to work outside even more.

Another exciting D&T project is underway in school. Mrs Alexander has begun The Greenpower Challenge. She has organised a team of budding mechanics in Years 5 and 6 who will **design, build and race a REAL electric car!** Construction of the Rear Axle began this week and the rest of the shell will be completed in school by the Team on Monday 1st June. Mrs Alexander will be running a club in school with her mechanics to complete the build and design the exterior finish – and hopefully attend a competition to race our car!

We will keep you updated on their progress but please follow this link for more information on the project

[Greenpower Challenge - Goblin Cars](#)

Miss Stock has been working closely this year with Classics For All to embed our Latin language curriculum and collaborate with local museums to develop the study of history. St Aidan's has won the Regional Network Impact award for Classics! Miss Stock will attend a formal reception in London to collect our prize (funding to further extend our Latin and History provision). We are really proud to have been involved in this project – but to have won is fantastic! **Optime factum!** (Well done!).

All in all, a very busy time. Not bad going for a half term with only four full weeks and four days in it!

Advance notice that we will be hosting the annual Philip Reilly Year 4 Football Tournament on 15th June at 1pm.

Have a lovely half term holiday. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 1st June.

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.

In the newsletter this week

- *Curriculum Assessment/RSHE Parent Consultation/PE/Maths*
- *RE Curriculum*
- *Jubilee Year of St Francis*
- *2026 National Year of Reading*
- *MHST Updates*
- *Faith In Action – Rosary Challenge in May*
- *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