



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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Today we celebrated our love of reading here at St. Aidan's with our Summer Book-Nic. The children had a fabulous time choosing and sharing books. This year, the theme was Read What You Love – encouraging children to read books about their hobbies and interests. We were very proud to have been asked by Eve Morton, the Literacy Adviser for North Tyneside to film the launch video for North Tyneside's Book-Nic in our very own gorgeous library! Some of our children volunteered to talk about their interest and how this influences the type of books they like to read. See link for the video and our Reading section for photos. [Summer Book-nic](#)

As you know, as part of Catholic Social Teaching we are committed to ensuring we look after our environment in our capacity as being responsible for Stewardship of the planet. This also links beautifully with our science and geography curriculum areas. Miss Stock has just started a new project which will run into next year with **Blue Influencers** scheme. (See below for details)

Thanks to the parents who attended the Year 3 Celebration of The Word last week. Once again, our children had prepared a thoughtful service and it was wonderful to see so many parents attending.

Year 6 spent Tuesday on Holy Island with Year 6 pupils from St. Columba's and St. Bernadette's. Fr David said Mass out on St. Cuthbert's Island. See below for details.

Year 1 and Reception had a lovely day at Wallington Hall and Year 5 visited the Tyneside Cinema as part of their history topic as well as attending a Trail Challenge day at the Rising Sun Country Park and a Swimming Gala today. Next week, we have some Year 4 pupils attending Lego Stem day and the launch of The Trail on The Tyne, as well as a visit by Year 4 to The Rising Sun for the whole class. Year 3 will be visiting The Great North Museum.

We don't like to boast but are so proud of Miss Stock! She has won a National Classics Award for her work in promoting the Classics (Latin and Ancient History) in school as a vibrant curriculum area. She was invited to attend a canape reception in London last Friday but unfortunately the storms meant that her train was cancelled! (See our Curriculum section for details of the award).

Mrs Redpath and Miss Thompson have been continuing to carry out home visits to meet with families of children starting nursery in September.

Children's End of Year reports for children in Nursery – Year 5 will be sent home today. I have had the pleasure of reading every single one. Your amazing children are an absolute credit to you and their reports are a real celebration of their hard work and achievement this year. Well done everyone! I was also struck, once again, at the love and care for the children that shines through the words of the teachers in each report.

Year 6 reports were due to be sent home next Tuesday but SATs results have been delayed. They will be sent with results as soon as we receive and process them.

Please see the letter below which I received from The Secretary of State for Education yesterday afternoon.

Drew in Year 4 wanted me to share with you a scarecrow he made for the Brockbushes competition, happening this weekend at the Fayre. He is very proud of his creation and rightly so! **People can vote across the weekend online and in person for The People's Choice Award.** Well done Drew!

Children in Key Stage 2 are invited to bring their scooters and bikes (with helmets) on the following days for the remainder of the term:

Y3 - Wednesday
Y4 - Monday
Y5 - Tuesday
Y6 - Friday

Children in Key Stage 1 are invited to bring their scooters (with helmets) on the following days for the remainder of the term:

Y1 - Thursday
Y2 - Tuesday
Reception – Friday

See our reading section for details of this year's Reading Challenge – beginning in July at all North Tyneside Libraries and online.

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

- *SATS: Delayed results letter from Secretary of State for Education*
- *Holy Island*
- *Curriculum – Geography/History/Catholic Social Teaching*
- *Curriculum: Classics Award*
- *RE Curriculum*
- *Jubilee Year of St Francis*
- *2026 National Year of Reading*
- *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 – 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