



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 came along to our Maths Coffee Morning on Tuesday. It was fantastic to see so many of you in school. The children loved playing their new Maths games with you and are looking forward to bringing home a different game each week. It will be a perfect way to build the children's 'Number Sense' as a partnership between school and home.

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. **6th May is the Parent Carer Forum and Connect Coffee Morning and 20th May will be KS2 Wallsend Partnership Coffee Morning with Kate Lockhart. We are looking forward to welcoming you into school.**

Reception Class have had a busy week and visited the library to listen to a story and choose their spring library books.

Our Mini-Vinnies held their Bake Sale on Wednesday. Thanks to everyone who donated cakes and money towards our St. Oswald's appeal. Patch, the pirate Peter Rabbit statue, has now been given his final glossy coat of varnish and is ready to be placed on the Trail On The Tyne. He looks absolutely fantastic. Well done to the children who designed and painted him with such creativity and care. He will be placed on the Trail during the summer and then he will return home for us to keep here at St. Aidan's. We have heard he'll be based in a shop window somewhere near the sea!

We are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 15th May as a final fundraiser. Donations of £1.00 are invited.

Our Year 4 Sacramental Preparation Group celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time on Wednesday after weekly Mass at Our Lady & St. Aidan's. Fr David guided the children through the sacrament using Rembrandt's painting of The Prodigal Son. They were so reverent and thoughtful and demonstrated a great understanding of the significance of reconciliation to deepen their bond with Jesus and progress on their sacramental journey.

First Holy Communions will be held across three Sundays in May (10th, 17th 24th). Please remember the children in your prayers.

Well done to our Football Team who did us all proud on Wednesday in the Northern Cross Cup hosted here at St. Aidan's. See below for the full match report!

Throughout May and June, children in Years 1,2,4 and 6 will be undertaking Statutory and Standardised Assessments. During the week beginning 11th May it will be the turn of Year 6. They have worked really hard and are ready! See below for further details of assessments and checks in school during the next few weeks.

May is also our annual Rosary Challenge Month. Year 5 will lead us in Celebration of The Word to launch this next week. See below for details.

We are all looking forward to Health Week 18th-22nd May. Children's learning will focus around sports, mental health and healthy eating as well as healthy relationships. **We will be using our TenTen RSE materials.** We consult with parents each year and most of you will have seen the materials before. **Please use the link to access the parent overview of materials used.**

Don't forget that Monday 4th May is a Bank Holiday!

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