



The nativity service was undoubtedly the highlight of the week this week but you will see from the articles below, it was an action packed week all around the school. We look forward to seeing you all at our carol service next Thursday evening at 6pm – don't forget that term ends at the earlier time of 1.30pm next Friday. Have a lovely weekend.

### Reception & Year 1 Nativity

Our Reception and Year 1 classes performed a wonderful production of 'Baubles' this week, first for their peers and then for family members later in the week. They displayed wonderful acting and singing talent, performing around 10 songs confidently and acting out the nativity story in a very engaging way. A huge thank you to the many, many staff who worked tirelessly to make the performance the success that it was.



### Football Success

Our football team had a great win this week, qualifying for the final of the Croydon small schools' competition. We beat Christchurch 2-1 after a nail-biting game which went to extra time, finishing in near total darkness (as you can see from our team pic). Harrison scored both goals but it was a great team performance all around. Thanks to Coach T and Kyle for helping the team to prepare so well.



### Advent Reminder

In this Sunday's gospel, John the Baptist tells us that '...someone is coming, someone more powerful than I am, and I am not good enough even to untie his sandal strap' Please take some time over the weekend to remind yourselves and your family that ***'Jesus is the reason for the season!'***



St Mary: Stanley Page  
St. Francis: Callum Sales  
St. Joseph: Isabella Lindo  
St. Bernadette: Isaac Burton  
St. Theresa: Hayden Watts  
St. Peter: Madelaine Mamphey  
St Paul: Logan Gabriah



St Mary: Eva O'Kane  
St. Francis: All pupils  
St. Joseph: Abigail Ditchfield  
St. Bernadette: Rahmani Nsiah  
St. Theresa: James Barron  
St Peter: Joe Doncaster  
St Paul: Kiki Olawale

### Christmas Lunch

Our children enjoyed a special Christmas lunch on Tuesday, complete with all the trimmings, festive tunes, crackers and party hats. Mrs. Shirley, Mrs. Hilson and Mrs. McCarthy put in a massive effort to serve up over 225 meals between students and staff.



### Netball News

Both of our netball teams put in great performances against Oakwood on Monday, losing both games but putting in a great effort.



### Poppy Appeal Thanks

The Poppy Appeal which St Aidan's were part of via poppy sales on the school gate raised a fantastic **£4502.10**. A really big thank you to the Gabriah family for all of the work which they have done to promote this very worthy cause.

### School Cleaner Needed

We have a vacancy for a part time cleaner, for 7.5 hours per week (1.5 hours per day Mon – Fri). The rate of pay is £10.55 per hour. The role is partly flexible i.e. can be completed before or after schools. Please enquire via the school office for further details.

### Year 3-4 Tag Rugby Festival

Nine of our Year 3-4 children travelled to Beaumont School on Monday afternoon to take part in a tag rugby festival. The children had a skills session followed by three friendly games against the other participating schools.

Squad: Sienna, Matthew, Dylan, Sheba, Darcy  
Alex, Tyg, Jessica, Obekhai



### Achievement

Well done to all the children who won individual awards for swimming, running and karate this week.

Top: Abigail, Darcey-Mae, Kyla, Shanae



Bottom: Lotta, Flori, Austin, Jason, Orlaith, Imogen  
Max, Erin, Amelie, Sheba, Ivy, Isabel, Nathaniel, William, Ryan