



Welcome back to the start of a new school year. We hope you have all had a lovely summer and that your families are all safe and well. We have been so impressed by how well the children have readjusted to be back in regular learning and we are confident that they will quickly make up for any missed time.

Key Dates this term

As you would expect, there are far fewer event dates this term. We still hope to have a class assembly and class mass for each class later in the year and we will keep you posted as and when these dates are added to the diary.

Fri 11 th Sept 10am	Whole School Mass (Youtube)
Wed 9 th Sept	Reception pupils start (half days)
Mon 14 th Sept	Clubs begin
Thu 17 th Sept, 6.30pm	Open evening for prospective parents
Fri 18 th Sept, 2pm	Class reps meeting (in school / Zoom TBC)
Wed 23 rd Sept, 9.30am	Open day for prospective parents
Fri 25 th Sept, 2.30pm	Year 7 reunion
Mon 5 th Oct 6.30pm	Year R curriculum evening (Zoom TBC)
Wed 21 st Oct	Individual & sibling photos
Thu 22 nd Oct 2pm	Open day for prospective parents
Fri 23 rd Oct	Half term 1 ends 3.30pm
Mon 2 nd Nov	Half term 2 begins*

Please note that there is no INSET on the Monday after half term as there has been in previous years.

Key dates for the second half of term will follow in due course.

Collection of pupils after school

Parents are allowed to collect other pupils in addition to their own after school, as long as they are from the same class. The school must be notified (either by email to the office or verbally to staff at the drop-off point in the morning in advance).

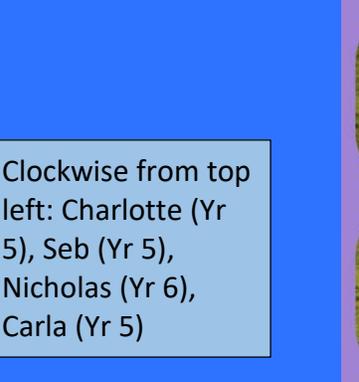
Thanks for your continued cooperation with the new drop-off and pick up routines.

New Starters

A really big welcome to our new starters who have joined us this week. We are delighted to have them and their families as part of our school community.



Clockwise from top left: Isaiah (Yr 2), Delphie, (Yr 3), Chloe (Yr 5)



Clockwise from top left: Charlotte (Yr 5), Seb (Yr 5), Nicholas (Yr 6), Carla (Yr 5)



Start of year Mass

Fr Peter will be celebrating mass with us next Friday 11th September at 10am. The mass is to celebrate the start of the academic year and the feast of St Aidan, which occurred last week. The mass will be broadcast on the St Aidan's parish Youtube channel. Full details will be circulated by email next week.



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Uniform and stationery

After months of no uniform, it's been great to see pupils looking very smart, back in their uniform this week. We understand that there have been some supply issues with Hewitt's and you may not yet have all of the items that you ordered. Please do not worry – the most important thing is that pupils are in school – no pupil will get in trouble for missing items until the backlog of orders have been cleared. However, pupils may feel self-conscious if they do not have the same uniform as classmates. There is a large supply of good quality second-hand uniform available to borrow or buy if you are short of any items. Please contact S.A.S.A. if you require anything.

S.A.S.A will hopefully be able to have a socially-distanced uniform sale in the coming weeks. Further details will follow when this is arranged.

Full details of the uniform are available on the school website.

Also, to minimise sharing of equipment, children in Yr 2 and up have been asked to ensure that they have a full set of stationery including pencils (or pens if appropriate) 30cm ruler, sharpener, rubber, glue stick, scissors and colouring pencils.

Birthday Sweeties

Although it is certainly not a requirement to bring in birthday treats (especially as we are very proud of our healthy school status), we are once again happy to help pupils mark their birthday by distributing sweets, if you choose to send them in. Sweets must be in sealed packs (mini packs of Haribo, individually wrapped lollies or similar). Please ensure that anything sent in does not contain nuts.

PE Kits

As previously mentioned, from next week the children should come into school in their PE kits on the day they are doing PE. They will then stay in their kit all day. The day each class will come in kit is in the table below.

Monday	Y2 and Y4
Wednesday	Y1, Y3, Y5 and Y6

We would ask pupils in Years 3-6 to leave their trainers in school in a bag on their peg so that they can do an additional low impact PE session in the week and also use them for going on the field at playtimes. If your child is attending an after school sports club, they should bring clothes in to change into.

Open Days

Throughout the Autumn term we will have several open days for parents of prospective pupils. If you have a 3 year old child or know anyone in the area who does, please alert them to the dates available. Unlike previous years, open days must be pre-booked.



ST AIDAN'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
'Living and Growing in Christ'

Autumn 2020 Open Sessions

Thursday 17th September
6.30pm – 7.30pm

Wednesday 23rd September
9.30am -10.30am

Thursday 22nd October
2.00pm – 3.00pm

Friday 13th November
9.30am -10.30am



Pre booking your tour is essential due to Covid-19 restrictions. Open sessions will be strictly limited to 8 persons per tour to enable social distancing. Please call the office on **01737 556 036** or email admin@st-aidans.croydon.sch.uk to book your place.

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Achievement

We look forward to hearing about all of your children's achievements outside of school in the coming weeks and months. We will usually be celebrating them in our weekly assembly on Fridays (initially on Zoom), so please send in any relevant certificates, trophies, medals or photos with your child on Fridays.

This week Eviee in Year 4 shared her lockdown art project which was this beautiful depiction of a unicorn made entirely from buttons.

