



Well done to everyone for completing the penultimate week of home-schooling - we're nearly there! Please take time to check all uniform in the coming days. Those children have been doing an awful lot of growing since Christmas and we are looking forward to seeing them back in school looking smart in their full uniform from 8<sup>th</sup> March. Have a lovely weekend.

### Lenten fundraising campaign

Our 'Good Samaritan' Lenten fundraising challenge has got off to a great start, and we are already over ¼ of the way to reaching our overall fundraising goal of £500. You can donate at any point during the Lenten season so there's no rush. The theme of the fundraising is that our children act as 'good samaritans' by doing jobs around the house, or for those people in your bubble, and then donating any pocket money earned. Thanks for your amazing support with this so far.

Saint Aidan's  
Good Samaritan Fundraising Challenge

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/StAidansGoodSamarit>

28% of target

Total raised so far: **£145.00**

Target: **£500.00**

Total plus Gift Aid: £181.25

Raised offline: £0.00

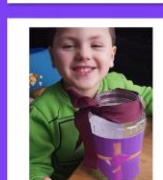
My story: Add your Strava activity

One of the three pillars of Lent is almsgiving. This is a time of extraordinary need locally, nationally and internationally and we are using this as an opportunity to help children understand the importance of almsgiving. We are asking children and their

### Weekly Lenten Challenge

Well done to everyone who participated in our Lenten challenge this week. There was a lovely selection of outcomes, full of creativity and good intentions, just like the jars themselves!

This week we are asking you all to go on a Lenten quest. More details are available in the email that went out this morning. Thanks as always to Mrs Paull for all of her great challenge ideas.



## Lenten

## Jars

### Return to School

We can't wait to welcome all pupils back on 8<sup>th</sup> March. While almost all arrangements remain the same as pre-Christmas, there are a few changes, so please read the attached letter carefully so that we can have a safe and orderly transition back to school.



- St Mary: Joseph McIntyre
- St. Francis: Ethan Downing
- St. Joseph: Dara Hession
- St. Bernadette: Liam Hession
- St. Theresa: Zoe Kwarteng
- St. Peter: Devasha Nassozi
- St Paul: Aleksander Dawidko



- St Mary: Marianne Galbraith
- St. Francis: Valentina Navarro-Ward
- St. Joseph: Harriet Dring
- St. Bernadette: Dylan Allen
- St. Theresa: Iris Kember
- St Peter: Leah Martin
- St Paul: Alex Mooney



### Half-term nature challenge

Many of our pupils remained busy during half term creating ice decorations, doing bird surveys etc. Thank you for sharing your creative outcomes.



### Additional Uniform Supplier

We are happy to announce that we have been working with a local company who will be an additional uniform supplier to St Aidan's. This is a local business that we are more than happy to support. The company is called Media and More <https://mediaandmore.co.uk/> Orders can be placed online or by phone. St Aidan's uniform is already in stock on their website.

This does not replace Hewitt's, who already supply St Aidan's uniform, and all items are the same quality, colour and price. The purpose of offering an additional supplier is not to replace Hewitt's but to offer an alternative for those not able to collect at Hewitt's shop.

If children have outgrown their winter uniform during lockdown, we are happy for them to begin wearing summer uniform from w/c 8<sup>th</sup> March

### World Book Day

Next Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day and we will be having some virtual events on the day to celebrate the occasion, but our main celebration (complete with book character dress-up) will be on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March. There will be prizes for the best costumes on 12<sup>th</sup>. Please don't worry about buying costumes. Recycling old costumes or making your own out of whatever's available around the house are good options under the circumstances.

### Parents Evening

As detailed in the last newsletter, parents evening appointments will be available by phone on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March for you to feed back to teachers your experiences of your child's learning during lockdown, and to hear how they have been getting on since they have been back in school. The appointment booking system will be made available to parents via email next Thursday (4<sup>th</sup> March) from midday.

### Wednesday Word

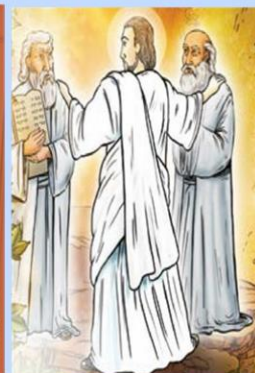
The Wednesday Word wasn't sent out this week as the version you received before half-term was a booklet with several weeks included. Here is the link so that you can continue to access the booklet online: [Holiday - Magazine - Page 7 \(paperturn-view.com\)](http://www.paperturn-view.com)

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February for Families

#### 1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

Peter, James and John went with Jesus to pray on a mountain top. While they were there, Jesus was transformed. His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as dazzling as the light, whiter than any normal clothing could ever be. Suddenly Moses and Elijah, the great teacher and the great prophet of the Old Testament, appeared and were talking with Jesus. Then a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Then suddenly, when the disciples looked round, they saw only Jesus was left there with them.

Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 Cf. Mark 9:2-10 (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year B)



### Achievement

Well done to Grace (Yr5) for her \*Gold\* Athletics certificate, to Ivy (Yr 3) for creating a crystal 'tree' in her science investigation and to Chloé, who went litter picking in her local area over half-term. Well done girls – a great range of achievements.



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