



There are a few additional diary dates so please have another look and get them in your diary! These aren't necessarily whole school participation but we just want you to get an overview of some of the events which happens as part of our school life. As we get closer to events, more information will be sent out.

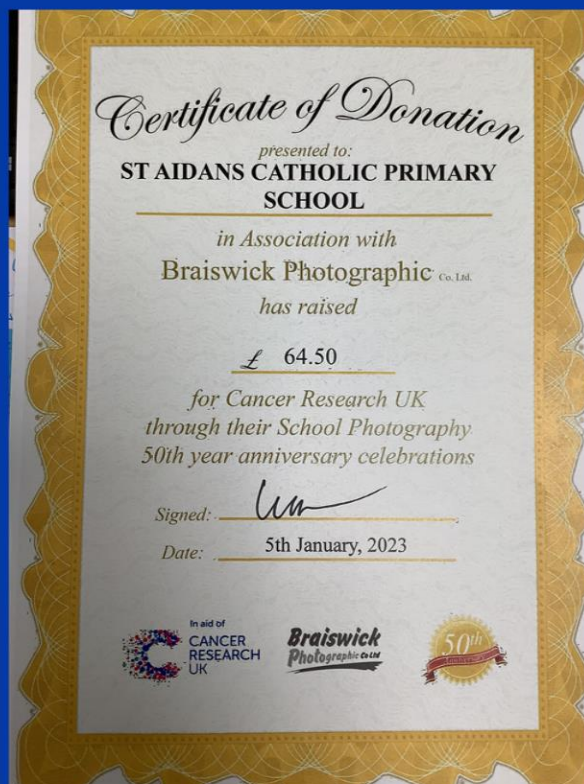
### Diary Dates

21/1/23 – Cross Country at Woodcote  
27/1/23 – Quicksticks competition at Croydon High  
1/2/23 – Year 6 trip to Parliament  
3/2/23 – Year 3 class assembly  
3/2/23 – Year 4 Eucharistic Adoration  
3/2/23 - Discos  
7/2/23 – Safer Internet Day  
7/2/23 – General Knowledge Quiz  
8/2/23 – Talent show  
9/2/23 – Catholic Cross-Country Competition  
9/2/23 – Break up for half term 3.25pm  
10/2/23 – INSET DAY  
12/2/23 – Dance show  
13/2/23-17/2/23 HALF TERM  
20/2/23 – School open  
22/2/23 – Ash Wednesday 2:15 at church  
24/2/23 – Year 2 assembly  
27/2/23 – Year 3 Eucharistic Adoration  
2/3/23 – World Book Day  
2/3/23 – Parents Evening  
8/3/23 – Parents Evening  
9/3/23 – Catholic Schools Girls football competition  
10/3/23 – Year 1/2 gym competition  
10/3/23 – Year 3/4 Eucharistic Adoration  
11/3/23 – Cross Country at Farthing Downs  
13/3/23 – Reception trip to Nower Wood  
15/3/23 – Year 6 trip to London Zoo  
16/3/23 – Geography Day  
17/3/23 – Year 1 assembly  
17/3/23 – Mother's day sale  
18/3/23 – Cross country and Woodcote  
20/3/23 – Year 2 class liturgy  
22/3/23 – Team colour dodgeball competition  
23/3/23 – Music Concert  
24/3/23 – Careers Day  
29/3/23 – Year 5 Passion service  
30/3/23 – Year 4 trip to The British Museum  
31/3/23 – Break up for Easter 1.45 p.m.  
17/4/23 – School open for summer term

### Kids Connect collection

From Monday, collection for Kids Connect at 4:30pm we ask that you continue to wait with those collecting from clubs until the gates open but then collect from the hut. If you are also collecting a sibling from a club, please collect them first before going to the hut. In addition to this, we will be returning to using a signing out book when you come to collect your child at any time from Kids Connect as we did before COVID.

Many thanks to all who bought photographs this year. As a result, we have raised £64.50 for Cancer Research.



St Mary: Heidi Wilkinson  
St. Francis: George Tomassi  
St. Joseph: Ashley Coutinho  
St. Bernadette: Joseph McSherry  
St. Theresa: Alex Hill  
St. Peter: Max Stokoe  
St Paul: Sofia Lagos-Sewell



St Mary: Vivienne Lamb  
St. Francis: Veronica Coni  
St. Joseph: Lucas Mulligan  
St. Bernadette: Isabel Maxwell-Fidler  
St. Theresa: Isaac Finnerty  
St Peter: Sammy Famodimu  
St Paul: Ollie Mooney

### Year 6's Big Ben

To mark the completion of the Elizabeth Tower restoration, St Aidan's Year 6 have designed their own tower with designs of all the issues that are important to youngsters for their future in 2023 ( Climate Change/Ukraine / Cost of Living Crisis /NHS). Lots to consider here!



### Teachers strike

As I am sure you are already aware, there has been recent ballots by teacher unions and the National Education Union (NEU) intend to carry out industrial action over the national pay offer and their members plan to strike over a number of days in the coming months.

The dates are:

- \*Wednesday 1st February
- \*Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March
- \*Wednesday 15th March
- \*Thursday 16th March

At the moment, I am assessing the impact this may have on our school and will inform parents of this at the earliest opportunity. Whilst as a school we regret any inconvenience this may cause, we must respect that members of any professional association/union have the right to take this action following a legal ballot.

I would like to recognise that I understand the frustrations of many teachers with workload and pay issues, something we have seen documented by recent strike action in other professions. The commitment of our staff to your children remains as high as ever and any decisions that staff make will not be taken lightly.

While trade unions have informed their members of their intention to strike, there is also the possibility that through ongoing negotiations the strikes may not take place. I will keep you informed as the situation develops before the first day of strike action on 1st February.

### School uniform donations

At present we are unable to take any donations of school uniform as we do not have the space to store it. When the SASA are next having a sale we will inform you and you will be able to bring it in then. Sorry for any inconvenience.



### Collection after clubs

To ensure the safety of pupils on site, we ask that when collecting a child from a club at 4:30 you wait until the gate is opened at 4:25. Unfortunately, we can't have adults waiting for clubs to finish on the playground. Many thanks for your help and understanding in this matter.



### Uniform

Please be reminded that any hats, scarfs etc should be in school colours and any hair which has gone past shoulder length should be tied back whilst they are at school.



### Achievement

Well done to everyone who celebrated individual achievements in assembly this week.

Congratulations to Michael (Y5) for being awarded man of the match at football, Alana and Betsy (Y2) for winning medals for their cheerleading, Emilia (Y2) for her grading in Irish dancing, Harry (Y3) and Florence (Y1) who both earned swimming certificates and Florence, Oliver, Celina, Amelia (Y1), Joseph, Eliana (Y2) for earning Athletics awards. You will notice there are a couple of silvers and even a gold one in there, amazing!





Joseph  
George T  
Jake  
Harry  
George  
Edward  
William K  
William M



Iyla  
Sophia  
Anna  
Harriet  
Imogen  
Sophia  
Orlaith  
Lola

## Welcome to the school council news

### Interview with Mrs Shirley by Harry and Harriet (Y3)

#### What are your hobbies outside of school?

I really like to go walking, socialize with friends and family and spend some time reading.

#### What is your favourite recipe to cook?

That's a tricky one but I would have to say mince pasta.

#### Would you like to share your recipes with the children?

I would like to, that is a good idea.

#### Why did you decide to be a chef at St. Aidan's?

I really enjoy cooking and my children came to Saint Aidan's and I liked it so much I decided to work here.

#### What is your favourite place you have visited?

I really enjoyed going to the Amalfi coast in Italy, it is so beautiful there and very relaxing.

### George and Imogen (Y4) have some jokes for you this week.

Why did the tomato blush?

Because he saw the salad dressing!

What do you call a granny online?

Insta-gran!

Why did the cyclops headteacher close his school?

Because he only had one pupil!

Knock, knock  
Who's there?  
Doctor Who?  
You just said it!

Something new this week from William M and William K (Y6) who have created some spot the differences. There are five to find in each one. Good luck, the bike one is tricky!



### Class news from this week has been collected by Orlaith and Lola (Y6)

Y1: They have started doing lots of work linked with their theme of pirates. Look out for their artwork below.

Y2: In RE they have looked at The Bible with a focus on the gospels and what the parish family does. In maths they have completed some multiplication and division.

Y3: In maths they have looked at money with a focus on totals and change. Their class book is 'The Twits' and they have done some drama to do with this as well as continuing to learn about rivers in geography.

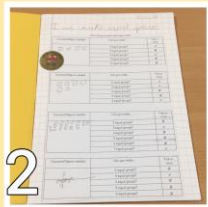
Y4: They are continuing to look at their class book, 'The Iron Man'. In maths they have been dividing by 10 and 100 and in science they are exploring electricity.

Y5: This week they have learnt about Jesus' mission. In Literacy they have learnt about writing newspapers and about area in maths.

Y6: They have been learning about rainforests through dance and learning about ratio and proportion in maths.



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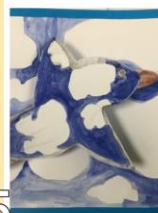
Edward and Sophia (Y5) went from class to class scouting out good work and taking pictures of it. On the left:

Reception - Beatrice  
Year 1 - Pirate artwork  
Year 2 - Lucas

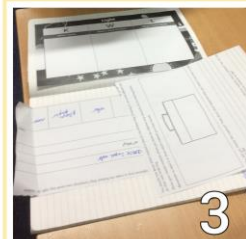
On the right:  
Year 3 - Oyeme and Harry  
Year 4 - Eva  
Year 5 - Gisela and Delphie  
Year 6 - Rocco



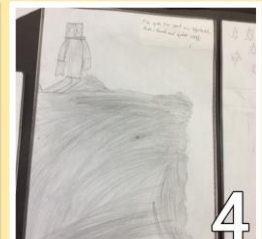
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