



### Headteacher's Weekly Message

What a busy week it has been here at St Aidan's! The classes are full of magic and sparkle - we are certainly alive with Christmas spirit! We started the week with the children in Reception and Years 1 who sang and acted their hearts out for their nativity, Baubles. They were fantastic and I felt exceptionally proud of every single one of them. I also wanted to mention the sheer hard work and dedication shown by the staff in getting the children ready and prepared for their performances. Thank you to all the family members that came to watch and to Mrs Paull and Mrs Esparon who also joined the audience! A great big thank you to everyone who donated to the school after both nativities. Your generosity is truly appreciated. This goes towards different necessities such as costumes, props, resources and licensing. Finally, I am very much looking forward to welcoming families on Monday 18th December to our carol service. The children have been rehearsing and practicing very hard and they are sounding absolutely amazing! Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend! God bless, Mrs Logue X

'Living  
and  
growing  
in Christ'



### Carol Service - Monday 18th December 6pm

It has been another busy week, with Reception and Year 1's Nativity performances. Year 2—6 Carol Concert rehearsals are underway. It is starting to feel Christmassy around school with just 1 week left before we break up on 21st December at 1.45 pm. Just a few reminders about Monday's Carol Service at the Church:

- Pupils in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, should arrive at church between 5.40 - 5.45 p.m. and go straight to their places at the front of the church. All pupils in years 2 - 6 are expected to attend.
- Those with acting parts (they will know who they are) should arrive at 5.35 p.m. and go straight to the sacristy.
- Pupils should be in full uniform, including jumpers or cardigan. Coats should be left with parents on arrival.
- Pupils in Reception class and Year 1 are welcome to join the congregation.
- The service should last between 45 minutes to 1 hour.
- No recording or photography is permitted during the performance.

### Christmas Post Box

The school Christmas post box is back for the children to post all their Christmas cards to their classmates. Please make sure envelopes are clearly labelled with names and year group.



### Important dates for your diary...

18th December	6pm Carol Service
20th December	<b>Class Christmas Parties - MUFTI DAY</b>
21st December	9.30am Rock Steady Concert
21st December	1.45pm School Closes

### 2024

8th January	School opens 8:45am
16th January	Y5 and Y6 Young Voices at the O2 Arena
19th January	Y6 Croydon Junior Citizenship
20th January	Woodcote Cross Country Race 2
8th February	School closes at 3.25pm for half term
19th February	School opens at 8:45am



## **Nativity performance**

Reception and Year 1 put on a fantastic Nativity performance of Baubles this week. The children blew us away with their amazing singing, dancing and acting. Not to mention how amazing they looked in their costumes. Thank you to all the Reception and Year 1 team for their hard work with putting it all together







On Friday 8th December, SASA organised our first Christmas Sale. The sale was a huge success and it was wonderful to see the Children excited about what to get family members. Thank you to all the volunteers who gave up parts of their day to assist the children. A huge thank you to Dani for organising this event.

This was the last event of 2023 and we are sure SASA will enjoy a well deserved rest for the next couple of weeks.

### Football:

#### St. Aidan's vs Keston

On Monday St. Aidan's travelled to Keston for an intense league match. We started the game off strong with Michael scoring a screamer from outside the box to make it 1-0. It stayed like that until half time but in the 2nd half we continued to dominate in all areas. Two more amazing goals from Sammy and Michael to finish the game off at 3-0.

**Report by Jaxon and Liam.**

#### St. Aidan's vs Fairchild

The game kicked off at 3.30 and St. Aidan's were immediately putting Fairchild's under instant pressure. All of a sudden, the team were playing beautiful football and Sammy finished off a brilliant St. Aidan's attack by Liam and Callum. After that, we continued to dominate the game by scoring three more goals before half-time. The second half started off with St. Aidan's continuing to score. The game ended 8-0 to St. Aidan's.

**Report by Callum.**

**Thank you to Coach T and Ollie.**

### Girls Football:

On Friday 9th December, the St Aidan's girls football team played in their first ever tournament with Palace For Life which was held at Crystal Palace training ground. The team played exceptionally well for their first competitive matches. We won a game, drew another and unfortunately lost the remaining. However, we played well and we had fun!

**Report by Clara, Sophia and Amelie**

**Thank you to Coach T, Mrs Bradley and Mrs Hunt for helping on the day and to all the parents for getting the children there and back.**



St Mary: Beau Mullen

St Francis: The whole of Year 1!

St Joseph: Isabella Whittaker

St Bernadette: Logan Cloherty

St Theresa: Danell Reddie

St Peter: Eva O'Kane

St Paul: Ted Ryan



St Mary: Charlie Parker

St Francis: The whole of Year 1!

St Joseph: Aren Onwuejeogwu

St Bernadette: Isabel Clarke

St Theresa: Lucia Nash

St Peter: Tom Ransom

St Paul: Mateo De Mendoza

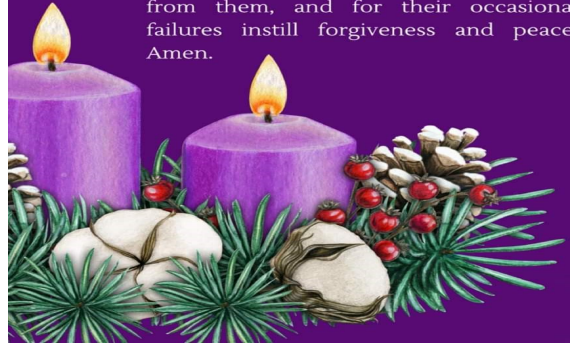
### Advent Wreaths:

The children have been making Advent wreaths at After School Club and have been selling them on the playground at 3.25pm in the hope to make some money for the school.



## The Advent Family Prayer

God, Our Father, loving and merciful, bring together and keep all families in perfect unity of love and mutual support. Instill in each member the spirit of understanding and affection for each other. Keep quarrels and bitterness far from them, and for their occasional failures instill forgiveness and peace. Amen.



### School Gates

We are seeing an increasing number of pupils arriving after 9.05 in the morning. **The gate closes sharp at 9.05.** We appreciate and fully understand some circumstances are out of your control, and again, the parking is also a historically inevitable issue. We are always cautious about the safety of the children which is a high priority. Whilst we know you are trying to be helpful, we must ask that you do not hold the gate open for anyone as this is a safety risk and again not to let anyone through the gate when you are leaving. The office need to know who is coming in and out of the school. This is particularly vital when all the children have gone into school and staff are no longer in the playground or at the gate. Again, this is for the safety of our pupils.

Thank you for your understanding.

### Christmas Lunch

*'Now bring us a figgy pudding  
Now bring us a figgy pudding  
Now bring us a figgy pudding  
And bring some out here'*



On Wednesday, the Children and staff were treated to a delicious Christmas feast! Everyone dined on roast turkey, pigs in blankets, roasted potatoes, vegetables and lashings of gravy—not to mention a chocolatey Christmas pudding nest! We even enjoyed some festive singing and dancing from some of the staff!

A huge Christmas thank you to Mrs Shirley and Mrs Hilson for cooking up such a delight! Thank you also to Mr Freeman and Mrs Khomchuk who gave a massive helping hand in the kitchen!

We are not sure who enjoyed their Christmas lunch more the Children or the teachers!



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So bring some out here'*





## Awards this week

Another busy week in our school with fantastic nativity performances and rehearsals for the carol service. Our talented children have been equally busy out of school. What an amazing range of awards! Well done everyone.

