



Headteacher's Weekly Message

Everyone at St Aidan's would like to wish all our families a very Happy New Year as we start 2024!



It's been lovely welcoming the children back after our Christmas break ready to start the new Spring Term.

2024 - a time of hope, when we will all make promises to make this the best year and achieve our goals. The children have been telling me about their resolutions and goals — helping at home, being kind, trying their best both at school and at home, praying for peace and for their friends and families, listening to others, and lots more thoughtful promises. It has been a great week full of hope and new beginnings.

Thank you so much for all your kindness and gifts given to St Aidan's staff. They were touched by your generosity and all pass on their thanks and appreciation, myself included.



The Epiphany

This week, we gathered together in our whole school worship to continue our celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World, God's gift of love to all. On Monday, we listened to the gospel of Matthew and heard the story of how the three wise men from another part of the world were led by a star and travelled the long journey to Bethlehem, looking for Jesus. There they found him in a lowly stable. The children took time for some 'sacred silence' and reflected on this special moment, imagining how the three wise men may have felt seeing the baby Jesus.

Lord, as we celebrate the Epiphany, may we recognise your presence in our midst. Stay close to us all and bless our lives with health and well being.

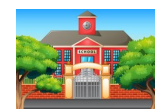
Have a peaceful weekend. God Bless, Mrs Logue x



God of all heaven and earth, From the breath of your love came the creation of the world. We are amazed at the vast beauty of the night sky and at the intimate nature of the love you have for us your children. Be our daily star, Guiding our lives to search for kingdom love. May we always follow your light of truth in all that we do, Forever trusting, hoping and believing in your word. Lift our eyes tonight to see your eternal life shining brightly, Leading us home. Amen.

School Gates

We have been looking at our morning routine in the playground. As the school day starts at 9.05am, the bell rings at 9.00am for the children to be able to be called one class at a time into the school. This has meant there is less congestion in corridors and helps with getting the children settled and ready to begin their school day. We find that this system is very effective. If you arrive at the school gates and see that classes are going inside or the playground is empty, it does not necessarily mean your child is late only that the classes are taking off coats, changing books etc., and getting ready for the school day.



Primary School Application Deadline

Monday 15th January is the deadline for applications for Reception class places for September 2024. All children need to apply online via eAdmissions and also by submitting a supplementary form to school. If you have a child due to start school in September and you haven't already submitted your forms, please do so urgently. If you need any assistance with doing so, please contact the school office.

Important dates for your diary...

16th January	Y5 and Y6 Young Voices Concert at the O2
19th January	Y6 Croydon Junior Citizenship trip 1-3pm
20th January	Woodcote Cross Country Race 2 at 9.30am
8th February	School closes at 3.25pm for half term
19th February	School opens

Awards this Week



St Mary: Riley Hockings
 St Francis: Luna Noel
 St Joseph: Joshua Lawrie
 St Bernadette: Kollyn Donaldson-Stovel
 St Theresa: Olivia Kiamtia-Cooper
 St Peter: George Waite
 St Paul: Alfie Johnston



St Mary: Cara Carey
 St Francis: Santiago Borrás Trigo
 St Joseph: Keyaan Nsiah
 St Bernadette: Mia Ezeokoli
 St Theresa: Owen Steedman
 St Peter: Harry Batrick
 St Paul: Áine Doohan