



British Values

Democracy - In a democracy, people get to elect their leaders and have more say in how their country is run. That's something a lot of people around the world are still fighting for.

BBC Newsround have a good clip about the Houses of Parliament and how to get elected as **a Member of Parliament**. That means you would go to London and represent all the people in your constituency. The MP for **Knowsley** is called **George Howarth** and he has visited our school recently. Find out more about the House of Commons and House of Lords at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/30880972>

Fantastic Writing Y3 Evie Worrall

Once the party had started, music was blasting as loud as a fog-horn and everyone was dancing like mad. Suddenly, the music stopped; nobody had touched the record player or the D.J. Evie and Phoebe got a shiver all up the back of their spines. Evie said 'Where is the D.J?' as she was clutching onto Phoebe ...

School Text Service is Stopping

After the Whit holidays we will **NO LONGER** be using our old text messaging service. You need to accept the link sent to you via your e-mail for our new Parent App system by Friday, 24th May.

After the **24th May**, all communication; letters regarding trips for your child, messages etc. will **ONLY BE SENT ON THIS NEW SYSTEM**. There will be NO paper copies of letters etc. sent home. Call into the School Office if you have any problems. Thank you.

Tea and Scones with Mr Boland



Aiden (Y4) – all round improvement;
Dylan (Y4) – going above and beyond in school and homework;
Libby (Y4) – a supportive and lovely friend
Che (Y1) – great improvements in behaviour;
Fraser (Y1) – for being grown up and sensible;
Lola (Y1) – doing extra writing at home;
Dion (Y3) – improvements in writing, (including brackets);
Sofia (Y5) – amazing Reading Record work at home;
Daniel (Y3) – perfect PE lesson;
Noah (Rec) – trying hard with writing;
Daniella (Y5) – excellent recall in maths work
Aaliyah (Y2) – trying hard in reading

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Attendance

Good attendance leads to good achievement at school. Every single day matters.

Nursery 87%
Reception 89%
Y1 99%
Y2 98%
Y3 97%
Y4 95%
Y5 95%
Y6 99%

Well done to Y6 this week. Their class had the best attendance and will get extra playtime on Friday



Birthdays



Tom (Y6),
Jack (Nurs),
Daniel (Y3),
Lexi (Y5),
Amy (Y5),
Imogen (Y4)

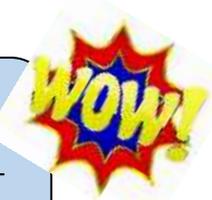
Star of the Week

James (Y6)
Amy (Y5)
Aaron (Y5)
Archie (Y4)
Annabelle (Y3)
Tommie (Y2)
Georgie (Y1)



School Uniform/ Shoes

I have been very impressed with the **smartness** of the children at school – they are very proud of their uniform. Please make sure that this high standard is kept up including **black shoes**. I know when it gets to the end of the year it is difficult but we are fine with a completely black trainer until new shoes in September.



WOW Stories

Chloe (Y4) has made cakes and sold them at our Bingo event to raise money for Diabetes UK. She received a letter of thanks from the organisation which was presented during one of our assemblies – well done Chloe.

Harrison (Y1) had **Duncan Ferguson** visit with lots of Everton goodies and a pair of Pickford's gloves. Harrison's Aunty is a little poorly at the moment and that is why he visited.



What Do You Want To be When you Grow Up?

We are thinking carefully about opportunities in school and letting them know something about the wider world. We are looking for **'volunteers'** to come into school to talk to older children about:

- The job that you do and why you chose that
- The qualifications needed to secure that job
- What you enjoy about that job
- What makes that job more difficult

We are doing this to try and develop the imagination of our children about what they could do and be in the world and we know that our parents have some varied and interesting jobs that may be an inspiration to some of our children – don't forget those of you that have managed to build your own business as well! Please let the office know if you are available.

Sports Day Dates for the Diary

Thursday 18th July for Sports Day KS1 AM/ KS2 PM. We are going to be using the newly planted field and the sunshine has been ordered – should be enjoyable! I know Mr. Craig and I are in agreement that we should make it competitive and winners should have medals for winning races. Nursery are going to organise their own mini Sports Day and will let you know.

Just in case of bad weather **Monday 22nd July** (after Leavers Mass in Church) will be our second choice day. Hope you can all make it.

Parent Questionnaires – You Said We Did

Do you remember filling in a questionnaire last year? We just wanted to let you know that we looked at them carefully and have been listening to your suggestions about how we can further **improve things** here at St Aidan's.

Several parents commented on the **'old' reading books** we send home – we have replaced the whole scheme with **brand new books** for reading in school and at home that are also matched to phonic work as well. Thanks to Mrs. Cooper for organising this.

Rewards for End of Term

We have organised some activities for 12 children to go to **Knowsley Outdoor Education Centre** to say thank you for being great and showing our key values of ready, respectful and safe – canoeing and water sport activities.

Anybody who has attendance better than 96% for this term will go into a draw to win a **Smyths Toystore** voucher for **£100**.

Interesting Lessons at St Aidan's

Nursery – Our caterpillars have turned into cocoons and we have planted some seeds to grow flowers to help insects in our garden.

Reception – We are going to make 'doubling' pizzas as part of our rewards for reaching our targets this week and the 'Creepy Crawly' man is coming in next week.

Y1 – We will be planting some seeds next week to explore what things are needed for them to grow.

Y2 – We are using Scratch Junior to create videos to go with our writing.

Y3 – We have been using iPads to research the impact of the Roman Empire on Britain.

Y4 – We have been on an 'Invertebrate Hunt' around the school ground, taken pictures and are using classification keys to identify what we found.

Y5 – We had a visit from a lady who is able to teach Chinese Calligraphy and taught us how to write numbers. We will use it when making some clay pots next week.

Y6 – We have had a picnic to celebrate the end of our tests this week. We are planning to carry on the good work next week to get us ready for our high schools and to be the best when we arrive.

Sports – Mr Craig has organised a virtual tennis challenge – How many 'keep ups' can you do in 30 secs? In House Football – Farah won the final and received a trophy this week – well done. Y4 are going to Finch Farm football finals for the whole of Merseyside next week – good luck!