

Attendance at 96% and above means a child's chance of achieving well at school are increased considerably. At St Aidan's we strive to ensure that all pupils are able to achieve, therefore we will be **closely monitoring** attendance of all pupils over this academic year. We will be aided by the **Schools Attendance Service** to provide support for pupils whose attendance is below an acceptable level. This means that families of pupils with low attendance may receive a **home visit** or be **invited into school** to work with ourselves and the School Attendance Service with a view to improving attendance and increasing their chances of success. Some home visits have already taken place.

Fantastic Writing Mary Kate Y6

Give thanks for God for God is so good.
Give thanks to our God who is great for unconditional love.
Give thanks to our loving God for our health.
Our God does spectacular works
Our God is very clever.
Our God made the peaceful heavens.
Our God built our amazing earth and the sparkling seas.
God made the bright Sun and the white Moon.
The Sun to shine all day; the Moon and the stars to sparkle through the night.
God is forever with us; God will never leave us.
God takes such tender care of us.
Give thanks to our God. Our God is so unique.
(My Psalm in the style of Psalm 23)

Tea and Scones with Mr Boland

Eva (Y5) a great start to the New Year – excellent attitude.
Faye (Y2) for inspiring others to do well.
Poppy (Y3) Excellent behaviour and attitude to work.
Max (Y6) giving his all in the work in class.
Connie (Y3) great attitude, effort and team work in PE.
Josh (Y1) caring behaviour to his friends.
Adam (Y4) for showing such kindness to his friends every day.

Birthdays September

Mikey Y5
Lewis Y1
Anthony Y5
Paddy Nurs
Anthony Y3
Isaac Rec
Beryl Y6
Lily Rose Y1
Louie Y2
Leyton Y6

Peace Proms 2019/ 2020

Our Choir will be **performing songs** with other schools this year. We will be taking part in **Peace Proms**.

Peace Proms is a **Free** project for Primary Schools. The musical programme is fun and engaging for children and the end performance is an inspirational and thrilling experience for choirs, teachers, parents and audiences alike! Peace Proms will give our choir the opportunity to:

- Sing with a choir of up to **3,000 children**
- Perform with a full symphony youth orchestra
- Work with one of the UK's leading professional conductors – Greg Beardsell
- **Perform at the Echo Arena** Liverpool
- Develop vocal technique, presentation and performance
- Experience a variety of musical styles and genres – Find out more:

<http://peaceproms.com/school-info/important-information/>

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

Equates to 0 days off school each year	100%	Perfection
Equates to 1 day off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 2 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 3 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 4 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 5 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Attendance

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

Nursery 93%
Reception 95%
Y1 99%
Y2 93%
Y3 96%
Y4 93%
Y5 98%
Y6 100%

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



Parking

School keep clear / yellow zigzag markings are there to improve road safety for all road users by maintaining clear, unobstructed access to and from school entrance/exit points. We will be issuing postal Penalty Charge Notices to any vehicles observed parking on school keep clear markings during the operative times. So if we don't issue a ticket on the day, drivers should be aware they may still receive a fine in the post.

Message from Parking Manager
Highways and Transportation



History Art Work During the summer term we hired an **artist (Andi Taylor)** to create a unique history canvas for our school. The canvas celebrates the lives of significant peoples from our area and includes: **Lord Thomas Stanley** (1st Earl of Derby), Hannah Lightbody, William Gladstone, William Rathbone, Bessie Braddock, Dame Rose Helibron and **The Beatles**. During the year, each class will research one of the significant individuals and we will also have a **History Themed Day** to celebrate their achievements.

WOW Stories

Beryl and Nelly (Y6) were filmed at the Pagoda playing traditional Chinese instruments and appeared on national TV.

Jackson (Y1) played in a football match where his team won 9-4; well done.

Paisley (Y2) won a trophy for dance recently – brilliant.

Alexa (Y4) went to Bristol to see an air balloon show!

Sports Report Mr Craig

Year 5 & 6 pupils will both begin a 6 week block of outdoor and adventurous activities for their PE lessons at Knowsley Outdoor Education Centre which is on Lord Derby's Estate in Knowsley Village. Both classes will be working towards the **Lord Derby Award** as part of the sessions and will have to learn a skill, take part in physical/adventurous activities and do something **to help the local community**. The Lord Derby Award is the equivalent of a **Duke of Edinburgh Award** for primary school children and enrolment onto the course will cost £20. The school will pay £10 of this and we are asking that parents/guardians contribute the remaining £10.



Interesting Lessons at St Aidan's

Nursery –We have been making our own **Playdough** and have been choosing different colours to make and use.

Reception –We have been playing lots of games to learn each others' names – we even used the **parachute** outside!

Y1 –We have been listening to a story about **The Mystery of Black Rock**. All we know so far is that it isn't a rock!

Y2 – Went on a **science walk** around Huyton to explore different materials.

Y3 –We are going to be visited by **Dr. J Hill** next week who is going to teach us all about the **Stone Age**.

Y4 –We are going to use bananas, Weetabix, old tights and funnels to **recreate the human digestive system** – uggghh!

Y5 – Some of our children are going for trials at football to represent Huyton. Also, we have a **mystery box** in our classroom that is connected to the book we have been reading Henry's Freedom Box.

Y6 – Y5 and 6 are being invited to take part in the **Lord Derby Awards** this year which is a bit like the Duke of Edinburgh Awards that older children do; also looking at **Pop Art!**

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 mentioned the quality and quantity of **homework**. We have **purchased** a set of **books** for each child from Y1 – Y6 for reading and maths so that homework is of a similar **quality** and **quantity** each week across the whole school.

Parent's Evening on Parent App

We are planning to have a **Parent's Evening** from 3.30 to 7.30 on **23rd October**. We are going to use **Parent App** to sort out appointments with teachers so watch out for further information. It should make it a lot **easier** than the paper version as families will be able to have appointments near each other. It will be visiting the classroom to look at books and then an appointment in the hall with class teachers.

We are planning to make a **Creche** available in school for the children who go to our school so carers can have **space** to **talk to teachers**.