

British Values

In a **democracy**, people get to elect their leaders and have **more say** in how their country is run. We do this when we vote and **choose** the people who we believe will do the best job. You get to vote when you are **18 years old**. At the end of 5 years, at the most, you get the chance to **choose again**.

Some places in the world do not have democracy and that means they **do not** have a say about the rules about how their country is run.

Many people in Britain **listen carefully** to politicians – the people elected to get their views and decide if they should vote for them or not. Find out more at the link below

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/30880972>

Fantastic Writing James Y5

The door slammed behind me. I was alone in the room; or was I? the room was quite dark and there was a lot of dust in the air. It was cold too, like there was a ghost in the room. I walked towards the window hoping to find that I could let some light in. I found them boarded up meaning I would have to stay in the darkness.

'Oh no' I muttered to myself.

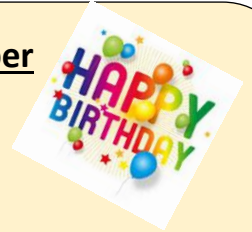
I heard something move behind me. It didn't sound human although it may have just been that my nerves were on edge. I panicked; desperately looking around the room for somewhere to hide. I guessed the sound came from near the door so I ran to the opposite side of the room. I hid behind the largest object I could find – a piano. As I hid, I could feel the cold wall behind my back.

Tea and Scones with Mr Boland

Amy (Y5) – great sportsmanship
Ella (Y3) – being kind and caring
Honey (Y6) – being a resilient learner
Daniella (Y6) – great efforts in Reading Plus
Tom, Luke, Dillon (Y5) – reading outside during playtime
Harrison (Y2) – excellent behaviour
Mark (Y1) – kind and caring attitude
Lawrence (Y4) – great consideration to staff members
Reuben (Rec) – amazing writing

Birthdays September

Chloe (Y5)
Kyan (Y4)
Amelia S (Y2)
Lewis (Y3)
Olivia (Y1)
Mark (Y1)
Melodie (Y1)
Lottie (Rec)
Marc (Nurs)
Harry (Rec)



Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

Equivalent to 10 days off school each year	100%	Perfection
Equivalent to 5 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equivalent to 10 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equivalent to 15 days off school each year	95%	Satisfactory
Equivalent to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equivalent to 30 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 92%
Reception 97%
Y1 93%
Y2 96%
Y3 99%
Y4 96%
Y5 95%
Y6 95%

Well done to **Y3** this week. Their class had the best attendance and will get extra playtime on Friday



Sign Language in School

We have started working with an organisation that teaches **British Sign Language** to children in schools. **'Hands'** are coming into school to work with Y2 and Y4 for the next few weeks to raise awareness and teach the children some simple language. Chloe (Y2) was telling me that she learned how to say what her favourite animal was!

Nursery children will be working with **'Signing Cherubs'** in a similar way to develop an understanding of British Sign Language with our younger children.

This is a great way for children to learn about differences in society and how we should try to make efforts to show that we include all in what we do even if **hearing** is difficult.

Thank you to the staff and children for engaging so positively and **don't be surprised** if the children from those classes come home and start teaching you!

Healthy Eating

<https://www.diabetes.co.uk/food/fast-food-and-diabetes.html>

Fast food, also commonly referred to as **junk food**, is undoubtedly very popular in the UK but is closely linked with health problems including **obesity**, **type 2 diabetes** and **cardiovascular disease**.

Research shows that those eating fast food regularly gain **more weight** and have an increased risk of **health disorders**. Fast food tends to be rich in macronutrients, such as carbohydrate, fat and protein, but unless eaten with vegetables, fast food meals are usually **nutritionally poor** and lack a good balance of vitamins, minerals and fibre.

Sports Report Mr Craig

The year 5/6 football team began their season in the Huyton Small Schools League last week followed by an EFC tournament. The team showed lots of promise and potential with some good wins and performances, along with some very close defeats. Some Year 5 pupils completed playground leaders training this week and will be responsible for leading fun games and activities to younger pupils in the school during play time. We are planning play boxes with equipment on each playground.

Children's Questionnaires

We did an online survey with the children at the end of last year with a series of questions about what they think about school. One of the questions was: **Are you treated fairly?** Results are compared to hundreds of other schools who have taken the survey.

St Aidan's School's score lies 7.94% above national means for primary schools. This is another very good result.

Almost all of the students in St Aidan's School feel that the staff treat them with fairness, even under difficult and trying circumstances

Snack in School

Just a quick reminder about **snack** in school. Nursery and Reception children can choose from a variety of **healthy snacks** for the week at £1. Y1 and Y2 children have **free milk and fruit** during the week. Children from Y1 to Y6 also have a **Magic Breakfast** in which they are given free bagels each morning as they come into school. School Councillors will organise a **Healthy Snack Station** on Fridays to raise money for other projects – about 50p would be appropriate.

No other snacks to be taken from lunchboxes at playtime please. Also **no sweets or fizzy drinks** in lunchboxes!



Update from the Office

We will be using Parent App to book appointments for the upcoming **Parent's Evening** so keep an eye out for any alerts that come through – appointments will **fill up quickly!**

Permission slips for the **Lord Derby Award** have been a little slow in coming back – remember it is **free** to take part. Unfortunately, children will **not be able** to take part if the slips are not returned!

Don't miss the letter about contributions to **Huyton Food Bank** – every little helps!

WOW Stories

Honey (Y6) has auditioned and has been chosen to play the part of a dancer in the Pantomime at St Helens this Christmas – Aladdin!

Anthony (Y5) took part in football trials for Huyton this week and is waiting to hear the results!

Olivia (Y5) took part in a dance competition and was chosen as the best dancer and won a trophy which she brought into school.

Lottie (Rec) had a birthday this week and Mr. Boland wished her happy birthday in Spanish – **feliz cumpleaños**

Interesting Lessons at St Aidan's

Nursery: We made **Fairy Potions** with things brought from home including plants and flowers. We mixed them up and the fairies drank the potion!

Reception: We found **treasure** in our Story Box – a pine cone, shell, stone and feather. This goes with our book **Star in a Jar**.

Year 1: We are planning to visit the **local library** at Huyton to see all of the wonderful books that we could borrow when we join.

Year 2: we are learning about **Legoland** in our history. The first model built was **Big Ben** and the first park was in **Denmark**.

Year 3: In our **ukulele** lessons this week, we have been learning how to play **Love Love Me Do** by the Beatles.

Year 4: We are getting ready to perform **Romeo and Juliet** at a local theatre as part of a drama project.

Year 5: We are getting ready to present our **Class Assembly** next week to our families on the topic of **Ourselves**.

Year 6: We have been enjoying reading online through **Reading Plus** which works out how to help you best in your reading.

