

Learning and growing together, inspired with the love of Jesus.

We have enjoyed a great start to 2023 at St Aidan's and already so many things have happened and been celebrated. Thanks to our families from Reception and Year 6 for attending our meetings to discuss and share information about continuing to support their children with their learning. We had a great day celebrating Number Day organised by Miss Crowther Walsh last week. Pupils came into school with some great, creative 'dress up in digits' outfits. Year 4 successfully completed their swimming sessions at Knowsley Leisure and Culture Park and we have more enriching curriculum days out and events to come!

Miss Doyle, Acting Headteacher

Upcoming Events

Children's Mental Health Week 6th -11th February

Safer Internet Day Tuesday 7th February

Shrove Tuesday Tuesday 21st February

Ash Wednesday Wednesday 22nd February

World Book Day Friday 3rd March

Fun Chef Wednesday 8th March

Y3 Trip to Chester Tuesday 14th March

January Attendance

Nursery AM	87%
Nursery PM	97%
Reception	89%
Year 1	93%
Year 2	94%
Year 3	93%
Year 4	93%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	93%

**Our target
96% and
above**

Met targets

Just below

Below

Attendance

Thanks to classes who are trying hard to improve their attendance. We have seen a good improvement already in pupil's attendance reaching more consistently above 92% this January, even despite some cold, harsh weather! Keep it up, getting closer to our 96% target!

Religious Education

We start the new year looking the theme of the **Local Church and Community**

The topic focuses on the people of God gathered in Christ, united in the journey of faith, in care for one another, in sharing their story and in celebration.

Each class will focus on a specific topic;

EYFS - Celebrating

Y1 Special People

Y2 Books

Y3 Journeys

Y4 Community

Y5 Mission

Y6 Sources

In other news, we continue to work towards our **Live Simply** award where we look for ways to support the Common Good for all. The school council have been thinking about ways to save energy and waste around school. Live Simply, echoes the message from Pope Francis in **Laudato'Si** where he encourages care and kindness for our world and all who live in it.

PE News

Children **should** wear their school PE Kits to school on the day of their PE lesson. No football kits please. Pupils might want to wear school hoodies or pants during colder weather. Or similar in school colours.

After School Clubs

Tuesday	REC/Y1 Multi Skills (Mr McHale)
Wednesday	Y2/3 Football (Mr McHale)
Thursday	Y4/5/6 Dodgeball (Mr McHale)
Friday	Y3/4/5 Hockey with Happy Hedgehogs



British values - Mutual Respect

'Showing tolerance', 'listening to others', 'being open to their opinions and beliefs', 'treating others as equals', 'playing by the rules', 'being polite to others' and 'being loyal to your friends'. We should all agree that it's important to treat others with **thoughtfulness** and consideration, in just the way that we would wish to be treated ourselves.

We should show **respect** to all around us even when others do not and even when it is difficult. This is what makes us who we are.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/assemblies-ks1-ks2-british-values-mutual-respect/zp8yhcv>

Y1 and Y2 Visit to Knowsley Safari Park

Many thanks to Mr Magill and Miss Joiner who have organised trips for **Y1 and Y2** to visit the Safari Park to fit in with their science topics.

The children have had a **great time** and really enjoyed the opportunities to see some wonderful animals and learn about the importance of animal care and animals from different environments. Trips like these not only enhance the learning for children but also provide them with an appreciation for our natural world.



Learning in classes



Nursery – busy learning more numerals! Nursery are up to the **number 4**, looking at its value, creating 'four' of different things in different ways and even practising reading and writing it!



Reception – have been really enjoying PE and being active this January. Another topic they have really enjoyed has been **Chinese New Year**, learning about how it is celebrated, making lanterns,

Year 1 – have been reading about **Hemelin – a detective mouse**. This story has helped Year 1 pupils come up with their own stories in writing.

Year 2 – in English have been reading the book **Bog Baby** and gathering interesting **vocabulary and similes** for their own sentences.

Year 3 – have enjoyed learning about the **Human skeleton** in Science especially how joint work in out bodies and allow us to move. They have really enjoyed their book *Rhythm of the Rain* too



Year 4 – spent time learning about special people in their last RE topic such as Fr Anton. In DT, they are so excited to finally be **making kites** from all their planning and testing lessons.



Year 5 – enjoying their History topic about the **Victorians**. Learning about jobs at the time and how children worked too. This has also been alongside reading *The Hound of the Baskervilles*



Year 6 – In **Art and Design**, the children have particularly enjoyed creating artwork of famous landmarks on polystyrene tiles. This artwork has been inspired by Zaha Hadid and our wonderful city landmarks such as the **Liver Building**

Check out even more on class pages or follow our twitter feed @StAidanHuyton

SAFER INTERNET DAY

Tuesday 7th February

This year's theme **Together for a better internet** encourages all children and adults to discuss and have **conversations** about what's happening on the internet. It is a wonderful tool and it's about making sure it is used **safely**, fairly and **for the good of all**. For further information about dealing with potential issues online visit here

[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](https://www.saferinternet.org/)

Y5 Cafod Workshop

Our visitor from CAFOD, Justine, gave Y5 some great dilemmas about thinking about **Common Good** for all and ensuring we are fair, maintain peace and think about the **dignity** of all humans.

Year 5 came up with some ideas and reflections in the workshop.





Number Day - NSPCC

All our pupils thoroughly enjoyed Number Day and taking part in 'dressing up in digits' and lots of mathematical activities during the day. Year 1 loved taking on Mike Askew's **mathematical challenge** with his puppet Gaus. Well done to Tadie in Y1, who was the winner of that challenge! Across the school, children were busy looking for numbers in everyday life and in their outfits. Thanks to Mrs Crowther Walsh for launching the event and a special thanks to our families who helped our pupils create such inventive and creative outfits!

The event was also run in conjunction with the **NSPCC**, a charity which offers **invaluable support** to young people and children. Together as a school we managed to raise just over £148 for this wonderful charity.



Thanks once again for your support and generosity



Above and Beyond Winners

A special mention to our pupils who have been recognised as going **Above and Beyond** by their teachers this half term. They enjoyed a visit to **Awesome Walls** as their reward. Mr McHale said 'it was a great activity for very deserving, polite and hard-working children.'

We are very **proud** of our winners and the excellent way they represented the school at the venue.

Sian (Y6) Lewis (Y6)



Potential NEU Teacher Strikes

Tuesday 28th February
Wednesday 15th March
Thursday 16th March

Please prepare for potential closures for your child's class

Year 1 visit to St Agnes and St Aidan

Year 1 visited St Agnes and St Aidan Church earlier this month to learn about the parts of the Church and the special people who work there. Pupils and staff would like to thank Christine for guiding them around all the different parts of the Church and taking time to talk about what different people do like herself and Fr Anton.

Y1 particularly liked saying a prayer followed by a chat with doughnuts and a drink!



PTA Christmas Events

A great, big thank you to our PTA who organised over the Christmas period including a grotto and fayre which raised over £700. The PTA aim to continue to build funds to support and enhance opportunities events for of our pupils at St Aidan's.

If you are interested in supporting or helping our PTA with future events, please let us know at the School Office or contact Mr Magill.