

St. Aidan's Church of England Primary School

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Tree Planting

We have been very fortunate to welcome Jess to St. Aidan's from the Royal Forestry Society. Jess worked with the School Council and children throughout the school to plant over 170 tree saplings in our school grounds.

The children learnt that planting trees shows that we care for the environment while making a positive impact on our surroundings. Trees provide fresh air, shade, and a healthier atmosphere, helping to reduce pollution and create greener grounds. Through tree-planting, the children learnt skills such as responsibility, teamwork, and respect for nature as they actively contributed to protecting our planet.

These efforts not only improve our school grounds, but also inspire our children's young minds to develop lifelong habits of environmental stewardship and sustainability.



Letter from the Secretary of State for Education, Bridget Phillipson

We were delighted to receive a letter this week from Bridget Phillipson, Secretary of State for Education.

In her letter, Bridget commended St. Aidan's commitment to ensuring that our pupils achieve positive outcomes, highlighting the impact of high-quality teaching, strong leadership and our inclusive school culture.

This success reflects St. Aidan's mission to serve our community through high quality education, ensuring that every child has the very best opportunities and are supported to thrive and achieve their full potential.

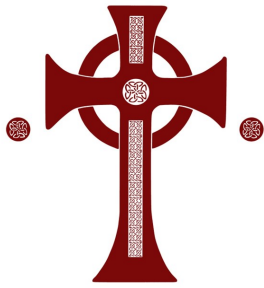
We thank all our parents and carers for continually working in partnership with us to support and enhance all that we do.



Year 6 Collective Worship

Year 6 will be leading Collective Worship on Friday 6th February at 9.00am in the School Hall.

Parents and carers of Year 6 children are invited to attend.



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| Date | Event | Information |
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| 06/02/26 | Year 6 Collective Worship—9.00am | Year 6 Parents are welcome to attend. |
| 20/02/26 | Year 5 Collective Worship—9.00am | Year 5 Parents are welcome to attend. |
| 17/02/26 | Disco - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 | Information will follow |
| 18/02/26 | Disco Years 1, Year 2 & Year 3 | Information will follow |
| Half Term Holiday | | |
| School closes Friday 20th February 2026 – School Opens Monday 2nd March 2026 | | |
| 05/03/26 | World Book Day | Information will follow |
| 09/03/26 | Parent Meetings for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 | Information will follow |
| 10/03/26 | Parent Meetings for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 | Information will follow |
| 13/03/26 | Year 4 Collective Worship—9.00am | Year 4 Parents are welcome to attend. |
| 16/03/26 | Parent Meetings for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 | Information will follow |
| 17/03/26 | Parent Meetings for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 | Information will follow |
| 20/03/26 | Red Nose Day | Information will follow |
| 27/03/26 | Year 3 Collective Worship—9.00am | Year 3 Parents are welcome to attend. |
| 30/04/26 | Easter Egg Competition Entries to be in school | |
| 31/03/26 | Easter Eucharist— St. Chad's 10.30am (to be confirmed) | All Parents are welcome to attend |
| Easter Holiday School Closes Thursday 2nd April 2026 - School Opens Monday 20th April 2026 | | |
| School Closes at 2.30pm | | |

Safeguarding Information at St. Aidan's

Safeguarding the children in our care is one of our main responsibilities and one that St. Aidan's takes seriously.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is the Head Teacher Mrs Lain. You can speak to Mrs Lain by phone, make an appointment via the school office, or catch her when she's outside greeting the children, if you ever have a concern.

We also have a team of Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads in school, Mrs Gourley (Deputy Head Teacher), Mrs Fraser (Year 6 teacher), Mrs Bullerwell (Year 5 teacher), Miss Quinn (Year 2 teacher) and Mr Stamp (Year 1 teacher).

If you are unable to speak to Mrs Lain, you can speak to any member of our Safeguarding Team about your concern (s).

The school has an updated Safeguarding policy, that can be found on the school website.

