



Harvest Festival

This week, children in Key Stages 1 and 2 celebrated Harvest Festival with a special service hosted by Father Patrick.

I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations, which were taken to Holy Trinity during the service. The donated food will be given to the Holy Trinity Church food bank and the toiletries will be used by homeless guests at the Haringey Churches Winter Night Shelter.

Here is the exceptional artwork Purple Class made for Harvest; their own tribute to the simple leek!



Are you worried about your child's development, learning, emotional well-being or behaviour?

The Haringey Educational Psychology Service are running free sessions for parents to enable you to share your concerns and can signpost support if required.

Sessions are available via Markfield. For further details, including how to book a session, please see the flyer in this edition of Headlines as some sessions are still available.

The Start of the Day

Here at St Aidan's, our learning gets off to a punctual start in the mornings and we don't want any children to miss out. We remind all parents and carers that the school day starts promptly at 8.45am and ask that children are ready to line up in the playground before this time, ready for when the bell rings. We thank you for your support.



Thinkuknow is the education programme from the National Crime Agency's Child Protection Command CEOP (NCA-CEOP) whose aim is to protect children and young people from sexual abuse online.

For more information, advice and guidance, visit their [parent website](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) and download their home activity worksheets for fun, online safety activities to do with your family. Visit: www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Please note that the website is temporarily shut down this weekend for maintenance work but should be back next week.

Advice on watching videos:

From animals doing funny things to slime-making and game-tutorials, the internet has lots of fun videos for children to enjoy. But the amount and availability of content online means that children may see something inappropriate.

The internet is a public and open space where anyone can post and share content. This can be fun and entertaining for children, but it does mean your child may see something that is intended for adults.

Children love to watch videos and YouTube is always a firm favourite! But sometimes children can be exposed to videos that are not meant for them. [YouTube Kids](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) is a safer way for children to explore their interests. You can find more information about this on YouTube: what parents need to know.

Remember, primary-age children should be supervised at all times when online.

Toy Donations

Our Early Years team are always on the lookout for fun, new engaging resources to enhance children's learning through play. If you have any good condition, quality toys that your children may have outgrown, please let Nicole in Reception class or Rugina in Nursery class know. They may be interested in taking them off your hands!

Nursery places

There are some places still available in our school Nursery, where we offer places for children for the term after they are 3 years old. Please contact the school office or Rugina Bibi in the Nursery if you would like more details.

Black History Month

Here at St Aidan's, we have started celebrating Black History Month and have been learning about the continued achievements and contributions of Black people to the UK and around the world. On Thursday 13th October, the kitchen team are preparing a special meal to celebrate Black History Month. They will be serving a range of tasty dishes including jerk chicken, jollof rice and plantain.

Playground Buddies

Many thanks to everyone who has submitted an application to be a playground buddy. Our playground buddies have now been selected and will start their training shortly. Our buddies are excited and have already started helping others!

SEND Parent and Carer Event

Councillor Zena Brabazon, the **Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families** would like to invite parents and carers of children with SEND to an engagement event which will focus on 'Transitions' on Thursday 13th October from 12.30pm -2pm on the Podium Floor at River Park House.

Whilst Transitions will be the main topic of discussion, it will also be a good opportunity to let you know about the work they are doing to participate in the National Safety Valve Programme. Tickets for the event can be booked via this link: [SEND Parent and Carers engagement event with the Lead Member - transitions Tickets, Thu 13 Oct 2022 at 12:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Safety First

In order to keep our school community safe, we kindly remind everyone to not park on the yellow zigzag lines outside our school. These restrictions are in place to help keep all of our children safe. Thank you.

Update from the PSA

The PSA would like to remind all parents of children in KS1 and Reception class (Red, Orange and Yellow class) that they will be holding a welcome drinks evening on Thursday 13th October at 7.30pm in the school hall. Every parent or carer of a child at St Aidan's is automatically a member so this event is for all parents of children in these year groups. It will be an informal but informative introduction to the PSA – what it is, what they do, and why they do it.

Upcoming Dates

We thought it would be helpful to remind you of some upcoming dates for your diaries:

- Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October – **Half Term** (school closed)
- Monday 31st October – **INSET Day** (school closed to children)
- Wednesday 2nd November – **Parent Consultation Evening (3.30 – 6.30pm)**
- Wednesday 9th November – **Parent Consultation Evening (3.30 – 6.30pm)**
- Wednesday 9th November – **Nursery Parent Consultation Day (8.45 – 3.30pm)**

Further information regarding these meetings will follow shortly.

Free Consultations with an Educational Psychologist

Are you worried about your child's development, learning, emotional well-being or behaviour?

Then book a **free 40 minute session** with an educational psychologist from Haringey Educational Psychology Service. We can talk through your concerns with you, help you make a plan of action and signpost you to sources of help and support.



Educational psychologists (EPs) are qualified specialists who offer support and advice to schools, early years settings, voluntary groups, parents, carers, children and young people on a range of issues. This includes supporting children with disabilities, learning difficulties or social, emotional and mental health difficulties.

For more information on EPs:
<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/local-offer/5-15-year-olds/educational-psychology-service>



Where: Markfield, Markfield Road
London, N15 4RB

When: 10am – 12pm on September 21st, October 19th, November 16th, December 14th 2022

Or by phone: Week beginning Sept 19th, Oct 17th, Nov 14th, Dec 12th 2022

If you have any queries or would like to book a consultation, please send an email with your **name** and **telephone number** to familyadmin@markfield.org.uk stating your preference for an in-person meeting or telephone consultation.