



Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week 2022 takes place from **Monday 14th – Friday 18th November** with the theme, 'Reach Out'. It is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which is based at leading children's charity, the National Children's Bureau. This year they have worked with over 300 children and young people to decide the theme.

Their message is clear: Bullying affects millions of lives every year, but it doesn't have to be this way. If we challenge it, we can change it. And it starts by reaching out. It takes courage, but it can change lives. So, this Anti-Bullying Week, let's come together and reach out to stop bullying.

Odd Socks Day will take place on the first day of Anti-Bullying Week, **Monday 14th November** to help raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week. All children are encouraged to wear odd socks!

We will also be raising money for **Children in Need** on **Friday 18th November** by encouraging everyone to dress up and drop coins into a bucket. Children are free to dress up any way they would like. Suggestions include favourite characters, something spotty or even dressing up as Pudsey Bear himself!

The School Council is taking the lead on our work for Anti-Bullying Week by leading special assemblies.

Playground Buddies are back!

It has been great to have the Playground Buddies back and ensuring that everyone has happy playtimes and lunchtimes. They will be giving everyone an update on their role in an assembly this half term.

Parents consultation meetings

Parents consultation meetings for the autumn term have now taken place with class teachers. It was lovely to hold these back in school and great to be able to share the children's learning.

We look forward to our next meetings in the spring term.

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?
Will your child not sleep in their own bed?
A recent poll has indicated that 50% of children will have an issue with sleep at some point.
The National Sleep Helpline is available to support parents with high quality, evidence based advice and has been recommended to us by the school nursing service. <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>

Autumn Term Dates

Here are some important dates for your diaries:

Monday 5th December 2022 – Nativity

Performance for Reception & Year 1 at 9.30am

Tuesday 6th December 2022 – Nativity

Performance for Nursery & Year 2 at 9.30am

Friday 9th December 2022 - Christmas Fair and Disco

Friday 9th December 2022 - Last Day of Clubs for Autumn Term

Tuesday 13th December 2022 - Children's Christmas Lunch

Thursday 15th December 2022 - Christmas Service

Friday 16th December 2022 - Term finishes at 1.30pm

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – INSET Day (school closed to children)

Wednesday 4th January 2023 – Spring Term begins

Autumn School Lunches

The total amount for school lunches this half term is £85. This is the period from 1st November 2022 – 16th December 2022.

If your child usually has a packed lunch and would like to eat the Christmas lunch on 13th December, please let the office know by 1st December.

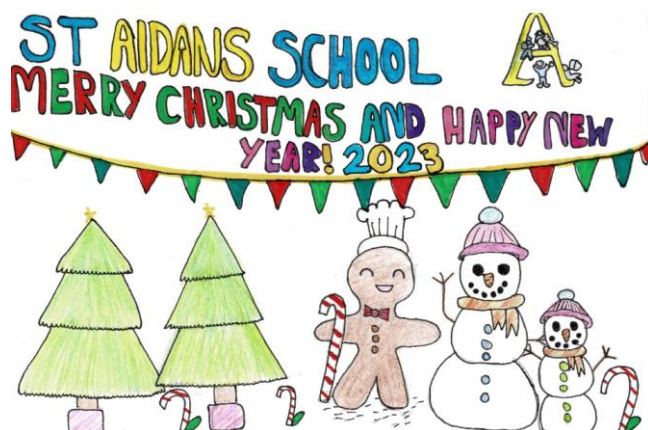
Update from the PSA

David Andrew Christmas house-boards

Many thanks and congratulations to the 46 children who entered the picture competition. The judging panel found it really hard to choose between some really excellent artwork, and were very impressed by the hard work and enthusiasm that was evident in each entry.

The winning entry was...

...by Zoe Andreou (Purple class):



The two runners up were Ronnie Saw (Yellow class):



and Margaux Martin-Penel (Purple class):



They will be receiving prizes from David Andrew at the whole-school assembly today, and sixteen of the highly-commended entries will be put on display by the main school entrance.

Christmas card project

Products ordered from the PSA Christmas cards project have arrived at school this week and are looking **A M A Z I N G**! They will be given directly to your kids to bring home. Different products may arrive at different times so don't worry if you haven't received everything yet.

Due to popular demand we have an opportunity to order more products using the same code as before (on your child's order card given out before half term). There are also new products to buy so it's worth having a look... visit: approve.myfundraisinghub.com

The deadline for orders is midnight on Monday 14th November.

This will be the final opportunity to order for this year. The profit from every sale still goes to the school PSA! Any questions or missing codes, contact Carrie ASAP on 07862 719677

Buy or rent a Christmas tree and help St Aidan's

We have signed up to the schools scheme offered by Christmas on the Hill. Buy a tree from them using our unique code, and they make a donation to the PSA. The bigger the tree, the larger the donation.

You can find more info about the scheme here:

<https://www.christmasonthehill.co.uk/schools>

Our unique code is **ST Aidans22**

Please share this code with your friends, family, neighbours and colleagues so that they can use it too.

Can you offer a match-funding boost to our Christmas fundraising event?

If you work for a public limited company or other large company, it's possible that they offer a match-funding scheme to double their employees' charitable fundraising. If you can offer this very welcome boost to our fundraising at the Christmas Party on 9th December, please make yourself known to Susie May: susie.m.may@gmail.com

Fundraise as you do your Christmas shopping!

[Easyfundraising.org.uk](https://easyfundraising.org.uk)

Register on this website and a percentage of your spending with the participating retailers (too many to list here) will be donated by the retailer to the PSA. It costs you nothing!

On the website, go to 'find a cause', and type in '**St Aidan's Voluntary...**' We will come up as 'St Aidan's Voluntary Controlled Primary School, Stroud Green'. From that point it's easy to create an account. The site will offer you the 'donation reminder bar', which helpfully pops up when you're shopping on a site that donates.

[Smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk)

The PSA is also registered with Amazon Smile, which works similarly to easyfundraising. You can find us there as 'St Aidan's N4 Parent School Association'.

Simply make your Amazon purchases through this URL (it will still recognise your existing Amazon account) and every purchase you make will benefit the school.

Loopey clothing library

Loopey is a new children's clothing library set up by a St Aidan's parent to help reshare, reuse and relove Children's clothes. Parents can pick up pieces for £2 an item or choose to sell unwanted items through Loopey.

It is launching on November 20th, 2–5pm, at Hornsey Vale Community Centre on Mayfield Field. There will be a bouncy castle, face painting and lots more. 10% of profits will be donated to St Aidan's PSA.

Loopey

reuse.reshare.relove
children's clothes



Join North London's 1st circular fashion movement. rent bundles of clothes or buy great brands 2nd hand. - Ages 0-7yrs.

Children's clothing library & 2nd hand sale 20th November @ Hornsey Vale Community centre. 2-5pm. + cakes +bouncy castle. Face painting, tattoos, Live music and lots more £1 Entry.

To donate items, find out more, or if you have items you would like to sell please email: helloloopey@gmail.com or text 07527470596.

<https://www.facebook.com/LoopeyLove/>

10% of all profits donated to St Aidan's PSA.

In collaboration with Hornsey Vale Community Centre.



Applying for Primary School



Online Talks with Q&A

Haringey is running a series of **online meetings** to help you apply for your child's primary school.

If your child is currently in the last year of nursery, log in for advice and guidance on how to apply for primary school.

30 minute talk plus Q&A sessions:

- Friday 11 Nov, 9am
- Monday 14 Nov, 3pm
- Tuesday 22 Nov, 5pm
- Wednesday 30 Nov, 1pm
- Wednesday 7 Dec, 2pm
- Tuesday 13 Dec, 12pm
- Monday 19 Dec, 6pm
- Wednesday 28 Dec, 11am
- Thursday 5 Jan, 9am
- Monday 9 Jan, 11am
- Friday 13 Jan, 5pm

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For instructions on how to join the meetings, visit
www.haringey.gov.uk/starting-primary-school