



"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." John 10:11

This week we have enjoyed discussing the conclave with our pupils and were delighted by the announcement of our new Pope. Pope Leo XIV began his leadership by reflecting on the scripture above.

We pray for our new Pope in his mission as the Good Shepherd.
Mrs Whitten, Headteacher



>>> PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Week 3: Ethan Smiles (7F), Joel Obiri-Yeboah (7M), Camron Baldwin (8C), David Agbor (9B), Jacob Cottam (9F), Boateng Abevie (9F), Eli Wampamba (9R), Noah Robson (10C), Harry Deighan (10M)

Well done to you all for supporting with the delivery of our Easter Celebration of the Word.

10C - The Whole Form Group

Throughout the year the form group have been so generous, upholding our school's core value of hard work, to raise money for CAFOD. The form group have been actively spreading and promoting our Catholic ethos, playing a leading role in the Food Bank's Hamper Appeals to give back to our local community. Through proactive action, the pupils of 10C have been role models to their peers, promoting fundraising and generosity from all.

Week 4: Oliver Tobin (11B)

Thank you Oliver for your support in Year 8 morning meeting on Friday – this was delivered like a true professional. Outstanding leadership. Well done!

>>> ACHIEVEMENT POINTS TO DATE: 34,725 (AV. 34.47)

>>> WORD OF THE WEEK

Cycle 3 Week 3: Contradiction - Con/tra/dic/tion

Definition: A statement that asserts the opposite of another statement.

In Noughts and Crosses, the contradiction between social classes sharpens the exploration of themes related to race and power dynamics.

Cycle 3 Week 4: Eloquent - E/lo/quent

Definition: Fluent or persuasive in speaking or writing.

The character of Atticus Finch in To Kill a Mockingbird exhibits eloquence in his defence of Tom Robinson, effectively conveying deep moral truths.



Celebrating the Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice
This week, we joined Christian Brother schools around the world in celebrating the Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice—a man of faith, courage, and compassion. As a Christian Brother school, we are proud to continue his legacy of providing inclusive, values-based education rooted in justice and service.

Edmund Rice dedicated his life to helping young people, especially those experiencing poverty and disadvantage. His vision lives on through the Edmund Rice Network, which today includes schools, communities, and advocacy groups across the globe working to promote education, equality, and human rights.

On this special day, we reflect on our shared mission: to live with integrity, act with compassion, and stand up for those in need—just as Edmund did. To learn more about the work of the Edmund Rice Network today, visit [Home - Edmund Rice England](#).



Members of 10C have been fulfilling our school values of hard work, trust and fairness through their work with CAFOD, the official aid agency for the Catholic Church in England and Wales. The pupils have been leading example in the school, putting Catholic Teachings into practice and promoting the ethos that St Aidan's values and upholds. Through various fundraising activities such as bake sales and raffles the students have raised money the charity, leading the change they want to see in their communities and by extension across the world.

CAFOD
Just one world





Year 12 Student Shines as Ambassador at Regional Business-Education Event

Last week, our Year 12 student ambassadors proudly represented St Aidan's and St Anthony's 6th Form at the Sunderland & South Tyneside Business-Education Network Meeting.

The event brought together local employers, education leaders, and regional stakeholders to explore how schools and businesses can work together to better prepare young people for the world of work. Our students played a key role throughout the morning, supporting with the event, joining round-table discussions and sharing work experience insights. They also had the opportunity to network with professionals across a range of sectors.

It was a fantastic opportunity to develop vital employability skills such as communication, leadership, and professional confidence, all part of our commitment to providing meaningful, real-world learning experiences that prepare students for life beyond the classroom.



The 6th form had a charity match just before half term and raised funds for the ball the Red Sky Foundation £113. The large common room against the small common room, score 2 – 1



On Monday 28th April the year 10 & 11 rugby team played the final round of the All Schools Sunderland Games against Southmoor. Having won in the previous 2 rounds it would take a big points difference defeat for St Aidans not to win the trophy. Missing a large number of players due to commitments outside of school made the challenge more difficult but tries from Noah Robson, Ben Ward and Charlie Redmond ensured that Southmoor could only win 35-15. St Aidans were victorious due to having a points difference of 10 over the whole year. Aaron Mackie was awarded the top try scorer medal with a total of 7 tries and Charlie Redmond picked up the TREDs medal for outstanding performances throughout the competition.

A special recognition to all of the year 11s who have represented the school over the past 5 years and helped build the schools participation both in enrichment and competition and those who have progressed to representative participation - Sonny Hopper, Lungelo Mkwana, Reed Bewick and Ben Ward.

On Friday 2nd May the year 7 basketball team travelled to RGS to play Gosforth in the Quarter Finals of the Jr NBA competition. Gosforth are one of the favorites to win the title, being supported through the Newcastle Eagles Foundation. St Aidans took an early 8-4 lead but a loss of concentration allowed Gosforth to level 8-8 at half time. A few missed chances meant Gosforth went 16-12 up with 90s left to play. A foul on the basket gave Reinier the chance to score 3 points and leave the score at 15-16 with a minute to go. Despite all of the effort to get the ball back the time eventually ran out and St Aidans missed out on the Semi Final by 1 point. This was by far the best game of the season so far, to push a more experienced and coached side and nearly win is a massive achievement for the school and the experience will help the boys when they enter the competition in year 8.