



'I came that they may have life and live it to the full' John 10.10

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Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Hayley Hargreaves

Newsletter 3

Friday 2nd October 2026

100% Attendance Day

We had an absolute blast celebrating our **100% Attendance Day!**

The day got off to a fantastic start at Breakfast Club, which was busier than ever as the children enjoyed some extra special breakfast treats. The excitement continued throughout the day with fantastic circus-style workshops for every class. The children loved learning new skills, trying out fun tricks, and sharing plenty of laughs together.

To top it all off, it was a non-uniform day, and we were thrilled to see so many amazing costumes—including some brilliant superheroes around the school!

Thank you to all our families for supporting great school attendance. Fun and enjoyment was certainly had by all!



Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 6th October Pumpkin light service at Church 9am

Friday 9th October Mental Health Awareness Day - Hello Yellow (Wear Yellow day!)

Sunday 11th October- Harvest Worship in School led by the worship team- all welcome

Monday 19th October Clubs end this week

Tuesday 20th October and Wednesday 21st- Parents' Evenings

Friday 23rd October- School Closed- Staff training day

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evening for Reception to Year 6 is being held on Tuesday 20th October and Wednesday 21st October 2026 between 3.30pm and 7.00pm.

Appointments can now be booked via our online portal - Arbor Parent App.

To get started, please download the Arbor Parent App. If you need to reset your password, simply enter your email address and click "forgotten password." Arbor will send you a link to create a new one.

Once you are logged in to the app, you will need to navigate to Guardian Consultations to select your preferred date and book an appointment.

If you have any problems please contact the school office.



Parking

As we settle into the new term, we kindly ask for your cooperation and support to ensure the area around our school gates remains safe and accessible for everyone during busy drop-off and pick-up times.

Our school is situated within a wonderful residential community, and we wish to maintain positive relationships with our neighbours while keeping all our children safe.

Please keep the following guidelines in mind when driving and parking near the school:

- **Keep Clear Zones Clear:** Do not park or stop on the zig-zag lines, yellow lines, or directly outside the school gates. These road markings exist to give children a clear sightline when crossing the road.
- **Be Mindful of Driveways:** Avoid blocking local residents' driveways, access points, or dropped kerbs, even if only for a moment.
- **Avoid Dangerous Manoeuvres:** Please do not perform U-turns or three-point turns, or mount the pavement near the school gates where young children are walking.
- **Consider 'Park and Stride':** If possible, consider parking a few streets away where space is more plentiful and walking the remaining short distance. This helps significantly reduce traffic congestion directly outside the school.

The safety of our children is our highest priority, and a little extra care and patience goes a long way. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe.



Harvest

Join us on Sunday 11th October at 11:00 AM in school for our Harvest Service! This will be an interactive service for everyone, led by our school worship team. Following the service, all are welcome to join us for a simple soup lunch at the Vicarage (170 St Aidan's Ave). We hope to see you there!

If you are able, we will be collecting donations for The Billy Project. We are requesting non-perishable food items and hygiene products, such as:

- Tinned food
- Pasta & rice
- Tea & coffee
- Biscuits
- Shampoo



Changes to Free School Meals (Starting September 2026)

More children are expected to qualify for free school meals under the new rules, including families who have never been eligible before.

To qualify, your family **must be receiving Universal Credit**. Depending on your yearly income, you will fall into one of two groups:

- **Income of £7,400 or less (Targeted FSM):** Your child receives free meals, *and* their school receives extra government funding to support them.
- **Income over £7,400 (Expanded FSM):** Your child receives free meals, but the school does *not* receive extra funding.

What You Need to Do

The old rules that kept current families automatically eligible are ending. **Everyone must submit a new application**, even if your child already gets free school meals.

Full details can be found here:

[https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/Free_School_Meals_\(NEW\).aspx](https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/Free_School_Meals_(NEW).aspx)

FREE SCHOOL MEALS



GUIDE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Worth Applying Even if You Are Not Sure

Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility is changing from **September 2026**
Many families are entitled to Free School Meals and don't realise it?
Applying is quick, confidential, and could save your family money while supporting your child and our school.

Why should I apply?

- Your child gets a free, healthy school meal every day
- You could save money on food costs
- The school may receive extra funding to support children's learning
- Applying will not affect your other benefits
- Your application is private

How To Apply - It Takes Just A few Minutes

- Go to our council website and search "Free School Meals" or scan the QR Code
- Complete the online form (you'll need your National Insurance number)
- Wait for confirmation – the school will be informed automatically

Scan me 

Trust

Respect

Ambition

Collaboration

Kindness



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Ofsted
Good
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Our Children's
Services are...



Proud
to be
Good



St Aidan's Primary School



BREAKFAST CLUB

FROM SEPTEMBER 2026

St Aidan's Primary School is proud to be part of the
DFE's Free 'Best Start' Breakfast Club programme



**A FREE nutritious breakfast
for every child, every morning**

*Helping every child start the day
ready to learn!*



7.45am

**BREAKFAST CLUB
OPENS**

If you require wrap around care
before our free breakfast club opens
at 8:10am, simply arrive at 7:45am.



DAILY CHARGE

£1.00



8.10am

**UNTIL THE START
OF THE SCHOOL DAY**



**FREE
BREAKFAST CLUB**



Children from Reception
to Year 6 can access
Free Breakfast Club



To access Free Breakfast
Club please arrive from 8:10am.



NO BOOKING REQUIRED



GOOD FOOD, GREAT START, READY TO LEARN



Christmas Pantomime 2026 - Aladdin

We are excited for our upcoming trip to see the *Aladdin* Pantomime at the Blackburn Empire Theatre on **Monday 7th December 2026**.

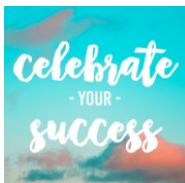
- **Cost:** £7.00 per pupil
- **Payment Method:** SchoolMoney app
- **Payment Options:** Pay in full or spread the cost into weekly/monthly instalments
- **Deadline:** Friday 27th November 2026

A huge thank you to those who have already paid. Please ensure your balance is settled by **Friday 27th November**. To secure our group booking, we need all balances paid by this date. If too many payments are outstanding, we may unfortunately have to cancel the trip—something we really want to avoid!

Thank you for your support in making this festive tradition happen for the children!



Celebration Assembly



Every Thursday we will be having a celebration assembly. Your child's teacher will invite you to join us if your child is receiving an award

School Admissions

Admission to Reception Class & Secondary School 2027

The online admission form for admission to Reception Class and Secondary schools in September 2026 is now accessible using the following link:

<https://blackburn.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/Parents/appsummary.aspx> If you have a child due to start primary school next September (born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021), please ensure you complete the online admission form. The closing dates are:-

Secondary Schools – 31st October 2026

Primary School – 15th January 2027

It is extremely important that these deadlines are met as it can affect your chance of being offered your first choice school. If you are applying for your child's secondary school place, please read your chosen school's admissions criteria carefully as last year we had some very disappointed pupils and parents who did not get accepted into their first choice of secondary school. If you do not have access to the internet please contact the school office to arrange an appointment to complete the application online.



www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions



PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSION 2027



APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN !

APPLY TODAY

FOR MORE INFORMATION



- Email: Admissions@blackburn.gov.uk
- Call: 01254 666605 (Option 1)

Deadline for submitting an on time application is 15 January 2027

Join Blackburn Children's University!

Children in **Years 1–6** can now sign up for **Blackburn Children's University** — a fun way to earn awards for learning beyond the school day! From school clubs to swimming, football, martial arts, museums and libraries — every hour counts toward exciting certificates and even a **cap-and-gown graduation** in July.



Passports are FREE (normally £5) — sign up by **Friday 2nd October** using:  <https://tinyurl.com/CUPassport26SA>. Remember if you have already signed your child up previously you do not need to do this again!

For questions, contact **Sara Burton**, CU Manager



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School Attendance

Please familiarise yourselves with our school attendance procedures.

At St Aidan's school attendance is very important to us, we expect every child to be an ATTENDANCE HERO;

H - Here

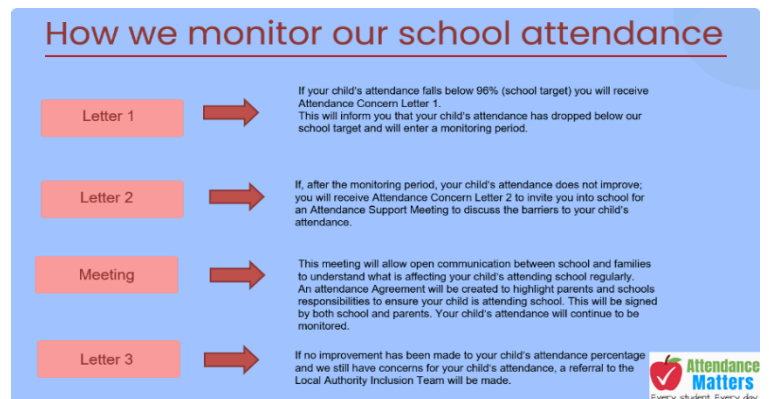
E - Everyday

R - Ready

O - On time

We celebrate our amazing school attendance weekly where there are awards to win.

Please support us with our school attendance by ensuring your child attends daily and on time





SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

Every Minute Counts: Guide for Parents & Carers



The School Day

08:40 Gates Open

08:50 School Starts Gates Closed. Late Mark (L) via Office.

Late Policy

If your child arrives to school past 09:30 am they will receive an Unauthorised Absence mark (U Code) which affects their school attendance percentage

Late arrival affects your child's learning and disrupts the class start.

Reporting Absence

Child unwell? Contact us daily **before 8:30am**.

01254 53148
Call School Office

Safeguarding Policy: If we don't hear from you, we must contact you. No contact may result in a home visit.

Attendance Targets

School Target	96%+
Persistent Absence	< 90%
Severe Absence	< 50%

Appointments

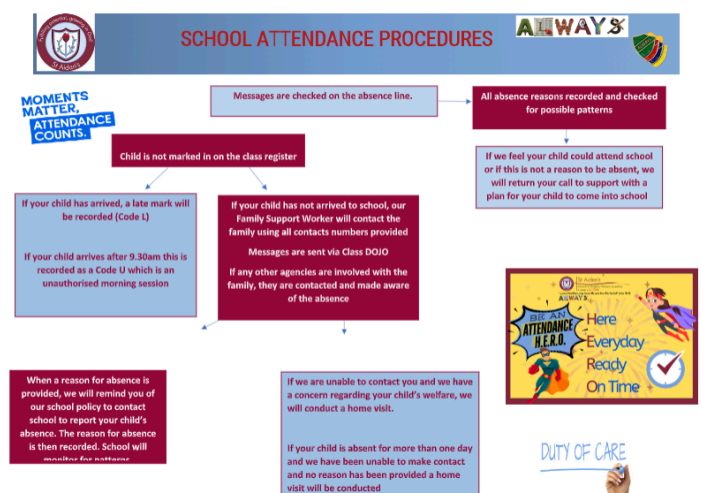
Appointments

Please book all appointments outside school hours. If unavoidable, please provide **evidence** (e.g. card/letter) is required to authorise absence.

Support

Need Help?

Worried about getting your child to school? Speak to our **Family Support Worker, Nadia**.





Overall School Attendance Target is 96% Actual Whole School Attendance is 93.9%

Well done to Year 2 who had the best attendance in the school this week!

Enjoy your extra playtime!

Weekly attendance

Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
94.91%	97.62%	99.16%	98.19%	96.43%	97.02%	95.67%

House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week.



HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
98%	96%	100%	100%

Congratulations



Well done to the following children for being chosen to receive an award:

	Stars of the week 25.09.26	Value's in Practice award win-ners (V.I.P'S) 25.09.26
Reception (Miss Abbott)	Amari & Anastasia	Israel
Year 1 (Miss Kay)	Boritsefe & Paisley	Sebastian
Year 2 (Mrs Hargreaves & Miss Aspin)	Sabriya & Rowan	Jaxx
Year 3 (Mr Eccles)	Aamena & Lula	Eitonas
Year 4 (Miss Bateson)	Brooklyn & Zayan	Szelena
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Oliver & Szebasztian	Chimamanda
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Junior & Sampson	Layla K

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