



St Aidan's

Church of England Primary Academy



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

Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Hayley Hargreaves

Newsletter 4

Friday 16th October 2026

Parents' Evening

Reception to Year 6 Parent's Evening is being held next week, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October. Please make sure you have booked your appointment. If you have any issues, please contact the school office.

Have you booked your parents' evening appointment yet?

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.

1 To get started, please download the **Arbor Parent App.**

2 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.

3 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.

4 If you have any problems please contact the school office.

All parents that attend will be entered into a prize draw!

Thank you for your support!



Dates for your diary

W/C 19th October- Last week for After school clubs

Tuesday 20th October- Pumpkin Light service in Church

Tuesday 20th October/ Wednesday 21st October- Parents' Evening

Thursday 22nd October- School closes for half term 3:20pm

Monday 26th October- Friday 30th October Half Term

W/C 2nd November- Start of Afterschool clubs

Monday 2nd November- School Re-opens

Wednesday 11th November- Remembrance service in church Led by Y6

Friday 13th November- Children in Need Day

W/C 16th November- Anti Bullying week

Friday 4th December- Snowball Disco

Monday 7th December- School Panto trip

Wednesday 9th December- Infants' Nativity

Thursday 10th December- Christmas Jumper day/Christmas Dinner day

Wednesday 16th December- Christmas Craft Afternoon

Thursday 17th December- Christmas Parties AM/PM

Friday 18th December- Christmas Carols in church 9:30am&Selection box raffle

Friday 18th December- School closes 1:15pm for Half term

Tuesday 5th January- School Reopens

Allergy Awareness

Following the introduction of the new 'Benedict's Law' for schools, we are strengthening our allergy safety measures to protect children who are at risk of severe allergic reactions.

We kindly ask that you remain highly allergy aware and strictly avoid sending any nuts, peanut butter, or nut-based products in your child's lunchboxes or for breaktime snacks. Your vigilance and cooperation are absolutely vital in helping us keep everyone safe at school. Our updated policy can be found on our school website.

Thank you.

<https://staidansblackburn.co.uk/parents/allergy-aware-school>



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!



School Admissions

School admissions for both primary and secondary places are now open for the upcoming academic year. Please note that the application deadline for secondary school places is Saturday, October 31, 2026, while the deadline for primary school applications is Friday, January 15, 2027. Please refer to the posters around the school for further details, and do not hesitate to contact the school office if you require any assistance or support with your application.

<https://staidansblackburn.co.uk/key-information/admissions>

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 688605 (Option 1)

Deadline for submitting an on time application is 15 January 2027

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSION 2027

APPLICATIONS OPEN !

FOR MORE INFORMATION

HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE
www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions

- Email: Admissions@blackburn.gov.uk
- Call: 01254 688605 (Option 1)

APPLY NOW!



Deadline for submitting an on time application is 31 October 2026

Secondary School Open Events School Admissions 2027/28

Please contact the individual schools direct for further information:

School	When	Contact Details
BLACKBURN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL	Thursday 27th September 2026 4:00pm - 7:15pm	Hawthorn Road, Blackburn Tel: 01254 585708 Website: www.bchs.co.uk
DARWEN FLORENCE COMMUNITY ACADEMY	Wednesday 29th September 2026 9:00am - 10pm	Sudell Road, Darwen Tel: 01254 613000 Website: www.dca.ac.uk
DARWEN VILLAGE HIGH SCHOOL	Thursday 28th September 2026 9:00am - 10:00pm	Blackburn Road, Darwen Tel: 01254 612180 Website: www.dvhs.co.uk
OUR LADY & ST EDWIN'S RC HIGH SCHOOL, HOLLAND PARK ACADEMY	Wednesday 30th September 2026 4:00pm - 6:30pm	North Road, Blackburn Tel: 01254 585088 Website: www.ols-hs.co.uk
FLECKHATE HIGH SCHOOL	Thursday 27th September 2026 9:00am - 10:00pm Saturday 17th September 2026 9:00am - 12:00pm	Fleckhate Road, Blackburn Tel: 01254 545504 Website: www.fhs.co.uk
QUEEN ELIZABETH GRAHAMAM SCHOOL	Whole School Open Morning Saturday 2nd October 2026 9:00am - 12:00pm	West Park Road, Blackburn Tel: 01254 680000 Website: www.qegs.co.uk
ST BIDES RC HIGH SCHOOL	Thursday 1st October 2026 3:45pm - 7:00pm	Green Lane, Blackburn Tel: 01254 581519 Website: www.sbs.co.uk
ST BRUNO'S CE ACADEMY	Wednesday 23rd September 2026 4:00pm	Duckworth Street, Blackburn Tel: 01254 684800 Website: www.sbr.co.uk
TAJNEEDUL ISLAM BOYS HIGH SCHOOL	Thursday 24th September 2026 3:30pm - 7:30pm	Summer Street, Blackburn Tel: 01254 680670 Website: www.tibhs.co.uk
TAJNEEDUL ISLAM GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL	Thursday 1st October 2026 4:00pm - 7:00pm	Frederick New Road, Blackburn Tel: 01254 540001 Website: www.tighs.co.uk
WITTON PARK ACADEMY	Wednesday 30th September 2026 2:00pm - 7:00pm	Barrow Lane, Blackburn Tel: 01254 684001 Website: www.wpa.co.uk
DARWEN FLORENCE ENTERPRISE STUDIO SCHOOLS	Thursday 27th September 2026 8:00pm - 10:00pm	19 Police Street, Darwen Tel: 01254 629607 Website: www.dfs.co.uk

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



Pumpkin Light Service



After School clubs

Please keep an eye out for the Afterschool club expression of interest form which will be sent out today. The deadline to complete the form will be Wednesday 21st October, Children that secure a place in a club will be notified on Thursday 22nd October for clubs to start the w/c 2nd November.



St. Aidan's Church of England Primary Academy
AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS
ALL CLUBS LAST 6 WEEKS - £1 PER WEEK

FUN | **FRIENDS** | **SKILLS** | **CONFIDENCE**

TRY SOMETHING NEW!

AUTUMN 1
14.9.26 - 19.10.26

STAFF	DAY	CLUB	YEAR GROUP
Sam	Mon	Boys Football	Y5 & 6
Mrs Egan	Tues	Computing Club	Y3 & 4
Miss Aspin	Tues	Busy Fingers (Fine motor)	Rec, Y1, and 2
Sam	Wed	Girls Football	Y5 & 6

AUTUMN 2
2.11.26 - 7.12.26

STAFF	DAY	CLUB	YEAR GROUP
Sam	Mon	Boys Football	Y3 & 4
Miss Aspin	Tues	Nursery Rhymes (Language Development)	Rec, Y1, & 2
Sam	Wed	Girls Football	Y3 & 4
Miss Hannah	Wed	Lego Club	Rec, Y1, & 2

SPRING 1
4.1.27 - 8.2.27

STAFF	DAY	CLUB	YEAR GROUP
Sam	Mon	Dodgeball	Y5 & 6
Miss Connell	Mon	SATs Boosters	Y6
Mrs Moss	Tues	Ambassadors Club	Y4, 5 & 6
Mrs Egan	Tues	Computing Club	Y1 & 2
Sam	Wed	Playground Games	Rec, Y1 & 2

SPRING 2
22.2.27 - 22.3.27

STAFF	DAY	CLUB	YEAR GROUP
Sam	Mon	Playground Games	Y3, 4, 5 & 6
Miss Kay	Mon	Phonics Club	Y1
Miss Hannah	Tues	Board Games	Y3 & 4
Sam	Wed	Dodgeball	Y3 & 4

SUMMER 1
6.4.27 - 10.5.27

STAFF	DAY	CLUB	YEAR GROUP
Sam	Mon	Multi-Sports	Rec, Y1, & 2
Mr Eccles	Tues	3D Printing Club	Y3, 4, 5 & 6
Mrs Hargreaves	Tues	Ambassadors Club	Y4, 5 & 6
Sam	Wed	Multi-Sports	Y3, 4, 5 & 6

SUMMER 2
7.6.27 - 12.6.27

STAFF	DAY	CLUB	YEAR GROUP
Sam	Mon	Multi-Sports	Rec, Y1 & 2
Miss Bateson	Tues	Netball	Y4, 5 & 6
Sam	Wed	Multi-Sports	Y3, 4, 5 & 6

COLLECT STAMPS FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORT
1 HOUR = 1 STAMP


Children's University PASSPORT

Weekly attendance

Incredible Attendance This Week!

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that we have completely smashed our school attendance target this week! Our whole-school target is always set at an ambitious 96%, but this week, thanks to your incredible commitment, we achieved an outstanding 98.1%!
Special 100% Shoutout!

A massive congratulations to Reception and Year 3! Both of these years groups achieved a flawless 100% attendance this week. That means every single child in these classes was in school, all week long - we are so proud of you!

This Week's Class Attendance:

Reception- 100% 🏆
Year 1 - 99.3%
Year 2- 96.0%
Year 3 - 100% 🏆
Year 4 - 98.6%
Year 5 - 96.8%
Year 6 - 95.6%

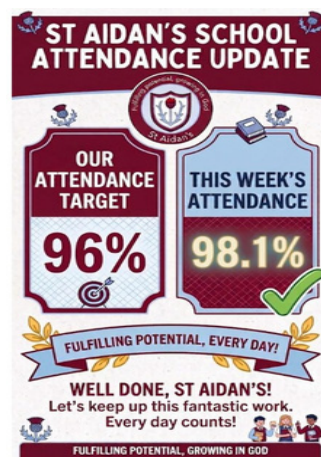
Thank You to Our Families

A massive thank you to all our parents, carers and family members for your dedication. We know how busy school mornings can be, but your continued support in getting the children here on time, day in and day out, is what makes whole-school achievements like this possible.

Thank You to Our Children

To all our wonderful pupils: thank you for turning up every day ready to learn, play and give your absolute best. Every single day you are here is a day you are growing, learning new things and making memories with your friends.

Let's celebrate this fantastic achievement together and aim to keep this amazing momentum going into next week



St Aidan's Stars

Well done to this week's Stars of the week, VIPs and Oracy stars! These children have been noticed for their amazing Values, oracy skills and ability to Shine.

 WEEKLY CELEBRATION Celebrating our pupils' achievements			
YEAR GROUP	STARS OF THE WEEK	VIPs	ORACY STAR
Reception	★ Ayaala	👑 Adora-Bella	🎤 Oliver
Year 1	★ David	👑 Aurora	🎤 Arianh-Leigh
Year 2	★ Iremide	👑 Odea	🎤 Timi
Year 3	★ Benjamin	👑 Lochlan	🎤 Izan
Year 4	★ Billy	👑 Texas-Rae	🎤 Isaac
Year 5	★ ★ ★ WHOLE CLASS ★ ★ ★	👑 Ellyjah	★ ★ ★ WHOLE CLASS ★ ★ ★
Year 6	★ Freddie	👑 Chimbueze	🎤 Jessica

Keep Shining! St. Aidan's Primary School



Learning for Kim: Helping our community save lives. ❤️



Following the loss of our neighbour, Kim, we want to turn our shared grief into a legacy of safety and confidence. We are hosting a free community CPR morning at St Aidan's to ensure that if an emergency happens, we are all ready to step in.

Using the British Heart Foundation's RevivR tool, you can learn life-saving skills in just 30 minutes

**Date:** Saturday 7th November 2026

**2 Sessions:** 1st Session: 10:15am - 30 mins
2nd Session: 11:00am - 30 mins
Pick a session

**Cost:** FREE

**Requirements:** Adults/Colleagues
(Not suitable for primary children)

**Equipment:** Please bring a smartphone/tablet and a cushion to practise on.

 Supported by a local paramedic





 To book, call 01254 53148 or visit the school office.

Help us make our neighbourhood safer ❤️

Summer reading challenge

Well done to the below Students for completing the summer reading challenge!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR READ TO THE BEAT SUPERSTARS!

Presented by St Aidan's School
& Blackburn with Darwen Libraries



A special round of applause for these
exceptional readers who completed their
Summer Reading Challenge:

Olukiademilade Fajuyigbe

★ Iremide Fajuyigbe ★

★ Moses David ★

★ Emily Page ★



Completed the Read to the Beat
Summer Reading Challenge with
Blackburn with Darwen Libraries!
We are so proud of your
dedication and achievement.

WELL DONE!

Fulfilling Potential • growing in faith



Attendance Ambassadors

EXCITING NEWS, Introducing "Attendance Ambassadors". The competition is open to all children to design the new logo for our Attendance Ambassadors role. Please ask your Teacher for your competition entry slip!



DESIGN OUR ATTENDANCE AMBASSADOR LOGO!

DESIGN COMPETITION!

CELEBRATING OUR RECENT AMAZING ATTENDANCE!
We are introducing a brand new role at St Aidan's...

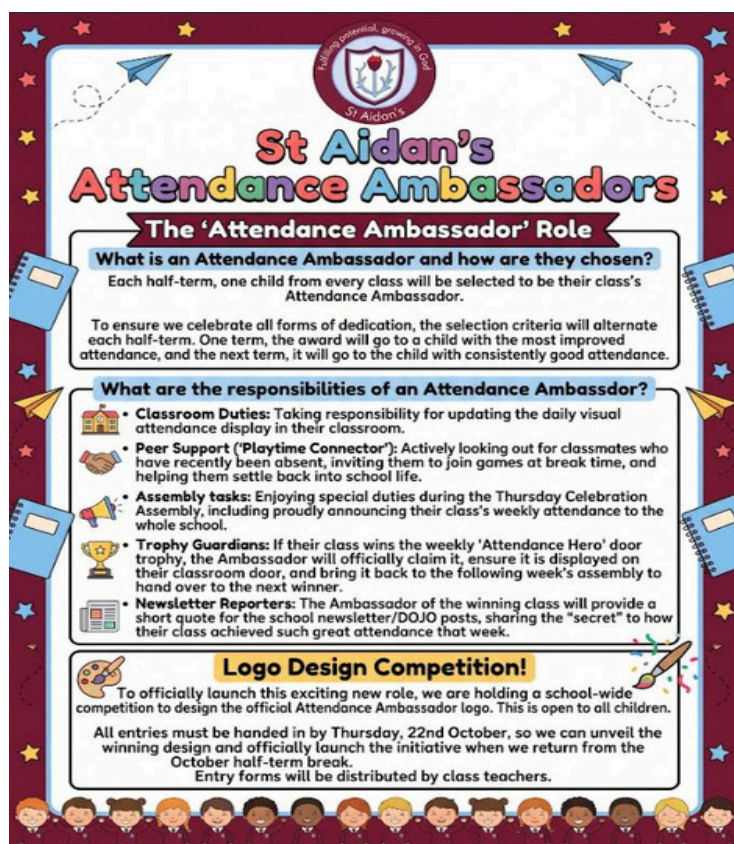
WHAT IS AN ATTENDANCE AMBASSADOR?
A special role for a child from each class who always shows amazing attendance and is a true Attendance Hero!
This role will change regularly to celebrate the attendance of all children.

WHAT WILL THE NEW LOGO LOOK LIKE?

THE CHALLENGE:
We need YOU to design the official logo for our new Attendance Ambassadors!
The winning design will be used on real posters across the school!

Get an entry template from your teacher and get creative!

SUBMIT YOUR DESIGNS BY: THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER



St Aidan's Attendance Ambassadors

The 'Attendance Ambassador' Role

What is an Attendance Ambassador and how are they chosen?
Each half-term, one child from every class will be selected to be their class's Attendance Ambassador.

To ensure we celebrate all forms of dedication, the selection criteria will alternate each half-term. One term, the award will go to a child with the most improved attendance, and the next term, it will go to the child with consistently good attendance.

What are the responsibilities of an Attendance Ambassador?

- Classroom Duties:** Taking responsibility for updating the daily visual attendance display in their classroom.
- Peer Support ('Playtime Connector'):** Actively looking out for classmates who have recently been absent, inviting them to join games at break time, and helping them settle back into school life.
- Assembly tasks:** Enjoying special duties during the Thursday Celebration Assembly, including proudly announcing their class's weekly attendance to the whole school.
- Trophy Guardians:** If their class wins the weekly 'Attendance Hero' door trophy, the Ambassador will officially claim it, ensure it is displayed on their classroom door, and bring it back to the following week's assembly to hand over to the next winner.
- Newsletter Reporters:** The Ambassador of the winning class will provide a short quote for the school newsletter/DOJO posts, sharing the "secret" to how their class achieved such great attendance that week.

Logo Design Competition!

To officially launch this exciting new role, we are holding a school-wide competition to design the official Attendance Ambassador logo. This is open to all children.

All entries must be handed in by Thursday, 22nd October, so we can unveil the winning design and officially launch the initiative when we return from the October half-term break.

Entry forms will be distributed by class teachers.

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

October Half Term Activities (0-8 years)

NO BOOKING Needed

Come along to your Children's Centre or Family Hub to experience an array of Universal Groups and Supportive Services.

Please call **01254 585000** or scan the code below for more details.

Monday 26th October	Tuesday 27th October	Wednesday 28th October	Thursday 29th October	Friday 30th October
09:30am - 11:30am Growing Together with Home Start Darwen Family Hub	09:30am - 12:30pm Drop-in Rock Pool Experience (with Aqua Explora) Little Harwood Family Hub	09:30am - 10:30am Autumn Fun Shadsworth Family Hub	09:30am - 10:30am Autumn Fun Hancock Street Children's Centre	09:30am - 10:30am Lets Play @ The Hub The Hub @ Shadsworth, Rothersey Road
1:00pm - 2:00pm Nourish and Nurture (Infant Feeding and Breastfeeding Support) Wensley Fold Children's Centre	10:00am - 11:00am Autumn Fun Darwen Family Hub	1:00pm - 2:00pm Nourish and Nurture (Infant Feeding and Breastfeeding Support) Shadsworth Family Hub	09:30am - 12:30pm Drop-in Rock Pool Experience (with Aqua Explora) Shadsworth Family Hub	10:00am - 11:00am Pumpkin Play Livesey Family Hub
1:00pm - 2:00pm Pumpkin Play Highercroft Children's Centre	10:00am - 11:00am & 1:00pm - 2:00pm Sounds Fun - Music Hancock Street Children's Centre	1:00pm - 3:00pm Growing Together with Home Start Livesey Family Hub	12:30pm - 1:30pm Nourish and Nurture (Infant Feeding and Breastfeeding Support) Little Harwood Family Hub	10:00am - 11:00am Nourish and Nurture (Infant Feeding and Breastfeeding Support) Darwen Family Hub
Ask us about Toileting Support at any of our groups...	1:00pm - 2:00pm Nourish and Nurture (Infant Feeding and Breastfeeding Support) Livesey Family Hub	1:00pm - 4:00pm Re:refresh Active Autumn Corporation Park	1:00pm - 2:00pm Autumn Fun Livesey Family Hub	1:00pm - 2:00pm Autumn Fun Little Harwood Family Hub
	1:00pm - 4:00pm Re:refresh Active Autumn Queen's Park		1:30pm - 2:30pm Peep-Stay and Play Darwen Library	1:00pm - 2:00pm Autumn Fun Highercroft Children's Centre

All Activities FREE

Family Hub
Darwen | Little Harwood | Livesey | Shadsworth

BEST START IN LIFE

Scan me → 

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