St Aidan's Church of England Primary Academy

Cidari Multi Academy Trust

'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 7

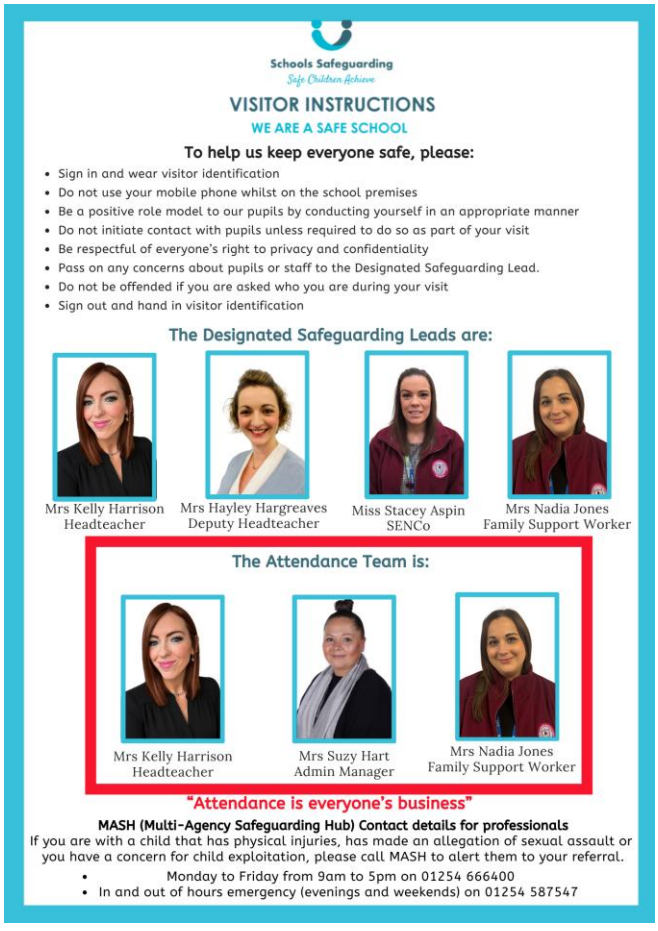
Friday 20th November 2026

A message from Mrs Harrison

Dear Parents and Carers,

When contacting the school, please avoid sharing full details or sensitive personal information with the first member of staff you speak to. Simply ask for the specific person you wish to speak with, and we will check their availability. If they are unavailable, our team will either direct you to another appropriate member of staff or arrange for someone to call you back directly.

Thank you for helping us keep your information secure and ensuring your queries reach the right person quickly.



Dates for your diary

Friday 4th Disco

December- Snowball

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

Urgent Reminder: Aladdin Pantomime Trip Payment

We are getting very excited for our upcoming festive trip to see *Aladdin* at the Blackburn Empire Theatre on **Monday 7th December 2026**!

A huge thank you to everyone who has already made their payment. However, we currently still have **51 payments outstanding**. To secure our group booking with the theatre, all balances must be settled by **Friday 27th November 2026**.

- **Cost:** £7.00 per pupil
- **How to pay:** SchoolMoney app or bank card via the school office
- **Final Deadline:** Friday 27th November 2026

Please note that if payment is not received by Friday 27th November, your child will unfortunately miss out on the trip. Furthermore, if too many balances remain unpaid after this deadline, we may have to cancel the trip altogether—something we really want to avoid!

Thank you so much for your continued support in helping us make this special festive tradition happen for the children.



Choir at Blackburn Cathedral

If your child is in the school choir, tickets can now be purchased for our performance at Blackburn Cathedral on Monday 30th November at:

boltonmusicservice.com/events

£5 for adults and £1 for under 16s.

https://www.trybooking.com/uk/event/123086

Site Supervisor

Our Site Supervisor, Michael, has made the difficult decision to resign following a period of ill health caused by an injury. Michael truly loved his role and being part of our school community, and while we will miss him greatly, he leaves us with his warmest wishes for the future. In the interim, while we recruit for the permanent post, Martin, our Interim Site Supervisor—whom many of you and your children will already recognise—will look after the school site. We know you will join us in wishing Michael a continuing smooth and full recovery, and in thanking Martin for stepping in to support our school.

Welcome back to Miss Keegan!

We are delighted to let you know that Miss Keegan will return from her maternity leave on **Monday 7th December** to resume her roles as our Reception Class Teacher and EYFS Lead. Miss Keegan has already spent some time in school ahead of her official return and she will spend her first week back getting to know the children to ensure a smooth and happy transition for everyone. This also means we will be saying a fond farewell to Miss Abbotts, whose last day with us will be **Friday 11th December**. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Abbotts for all her hard work, dedication, and care for the children during her time here, and we wish her all the very best in her future career. If you have any questions about the transition, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

TAKEHOME

16th - 22nd November



In the news this week

Leaders from around the world are meeting in Türkiye for COP31, to discuss how to protect our planet from climate change. They will talk about how countries can work together and whether richer countries should help those affected by floods, droughts and rising seas.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What do you think is the biggest problem facing our world?
- Do you feel it is important for countries to work together to tackle climate change?
- Should richer countries help poorer countries? Explain your view.
- Is there anything families could do at home?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

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School Admissions for 27/28

School admissions for primary school places are still open for the upcoming academic year. Please note that the application deadline for primary school applications is Friday, January 15, 2027. Please refer to the posters around the school and below 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



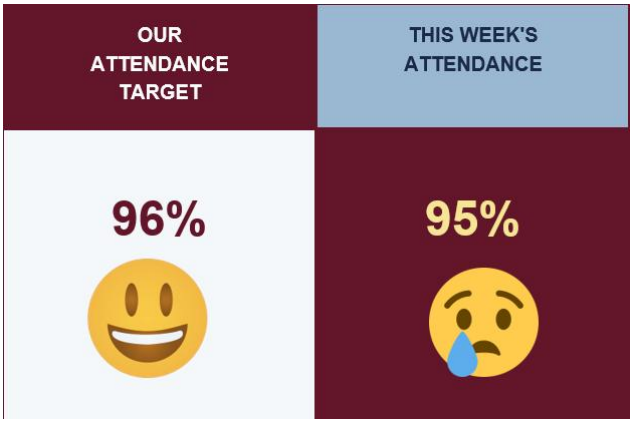
Celebration Assembly

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.

Attendance this week

This week, our whole-school attendance was 95%, which is just slightly below our 96% target.

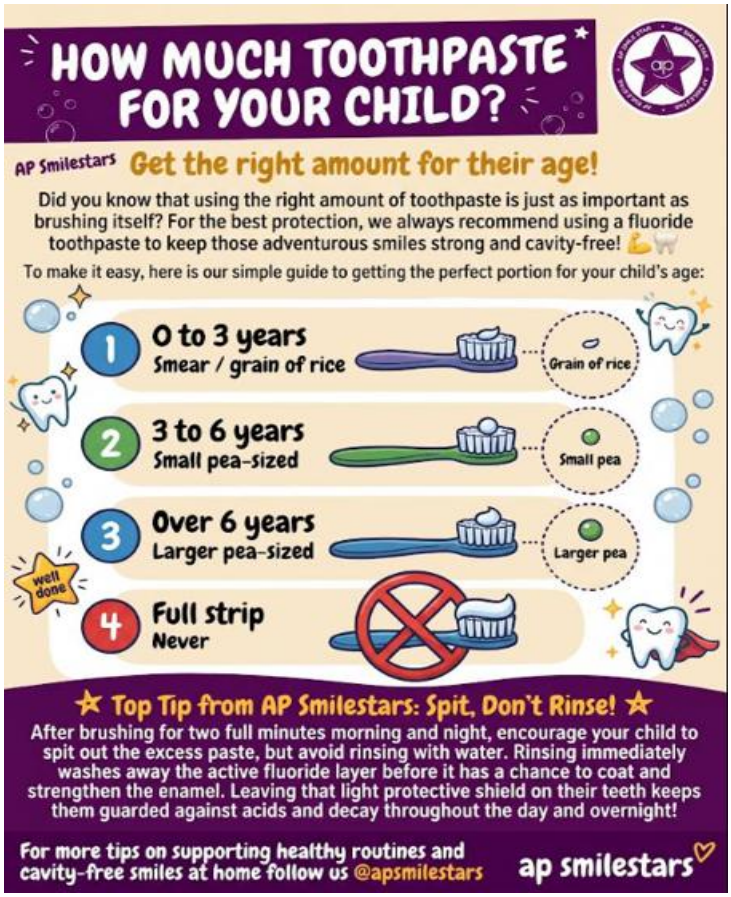
Rec	**95%**
Year 1	**96%**
Year 2	**89%**
Year 3	**99%**
Year 4	**92%**
Year 5	**94%**
Year 6	**96%**







Top Tips from AP Smilestars



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

CELEBRATING OUR FANTASTIC PUPILS

Class	VIPs	STARS	ORACY STARS
Rec	Mahnoor	Adora-Bella	Israel
Y1	Paisley	Nikita	Finley
Y2	Irtaza	Luke	Odea
Y3	Emilia	Lula	Emilia
Y4	Amelia	Tommy	Milad
Y5	Lily-May	Emily & Luella	Emily & Luella
Y6	Michael	Precious	Elise

Fulfilling potential, growing in God.

WELL DONE EVERYONE!

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