



St Aidan's

Church of England Primary Academy
A member of **CDARI**



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



Friday 6th February 2026

Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Hayley Hargreaves

Message from Mrs Harrison

Code of conduct.

Our staff are here to help and support your children. We understand that school matters can be emotional, but we kindly ask that all telephone conversations remain professional. Please note that **shouting, bad language, or intimidating behaviour on the phone or on the school premises will not be tolerated.** Our staff are authorised to end calls where this occurs to maintain a respectful working environment.

Please see our Code of Conduct for parents, carers and visitors, which you can find on our website here: <https://staidansblackburn.co.uk/key-information/policies>



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Dates for the Diary

W/C 09/02– Children's Mental Health week

10/02– Safer internet day

13/02– Outward bound parent meeting

13/02– School closes for half term 3:20pm

25/02– Natter with Nadia 2-3pm

05/03-World Book Day

W/C 09/03-Outward Bound Residential week

13/03-Mother's Day Rhyme Time

W/C 16/03-Last week of afterschool clubs

20/03-Comic Relief

21/03-National Poetry Day

24/03 & 25/03-Parents' Evenings

01/04-Easter Bingo

02/04-Easter Service in Church led by Y4

School closes for half term at 1.15pm



Talk and tales

Talk and tales year 1 and 2, this is an opportunity for parents/carers of children in year 1 and 2 to come in to their child's classroom and enjoy the class story with them. A time to see oracy in action and engage with your child's reading. The next session will take place on Tuesday 10th February at 3pm.

Outward bound Parent meeting

On Friday 13th February we will be holding a parent meeting to discuss final arrangements and details of our Outward bound trip in March. The meetings will be held in the school hall at either 9am or 3pm and last approximately 20 minutes, please attend the session most suitable for you.





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Natter with Nadia

**Wednesday 25th February
2026
2pm-3pm**

**Come and meet our new pupil and family support worker
Nadia.**

**Do you need help with getting free school meals? Finances?
Parenting support? Attendance?
Ask for Nadia Jones**

No booking required - just turn up!





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Pantomime

Our yearly trip to Blackburn Empire Theatre to watch the Aladdin pantomime is on Monday 7th December. The cost of this trip is **£7.00** per pupil.

It's great to see that some parents have already paid—thank you.

We appreciate that Christmas has only just been and gone and we know that you don't want to be thinking about next Christmas or you don't want to make any payment(s) until closer to December, when this is already a busy and expensive time for everyone, so with this in mind we have added the payment to Schoolmoney now to give you the opportunity to spread the cost into affordable weekly/monthly payments or alternatively, if you wish, you can pay the amount in full.



House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week.



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



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Free School Meals

Free School Meals can benefit your child and our school

We are writing to encourage all eligible families to apply for **Free School Meals (FSM)**.

Why apply? The benefits for your family

Financial Savings: Registering can save you over **£400 per year** per child.

Nutritional Balance: Our school meals are designed to be healthy and balanced, ensuring children have the energy they need to focus and learn throughout the afternoon.

Holiday Support: In many areas, families registered for FSM will receive a meal in the school holidays from the Family Hubs/Children Centres and access to funded holiday club places



How it helps our school (The Pupil Premium)

For every child registered for Free School Meals, the school receives extra funding from the government known as the **Pupil Premium**. This money is vital and allows us to provide our school with more resources for your children.

Are you entitled to Free School Meals?

Your child may be eligible if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- An income-related employment and support allowance
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit (PCGC) support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by Inland Revenue that does not exceed £16,190

How to apply

The application process is quick, confidential, and straightforward. You can apply via [School meals | Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council](#) or by booking an appointment to see our Family Support Worker Nadia.

Please rest assured that the system is **completely discreet**. Children receiving free school meals are not identified in the dining hall.

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Join Blackburn Children's University!

Raising aspirations through fun learning beyond the classroom.

What is Children's University (CU)?

It is a program that encourages children in Years 1-6 to take part in learning activities outside of normal school hours. This includes:

- School clubs
- Sports (Swimming, Martial Arts, Football, Gymnastics etc)
- Educational Visits (Museums and Libraries)

Earn Awards & Graduate



Special Perk: Children who earn Gold Awards get to wear a real cap and gown for their presentation!



The CU Passport



- **Track Your Hours:** Children get a "Passport to Learning" to record time spent at activities.
- **Collect Stamps:** Passports are stamped for both school-based and external clubs.
- **Cost: FREE!** (The school is covering the usual £4 fee).



REGISTER NOW

If your child is not already a member, sign up online 📄 Link:

<https://bit.ly/CUPassportSA26>



Any Questions?

Contact Sara Burton (Blackburn CU Manager)

Phone Number
07805929965

Email
s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk



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CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY MEMBERSHIP

If your child is not yet a member of Blackburn Children's University and they are in year 1 – 6 you can sign them up now!. Membership is free and your child will get their very own Children's University passport. Please see this letter for more information: <https://bit.ly/CULetterSA26>. If you would like to sign them up please complete this short form: <https://bit.ly/CUPassportSA26>. Alternatively you can mention it to the office or your child's teacher. If you do have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact Sara Burton (Blackburn Children's University Manager) on s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

For further information on all the events at Blackburn with Darwen Libraries please see this link: <https://bit.ly/FebHalfTermLibrary26>. Please remember if your child attends any of these library activities and they are a member of Blackburn Children's University to pick up a slip and hand it in with your child's name on to the school office after the holidays.

Booster Cushion Theatre presents: Hansel, Gretel and You...Who? Blackburn Central Library, Saturday 14th February, 1.30 - 2.30 pm

A hilarious retelling of this classic tale, perfect for all the family at February half-term. Hansel and Gretel have been turned into oven gloves and don't know what to do! They decide to go on a journey around the world looking for food and some friends. They bump into some woodland animals who just want to play sports all the time, luckily they know the best way out of the forest is with an audience wide relay race. But while taking part, the siblings get trapped by the Witch. Luckily, the Gingerbread Man has a great idea to save them, he'll just need some help...This is a fast funny show with lots of opportunities to help, perfect for families.

Tickets available from the library, price £1 children, £3 adults.

Make a pop-up card

All the family can get together to make pop-up cards in our libraries during half-term. Tickets are free of charge, available from the relevant library up to 2 weeks before each event:

Blackburn Central Library, Mon 16th Feb, 2 - 3 pm

Mill Hill Library, Tue 17th Feb, 2.30 - 3.30 pm

Scratch Code Club

Scratch Code Club for 8 - 11 year old children will return at Blackburn Library during half-term. The club will run a little differently this time, so there will be a series of four, daily sessions starting on 17th February, 2.30 - 4 pm and finishing on 20th February. The club is aimed at complete beginners, starting with a very basic exercise on Scratch and gradually building on skills learned day by day. To gain maximum benefit from the programme we encourage children to sign up to the full four days of the course rather than dipping in and out. Places are limited, so to be sure of gaining a place, please contact andrew.orr@blackburn.gov.uk or phone (01254) 587941 as soon as possible. If we receive enough demand, another series of sessions will take place later in the year, so if you miss out on a place this time please keep an eye out for further opportunities.

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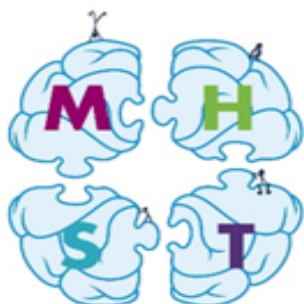
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Mental Health Support Team
ELCAS | East Lancashire Child and Adolescent Services

MHST in Schools

Dear parents/carers,

Mental Health Support Teams are here to help children with their feelings early on, before small worries turn into big problems. They also provide support to parents and carers.

Are you interested in the following which the MHST team can provide to parents/carers;

- Online Parent Webinars
- Parent led CBT for anxiety: 1-1 or in a group of up to 10 parents/carers
- A one off workshop for parents; Sleep Hygiene
- A one off workshop for parents; supporting your child with anxiety/low mood

If this would interest you, please see Nadia our Family Support Worker or message her on Class Dojo

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St Aidan's Tots

A group for 0-4s and their grown-ups

@ St Aidan's Church, Mill Hill



Monday's in term time

10am til 11.30am

Toys, snack time, songs and
a story from the Bible

Suggested donation - £1.50 per family





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OPEN EVENING
Thursday 26 February 2026
17:00 – 19:00

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**YEAR 7
TASTER DAY**
5 March 2026 | 09:15 – 15:00
A New Chapter of Discovery

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Attendance Matters

Attendance is **NOT** optional

There is an expectation that children are in school **EVERY** day.



Overall School Attendance Target is **96%**

Actual Whole School Attendance is **95.3%**



Well done to **Year 6** who had the best attendance in the school last week!

Enjoy your extra playtime!



Weekly Attendance

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
95.98%	96.88%	95.45%	92.53%	95.07%	92.63%	97.92%

Weekly Lates

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
8	0	1	5	5	5	4



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Congratulations

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



	Stars of the week 30.01.26	Value's In Practice award winners (V.I.P's) 30.01.26	Stars of the week 06.02.26	Value's In Practice award winners (V.I.P's) 06.02.26
Reception (Miss Abbott)	Dumtolisa & Joud	Willow	Merab & Maja	Nellie
Year 1 (Miss Kay)	Odea & Aila- Mae	Abdul	Carson & Aisha	Dominic
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	Perez & Lula	Benjamin	Scarlett & Somma	Immanuella
Year 3 (Mr Eccles)	Arya &	Mmasunachi	Lolita & Rylie	Texas
Year 4 (Mrs Hargreaves)	Devon & Lily May	Diana	Ava & Conie	Leighton
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Oscar & Layla E	Chimbueze	Layla K & Jessica	Junior
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Sienna & Paige E	Hassaan	Ahmad & Paige M	Layla

Kind Regards,

K. Harrison

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