



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 22nd November 2024

Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Hayley Hargreaves

Infant Nativity

The KS1 (Years Rec,1 & 2) concert will be held on Wednesday 11th December. There will be two performances of the concert which will be held during the school day at **10.00am and 2.00pm**.

Tickets are £1.00 each, maximum of 4 tickets per family and can be purchased via the teachers2parents app. Select **ONLY 1** option for the number of tickets you want to buy, for example 3 tickets, select the AM OR PM 3 tickets option, add to basket and at checkout you will be asked to pay £3.00. Under 3's are free if **sitting** on an adult's knee.



Children In Need



We have raised a total of £93.71. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.



Snowball Disco

This year's Snowball Disco will be taking place on Friday 6th December over two sessions and is £2.50 per person. The price includes a drink, a packet of crisps and a chocolate bar.

If you would like your child to attend please make payment via Teachers2Parents app.



Session 1- 5:00pm-6:00pm- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children ONLY

Session 2- 6:15pm-7:30pm- Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 children ONLY

Please note, if you have NOT yet paid for the panto, please can we ask that you make that payment first.



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Friday 8th November 2024

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Dates for the Diary

Saturday 23rd November
Christmas Fair

Thursday 5th December
Whole school Panto visit

Friday 6th December
Snowball Disco

Wednesday 11th December
Infant Nativity 10.00am/2.00pm

Thursday 12th December
Christmas Jumper Day/
Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 18th December
Christmas Crafts 1.30pm-
2.50pm

Thursday 19th December
Christmas parties

Friday 20th December
Christmas Carols in Church

Friday 20th December
School Closes 1.15pm

Monday 6th January
School reopens

Admission to Reception Class 2025

The online admission form for admission to Reception Class in September 2025 is 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 is:-

Primary School – 15th January 2025

It is extremely important that the deadline is met as it can affect your chance of being offered your first choice school.



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On Thursday 12th December, we will be raising funds for Save the Children by paying £1.00 to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper. If your child does not have a Christmas jumper, **please do not buy one especially for this day**; you could help your child decorate a jumper they already have by adding a few Christmas decorations.



Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner is being served on Thursday 12th December (a halal and vegetarian option is available).

To allow the kitchen staff to order the correct amount of stock we have sent out a form for you to complete. If you haven't completed the form yet please can we ask that you do this by the end of this week.

If your child pays for a school dinner, the charge will be £2.70 payable via Teachers2Parents.



Christmas Craft Afternoon



Parents/carers are invited to take part in our Christmas Craft afternoon on Wednesday 18th December at 1.30pm-2.50pm. This is a great opportunity to work alongside your child or within a small group and take part in our Christmas craft activities.

There will be tea/coffee/biscuits available in the hall until school finishes. Children will not be released early to go home.



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Outward Bound Residential Trip

One place has become available on the Outward Bound residential trip in April 2025. The cost of the trip is £190 with a deposit of £40.00 needed to secure the place. The balance will then need to be paid by the end of January.



If your child is interested this will be on a first come first served basis and you will need to contact the school office to book the place.

School Milk



The parents of pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes have been sent a text with a link to a consent form, this week requesting whether or not your child requires milk in the Spring term. **It is extremely important that this is completed no later than Friday 13th December 2024**, to enable the office staff to order the correct quantity of milk for January. **If you do not complete the form, milk will not be ordered for your child next term.**

Be Internet Legends Day

It's the BIGGEST annual date on the Be Internet Legends calendar – a celebration event to thank pupils for all their hard work learning about online safety in 2024.

Be Internet Legends Day is live-streamed via YouTube directly to the classroom.

Parents can view the live stream from home via this link on Tuesday 26th November at 9.30am:

<https://youtube.com/live/OtZQrNIRAy4?feature=share>



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LET'S GET TALKING

Talking together helps your child develop communication and relationship skills with others and builds on their vocabulary

TAKEHOME

18th - 24th November



Why is discovery important?



In the news this week

A discovery of more than 6,000 ancient Maya structures, including a city of pyramids, has been named Valeriana. Hidden by jungle canopy in the Mexican state of Campeche, the city was discovered by chance. A student at Tulane University, in the US, found the city with the help of Lidar, a light detection technology, that uses lasers to map landscapes.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share what your definition of 'discovery' is with someone at home. Ask what their definition is.
- > Can you think of any big discoveries in the world made during your lifetime? Ask others at home whether they can recall any. Talk about the impact each had.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Children's University



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4th November 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

School Bus Design Competition **Moving PEOPLE** Bus and Coach Services

Moving PEOPLE who are a local bus company are running a competition amongst all local schools across Lancashire!

This is a unique opportunity for children to have their artwork displayed on the back of one of their school buses for everyone to see! The aim of this competition is to find some fantastic designs that will brighten up three of their bus backs and spread important messages throughout the community.

Children's University members can also collect a **ONE hour stamp** in their passport for entering!

Competition Theme:

They encourage designs based on themes such as:

- Road Safety
- The Environment
- Community & Inclusion

However, any other suitable and creative designs children can come up with are also welcome!



How to take part:

This is for children in years 1 – 6. For your child to enter they need to simply to create their design on an A3 piece of paper. As this is a larger piece a paper you can collect one from the school office if you do not have A3 paper at home. Please see this link for what is needed on the entry:

<https://bit.ly/BusCompA3Entry>

When is the deadline:

All entries must be handed to the school office no later than 3pm on **Monday 25th November 2024**. Remember Children's University members will collect a stamp in their passport too!

What happens after the competition:

The winning designs will be professionally transferred onto the back of one of Moving PEOPLE'S school buses! Once the design is applied to the bus, they will bring it to school for the children to see the artwork in all its glory!

Please contact me if you have any questions on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

Many Thanks
Sara Burton
Extended Schools Co-ordinator
Blackburn Children's University Manager



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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 this week is **93.7%**



Well done to **Year 4** who had the best attendance in school last week!

Enjoy your extra playtime!



Weekly Attendance

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
96.88%	96.15%	92%	94.86%	97.32%	91.39%	92.86%

Weekly Lates

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
1	2	0	2	0	3	2



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Christmas Pantomime 2024 – Jack And The Beanstalk

Great news, our annual trip to Blackburn Empire Theatre on Thursday 5th December is going ahead and is now only **2** weeks away! There are still a few payments outstanding which **MUST** be paid before the date in order for your child/ren to attend.



Class Trips

As part of the pupils theme work, class trips have been organised for the following classes:-

Y5-Liverpool Museum



Please note: A packed lunch will be provided by the school for pupils who normally have a school meal.

Trips are also being arranged for other year groups and you will be informed of these in due course.



House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week

HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
98%	96%	96%	94%



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Congratulations

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



	Stars of the week	Value's in Practice award winners (V.I.Ps)
Reception (Miss Keegan)	Aisha & Mariam	Pixie-Lou
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Farzad & Esme	Aamena
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	Amelia & Fraya	Billy
Year 3 (Miss Kay)	Lexi-Lou & Sebastian	Lena
Year 4 (Mr Eccles)	Junior & Cole	Hammad
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Rachael & Bruno	Harry
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Jojo & Lena	Sky

Kind Regards,

K. Harrison

Mrs. K Harrison
Headteacher