



St Aidan's

Church of England Primary Academy
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Friday 27th February 2026

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Welcome back!

As we move further into the spring term, we have entered the season of **Lent**. This is a significant time in the Christian calendar, and we have spent time exploring its meaning and importance with the children in our recent collective worship sessions.





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Dates for the Diary

03/03– Talk and tales

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

31/03– Talk and tales

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 into 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 3rd March and then Tuesday 31st March at 3pm.



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How can we help our children stay safe and happy online?

This helpful session from the NSPCC provides clear guidance for parents on managing apps, games, and screen time. It's well worth a watch to help keep your family's digital safety up to date!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MY5NDhvVkG4>



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WORLD BOOK DAY CHALLENGE: DROP EVERYTHING AND READ!



Get creative for our "Drop Everything and Read" competition! Simply snap a photo of your child reading in the most unusual or imaginative place they can find—from treetops to cosy dens.

The winners, 1 child from the Infants and 1 child from the Juniors, will each enjoy a special trip to Waterstones to choose a new book, followed by a treat at Costa.

Please send your photo entries via ClassDojo.

GOOD LUCK!





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WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 5th March

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. Your child can come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Please don't go to any expense or buy anything new. Have a look online, there are lots of ideas that don't require you to buy a costume.



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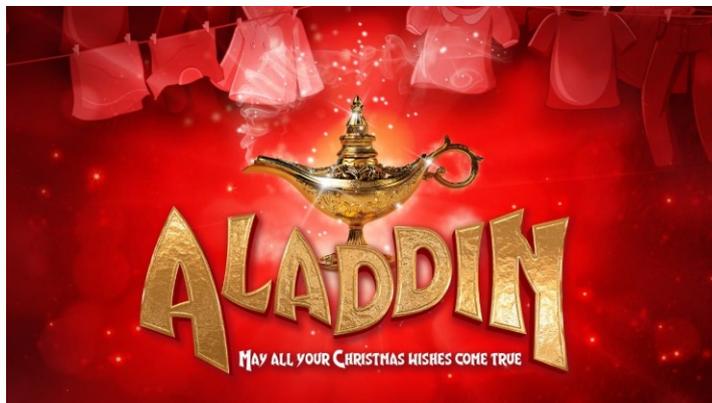
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Pantomime

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
%	%	%	%



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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 **95.13 %**



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

Enjoy your extra playtime!



Weekly Attendance

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
93.44%	95.07%	94.48%	94.61%	95.16%	92.91%	94.88%

Weekly Lates

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
5	1	2	5	3	2	0



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Congratulations

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



	Stars of the week 12.02.26	Value's In Practice award winners (V.I.P's) 12.02.26	Stars of the week 26.02.26	Value's In Practice award winners (V.I.P's) 26.02.26
Reception (Miss Abbott)	ALL	Hayyatullah	David&Nellie	Harris
Year 1 (Miss Kay)	Iremide&Athena	Ronnie	Aila-Mae&Boris	Luke
Year 2	Jaymee- leigh&Hassan	Arsam	Grace&Annabel	Charlotte
Year 3	Milad&Blanka	Reggie	Reggie&Fatima	Milad
Year 4 (Miss Bateson)	Szebastian&Connie	Ava	Devon&Lexi-Grace	Stacey
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Layla&Hammad	Jay	Achillea&Ibrahim	Precious
Year 6	Mayada & Sophie	Anas	Rosie&Lacey	Richelle

Kind Regards,

K. Harrison

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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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