



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 29th November 2024

Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Hayley Hargreaves

Dear parents and carers,

It is a busy time for all of us over the next few weeks: for you as parents, preparing for the Christmas holiday period and for pupils and staff as they complete Autumn term assessments, rehearse for concerts and prepare for the festive season. Please do check the 'Dates for the diary' section so you do not miss anything.



The season of advent starts this Sunday and is an important period in the Church Calendar, when we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Jesus' birth.

On Monday we are having a 'Prayer Experience' day to celebrate the start of Advent and we would love for you to join us in the main hall after school. Have a restful weekend,

Mrs Harrison

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 check-out you will be asked to pay £3.00. Under 3's are free if **sitting** on an adult's knee.

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



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Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 4th December

Y5 Liverpool Museum

Thursday 5th December

Whole school Panto visit

Friday 6th December

Snowball Disco

Tuesday 10th December

Relationships and sex education consultation

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
Selection Box Raffle
School Closes 1.15pm

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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Christmas Jumper Day

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.



Selection Box Raffle

We are having a selection box raffle on Friday 20th December. We are raising money for school funds. The raffle tickets will be on sale from Monday 2nd December for **20p per ticket or £1.00 a strip**.



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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Head lice

These cause much frustration amongst parents. Every school in the country has to constantly contend with this menace. **To try and control the spread of head lice our policy is to contact parents of children who are seen to have head lice so that they can be collected, treated and returned to school. In most cases a child can return to school the same day.**

Please remember, if head lice are found then it is important to check every family member in the household and to check again a week later.

Please note that **we will authorise a maximum of half a day's absence for head lice to be treated.** Thank you for your support in this.

FOUR STEPS TO LICE-FREE LIFE:



1: INSPECT

If you suspect head lice, check



2: TREAT

Use lice treatment product as directed.



3: REMOVE

lice/nits by combing the hair with the comb provided.



4: CLEAN

home and personal items.

Please can we ask that children with long hair try and keep it tied up tight, either in a ponytail or plait to try and prevent Head lice.

Nut Free

Just to remind all parents/carers - we are a **NUT FREE** school. We do have some children in school with severe nut allergies. Please do not send any type of nut product into school with your child, for example-Nutella, Kinder Bueno. If you are unsure please always check the packaging. Thank you for your understanding and support.





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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.**

Online Safety Week

This week the children have learnt all about keeping safe online and being confident explorers of the online world.

The useful website address for parents/carers to view at home with your children is:

https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk

Relationships and Sex education. (RSE Curriculum)

We have reviewed our relationships and sex education (RSE) curriculum and policy, to ensure our RSE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their: age, physical and emotional maturity, religious and cultural backgrounds, and special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

We're inviting parents into school **on Tuesday 10th December at 3pm** to make sure our curriculum reflects the needs of our community and that pupils know how to stay safe and be healthy in their relationships and in the wider world.

For working parents or parents who cannot attend this session, an online link will be sent via Class Dojo for a virtual meeting at the later time 5:30pm. Please see our website for more information.

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HAF Winter 2024

The Holidays Activities and Food (HAF) programme is a scheme funded by the Government and delivered by local councils, providing healthy food and fun activities to children and young people, with free places available for those on free school meals.

Sessions will include a variety of fun activities, including sports, music, arts and other exciting opportunities to learn and develop skills like meeting new friends, alongside a nutritious meal each day.

For information on how you and your family can get involved this winter, or to book your place please visit <https://www.getstuckin.org.uk/> or call the booking team on 07879 774978 (Mon-Fri 9.00am-5.00pm)

There is a code required when making your booking. This code has been sent out separately to the families eligible for the free activities/meal.

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FREE PLACES AVAILABLE FOR THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS & VULNERABLE FAMILIES INCLUDING SEND



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Prayer Day



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PRAYER Experience

Monday 2nd December 2024
3:30pm - 4:15pm

Prayer spaces give children and young people a way to explore personal reflection and prayer for themselves using a selection of engaging and creative activities.

Parents and carers are invited to come and see how we pray and reflect at St. Aidan's.

Pray as you Pray

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Módlcie się tak, jak się modlicie

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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 25th November - 1st December



In the news this week

This year's Earthshot Prize winners have been announced. Prince William, who launched the prize in 2020, closed the award ceremony in Cape Town, South Africa. The Earthshot Prize celebrates and supports people and companies working to provide innovative solutions for climate and environmental issues. The winners include projects to protect animals, handle rubbish and prevent wasted energy.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Can you tell someone at home a bit more about the Earthshot Prize?
- > Do you believe awards are a good way of raising awareness about important issues?
- > Have you ever taken part in or contributed to a project with the aim of helping protect and look after the world? Ask others at home whether they have.

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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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 94.6%



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

Enjoy your extra playtime!



Weekly Attendance

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
96.84%	93.59%	96.73%	94.44%	94.74%	92.5%	94.94%

Weekly Lates

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



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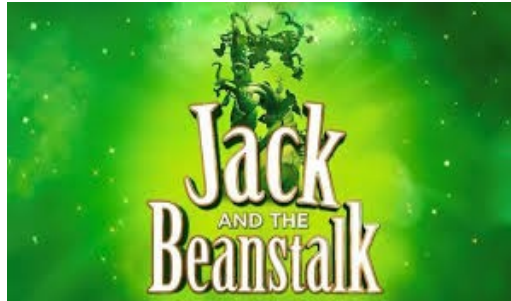


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Christmas Pantomime 2024 – Jack And The Beanstalk

Great news, our annual trip to Blackburn Empire Theatre on Thursday 5th December is going ahead and is now only **1** week 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
100%	100%	96%	96%



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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)	Abdul & Odea	Athena
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Jacob S & Esmae	Laiyla
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	Enrique & Theo	Texas
Year 3 (Miss Kay)	Ashleigh & Oakleyy	Ezra
Year 4 (Mr Eccles)	Geraldine & Layla E	Freddie
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Reema & Batool	Saud
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Dayton & Leah	Marisa

Kind Regards,

K. Harrison

Mrs. K Harrison
Headteacher