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Dear parents and carers,

Miss Rigby will sadly be leaving St Aidan's at the end of this term. Miss Rigby has been with school since September 2019 and has taught in various classes across school. We wish her well in the next stage of her career.

Miss Haworth, our TA in year 5 is also leaving us at the end of term, for pastures new. We wish her all the best.

As we approach the second Sunday of Advent, the magic of the season is truly upon us! The elves have been busy decorating classrooms, the children have been busy rehearsing for the Christmas performances and staff have been busy keeping the children learning between the excitement of the Prayer Experience day, trips, the pantomime, singing at Blackburn cathedral and the joy of the end of term assessments! Not forgetting our legendary Snowball disco tonight. Next week begins with a worship in school led by Bishop Phillip, our Reception and key stage one Nativity and Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day.

Despite how busy we are, this time of year offers a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the values of hope, peace, joy and love, and we encourage you to continue these conversations at home.

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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.

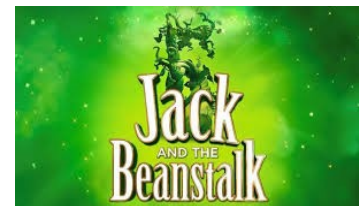


Talk and Tales

Talk and Tales has now finished for this term. We will invite parents/carers back into years 1 and 2 in January.

Christmas Pantomime

All the staff and children had a brilliant time at the panto on Thursday morning. The children were so well behaved and did a fantastic job representing the school.



Snowball Disco

It is the Snowball Disco tonight!

REMINDER

Session 1 - Reception, Years 1 & 2 from 5.00pm-6.00pm

Session 2 - Years 3/4/5 & 6 from 6.15pm-7.30pm



Glow sticks will be on sale at 20p for 1 or 6 for £1.00



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Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 10th December

Relationships and sex education consultation 3.00pm

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

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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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 Monday.

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

TWO places 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 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.**



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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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 **%**



Well done to **Year 2** who had the best attendance in school last week!

Enjoy your extra playtime!



Weekly Attendance

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
95.74%	93.59%	97.12%	95%	96.26%	94.8%	95.68%

Weekly Lates

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
5	5	3	4	4	5	4



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Christmas Pantomime 2024 – Jack And The Beanstalk



House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week

HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
100%	98%	100%	92%