



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 27th March 2026

Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Hayley Hargreaves

Dear parents and carers,

As we approach the end of a busy Spring term, I want to thank you for your incredible support. It has been a joy to see our children flourish through so many wonderful experiences, including Children's Mental Health Week, Safer Internet Day, and our vibrant celebrations for World Book Day and National Poetry Day.

From our Choir shining at 'Let's Go Sing' to the bravery shown by Years 5 and 6 during their Outward Bound adventure, the children have truly lived out our ALWAYS school values. A special well done to our poets who took part in a poetry competition this week.

We are currently in the season of Lent, a time for reflection and preparation. As we journey towards the hope of Easter, we are encouraged by the words of Psalm 31:24: *"Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord."*

Just a quick reminder that we are still in school all next week. We have just 4 more get ups to go until the Easter break!

Please note that we have one week for our holiday this time. This is because we have a lovely longer break coming up later in the term, from May 25th until June 5th. This allows families to have a cheaper holiday and not take children out in term time.

To make our final day extra sweet, we have a special surprise: every child who is in school this coming Thursday will go home with a delicious Easter Egg! The winners of the ALWAYS treat will also be announced on Thursday and children will be taking part in a special Easter egg hunt.

Let's fill every seat, finish the term strong, and make sure no one misses out on their chocolatey treat. Attendance really does matter!

See you all on Monday!





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A Heartfelt Thank You

Running a raffle of this scale takes a village. We would like to extend a special "thank you" to **Mrs. Egan**, who has worked tirelessly behind the scenes. Thanks to her dedication in securing these donations, we are also thrilled to share that **every single child in school will receive an Easter egg next Thursday if they are present in school!**

We also want to express our deep gratitude to our local shops and community members. In these challenging times, your kindness ensures our children feel celebrated and supported.

Dates for the Diary

31/03– Talk and tales

01/04-Easter Bingo

02/04-Easter Service in Church led by Y4



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 31st March at 3pm.



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Don't Miss the "Egg-citing" Finish!



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Red Nose Day success!

A massive **thank you** to all our families for supporting last week's 'Dress Up Funny for Money' day for Comic Relief. We were absolutely blown away by the children's **original and creative hair-styles**—the playground was full of colour and personality! We raised a fantastic total of: £40.97

Staffing update.

We are pleased to announce that Sam is rejoining our staff as a Teaching Assistant after the Easter break. We look forward to the familiarity he brings back to our classrooms and wish him a very warm welcome back.



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Our MEGA Easter Raffle is Here!

We are so excited to announce that tickets for our **Mega Easter Raffle** are officially on sale!

In a school like ours, every penny raised goes directly toward enhancing the learning and environment for our children. Every contribution makes a difference to our school family.



Incredible Prizes Up for Grabs

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our local community such as The Old Mill Hill Chippy, The Post Office, pet shop, butchers and many more. Check out what you could win:

Prize	Value/detail
Rhode Island coffee	£50 voucher
Heavenly desserts	£30 voucher
Primark	£25 Voucher
The Old Mill hill chippy	£20 voucher
Frucolate	£20 voucher
Sainsbury's	£20 gift card
The Entertainer	£15 Voucher
Geek Retreat	£10 Voucher
Nando's	1 x2 combo meals
Mcdonald's	Selection of treats



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Thank you

A Huge Thank You to Our Egg-Stra Special Partners!

Our mission was a cracking success thanks to the incredible generosity of our local businesses and the families and friends of St Aidan's. We are ever so grateful for your support for our pupils and our school community.

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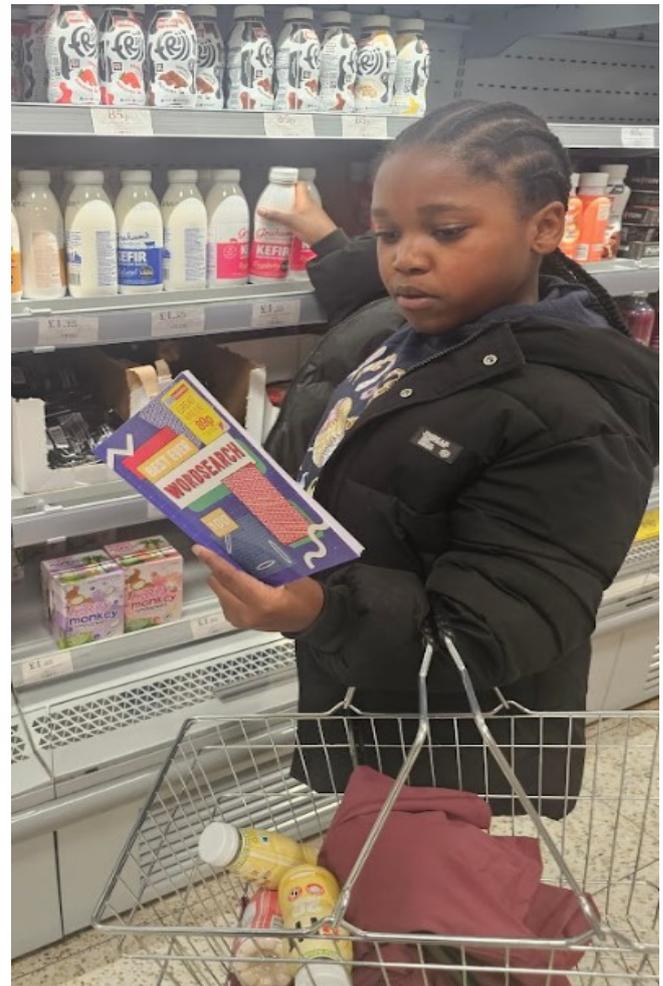
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World Book Day

Huge congratulations to our **Extreme Read** winners, Ronnie (Y1) and Alma (Y4)



Next week, they'll take a special trip into town to choose a new book from Waterstones and warm up with a Costa hot chocolate. We are so proud of your commitment to reading, well done both!



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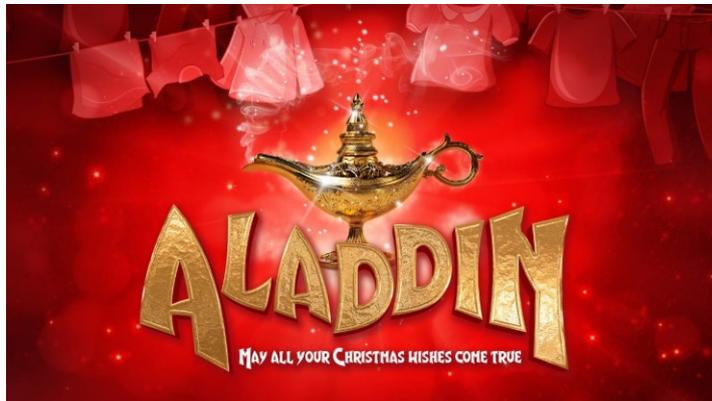
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Pantomime

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
98%	88%	92%	100%



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Easter Holidays Challenges 2026

Before you begin...

- Choose a challenge from those listed overleaf. Discuss your ideas with your parent/carer to agree as to where you might need some help. Please be sure that you have permission before you begin your task, even when you are carrying out research on the computer!
- You must provide some evidence that you have taken part in the activity. For example, you could take a photograph, write a diary, draw a picture of your day, make a digital presentation, make a voice or video recording, or a letter from an adult.
 - In your evidence you may like to include:
 - o The dates/times of the activity.
 - o What was the easiest and hardest part of the challenge?
 - o Would you do anything differently if you did the challenge again?
 - o What else would you like to go on and do now?
- You can complete as many activities as you wish. The more you complete the more hours you can claim!
- Please ask an adult to send your evidence to Sara Burton on 07805929965 or s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk. Alternatively, if your school asks, you can send it in with your passport after the holidays.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask Sara Burton.



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Remember, **ALWAYS** ask your parent or carer before doing any of the challenges!

Design your own aeroplane.



Draw a picture of your favourite animal.



Create your own Easter game.



Make a card and give it to someone special.



Choose a charity and write a fact sheet about them. Include why people should donate to them.



Create your own Easter egg hunt. Test it out with family and friends.



Write a fact sheet about pandas!



Visit your local library, take out a book and write a review.



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Design your own comic strip.



Plant some seeds. Make sure you look after them so that they grow!



How can you help save water at home? Write down five ways you could do this.



Create a short video about what you have done in the holidays



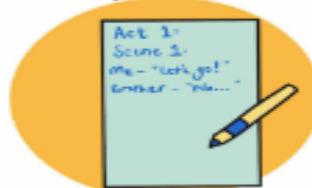
How many words can you find in "Easter Bunny"?



Make some tasty chocolate egg nests or cakes.



Write a short story and act it out to family and friends.



Where does chocolate come from? Write a short information sheet to explain.





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Join us for Easter
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Saturday 28th March
10AM - EASTER FAMILY BRUNCH WITH ACTIVITIES FOR
ALL THE FAMILY AS WE TELL THE STORY OF EASTER

Maundy Thursday
THURSDAY, 2ND APRIL
5.30PM - MEAL & HOLY COMMUNION IN CHURCH
(BOOKING REQUIRED)

Good Friday
FRIDAY, 3RD APRIL
9.30AM - REFLECTIVE SERVICE AROUND THE CROSS

Easter Sunday
SUNDAY, 5TH APRIL
9.30AM OR 11AM - CELEBRATION SERVICES
WITH BUBBLY AND BACON ROLLS (+VEGGIE
ALTERNATIVE) BETWEEN 10.30-11AM





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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 **92.42 %**



Well done to **Year 5** who had the best attendance in the school last week!

Enjoy your extra playtime!



Weekly Attendance

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
93.39%	92.65%	94.32%	88.51%	93.45%	94.67%	90.74%

Weekly Lates

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
10	0	1	6	2	4	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 19.03.26	Value's in Practice award winners (V.I.P'S) 19.03.26	Stars of the week 26.03.26	Value's In Practice award winners (V.I.P's) 26.03.26
Reception (Miss Abbott)	Ariah&Aurora	Prosper	Maja&Usman	Finley
Year 1 (Miss Kay)	Abdul&Odea	Carson	Athena&Aisha	Dominic
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	Scarlett&Sophia	Perez	Laiyla&Somma	LouLou
Year 3	Rylie&Szelena	Olivia	Arya&Isaac	Texas
Year 4 (Miss Bateson)	Ashleigh&Tiise	Alana	Luella&Demi	Ava
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Layla K&Emily	Elise	Ibrahim&Hammad	Cole
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Huriya&Lucas	Sienna	Inaya&Nour	Sophie

Kind Regards,

K. Harrison

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