



# St Aidan's

Church of England Primary Academy  
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**Friday 20th December 2024**

Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Hayley Hargreaves

Dear Parents and carers,

As another busy term comes to a close, and my first as Headteacher, I want to take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and restful New Year!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing staff for their hard work and dedication throughout this term. We wish Miss Rigby and Miss Haworth all the best in 2025 as they embark on their next chapter.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you on January 6th 2025 when school reopens.

Mrs Harrison



## **Outward Bound Residential Trip**

**Two** places have 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.



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## **School Milk**

If you have ordered milk for your child for the Spring term and your child is NOT entitled to free school meals which entitles them to free milk, please can we remind you that the payment of £4.00 must be paid via Teachers2Parents before Monday the 6th January.



## **Carol Service**

Thank you to Year 6 for leading the school carol service so beautifully in church this morning. If you were able to attend I'm sure you'll agree it was fantastic!

## **Selection Box Raffle**

Thank you to everyone that has bought a raffle ticket for our Selection Box raffle. The money raised will go to our school funds.



## **Christmas Craft Afternoon**

The craft session on Wednesday afternoon was a great success! Plenty of glitter, paint and glue was used to create some wonderful items. Thank you to all parents/carers who came to join us. And for your donations to our school funds.





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## Dates for the Diary

**Monday 6th January**

School reopens

## **Admissions 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 of September 2020 and 31st of August 2021), please ensure you complete the online admission form. The closing date 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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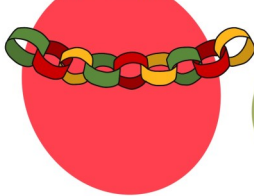
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## Children's University Christmas Challenge

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

Make your own paper chains.



Make your own homemade present.



Make a kindness jar and add in 10 different random acts of kindness for you to complete as a family.



Draw a winter picture.



Get thoughtful. Write down 10 things that have happened in 2024. This could be things you have done, a big event which has happened, or something you are proud of.



Create your own winter story. Do not forget to add some pictures.



Design a Christmas card and give it to a friend, family member, or neighbour.



On 4th January it is 'World Braille Day'. Find out some information about braille and who it helps.



**BLACKBURN children's UNIVERSITY**

## Winter Challenges 2024

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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## 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 are 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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## **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 **89.1%**



Well done to **Year 3** who had the best attendance in the school last week!

Enjoy your extra playtime!



### Weekly Attendance

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
94.74%	92.63%	92.95%	95.28%	89.08%	91.28%	93.03%

### Weekly Lates

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
4	4	3	4	4	6	3



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## ALWAYS End of term treat

Well done to **RIBBLE** for winning the end of term treat. The children and staff enjoyed time on the park and then they decorated biscuits.



## House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week.



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





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## **Congratulations**

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

	<b>Stars of the week</b>	<b>Value's In Practice award winners (V.I.P's)</b>
<b>Reception</b>	Ronnie & Aila-Mae	Aisha
<b>Year 1</b>	Esme & Praise	Noah-Scott
<b>Year 2</b>	Arya & Lamya	Milad
<b>Year 3</b>	Ava & Pranav	Alma
<b>Year 4</b>	Carter & Elise	Willow
<b>Year 5</b>	Anas & Emmie	Inaya
<b>Year 6</b> <b>(Miss Cornall)</b>	Amelia & Riley	Lola

Kind Regards,

*K. Harrison*

Headteacher