



# St Aidan's

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**Friday 30th April 2026**

Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

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Dear parents and carers,

Just a gentle reminder that school is **closed tomorrow (Friday)** for a staff training day. As Monday is also a **Bank Holiday**, I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved long weekend with your families!

When we return on Tuesday morning, it will be just four school days until our Year 6 children begin their **KS2 SATs** on Monday 11th May. We are incredibly proud of the hard work and resilience our pupils have shown, and we look forward to seeing them refreshed and ready for the week ahead.

The forecast suggests some better weather is finally on the way, so I hope you manage to get outside and enjoy the sunshine.

Have a wonderful long weekend, and we will see you on Tuesday!

Mrs Harrison





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**CELEBRATING SUCCESS!**

OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE  
**97.63%**  
FOR THIS WEEK

**THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING PARENTS & CARERS!**

For your continuous support in ensuring our children are attending school every day, arriving on time, and being ready to Learn!  
Your partnership makes all the difference.  
Keep up the brilliant work!  
- St Aidan's Leadership Team



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## Dates for the diary

w/c Monday 27th April	After school Clubs restart
Friday 1st May	INSET day ( school closed to all pupils)
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday (School closed)
Friday 8th May	Outward Bound interest meeting– 9am/2:45pm for Year 4 and Year 5 par-
W/C 11th May	KS2 SATs Week
Tuesday 12th May	Talk and Tales Y1&2
Friday 15th May	Year 6 at the Park
Wednesday 20th May	Reception class trip to Smithhills farm
Thursday 21st May	Year 4&6 Trip to Blackburn Museum
Friday 22nd May	School closes 3:20pm for Half Term
Monday 8th June	School Re-opens



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## TALK AND TALES

For Parents & Carers of Year 1 & 2

An opportunity to join your child's class story session.

See oracy in action and engage with your child's reading.

Next sessions: Tuesday 21st April & Tuesday 12th May at 2:50pm.



*From your St Aidan's Team*



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### **Outward Bound Meeting for 26/27 An exciting opportunity for all current year 4 and 5 pupils, come along and express your interest!**

We are extremely fortunate to have The Outward Bound residential experience available to our current year 4 and 5 pupils at Ullswater in the Lake District. We are wanting to gauge the interest for next years popular trip and so we are holding a meeting on Friday 8th May at 9am and 2.45pm for all current year 4 and 5 pupils and their parents. Please join us to hear about the trip and all the fun activities that are on offer. It's a fantastic opportunity for the children. The trip is heavily subsidised and we try to keep the cost as low as possible.

**Booking requires a £30 deposit, payable by card at the school office on the day.**



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## PRIMARY ACADEMY

# EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

### Arriving Late & Leaving Early Impacts Your Child's Learning

#### ARRIVING LATE

Missed classroom instructions, important notices, and the start of the daily lesson.



#### DISRUPTION FOR EVERYONE

Impacts the child leaving:  
Missed work.

Impacts the children in class: ?  
The lesson flow is interrupted, and attention is broken.

Impacts the teachers:  
Re-explaining or pausing the lesson for all students.



#### LEAVING EARLY (e.g., Appointments)

Missed conclusion of the lesson, final review, and essential summary information.



#### APPOINTMENTS

Appointments should be arranged out of school hours whenever possible.



**PROOF REQUIRED:**  
Please provide a copy of the appointment letter or text to the School Office.



#### MISSING TIME ADDS UP!

Just 10 minutes late/early a day  
= Over 1 hour missed a week!



This adds up to many missed lessons and critical learning opportunities over the school year. Frequent Frequent absence harms progress.



#### MISSED OPPORTUNITIES

St Aidan's values community. We have occasional, planned visits to church or within the local community, such as the library. It is crucial to give notice for early collection, without notice, your child may be out of school on a community and unable to be collected until the class resubie. We cannot prioritize early collection requests that disrupt these pre-arranged educational activities.





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**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS & CARERS**  
**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORTING**

## ILLNESS AND UNAUTHORISED ABSENCES REPORTING

Like all schools, we have a statutory duty to report child illness and unauthorised absences to Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council. Regular school attendance is a legal requirement.

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**ILLNESS ABSENCE**  
Please inform the school on the first day your child is sick. Keep us updated on their progress.
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**UNAUTHORISED ABSENCES**  
When a child is absent from school without an agreed reason, this is recorded as an unauthorised absence.

**OUR DUTY TO REPORT** >>> 

We must report patterns of absence to the Local Authority. Specifically, we have a **statutory duty to report child illness after a total of 15 days, and unauthorised absences after a total of 10 days**

**WORKING TOGETHER FOR YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE**  
Support regular attendance.  
Please see our school attendance policy for guidance





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## ST AIDAN'S AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

### Jag Tag with Jake

- **Day & Time:** Tuesday's 3:20-4:15pm
- **Dates:** Starting 21/04/26 until 19/05/26

### Ambassador's Club with Mrs Hargreaves

- **Day & Time:** Tuesday's 3:20-4:15pm
- **Dates:** Starting 28/04/26 until 23/06/26

### Netball with Miss Bateson

- **Day & Time:** Thursday's 3:20-4:15pm
- **Dates:** Starting 30/04/26 until 25/6/26

**Please note:** If your child has a place on an after club, a text message will have been sent out to confirm their place.

## House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week.



HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
96%	96%	98%	100%



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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 **97.63%!!!**



Well done to **Year 1** who had the best attendance in the school last week!

Enjoy your extra playtime!



### Weekly Attendance

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
97.13%	100%	99.62%	97.32%	97.02%	96%	97.53%

### Weekly Lates

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
14	0	0	4	6	2	1



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## WEEKLY AWARDS CHART

Fulfilling potential, growing in God

	Oracy star of the week	Star of the week	Value's In Practice award winners (V.I.P's)	Oracy star of the week	Star of the week	Value's In Practice award winners (V.I.P's)
<b>Reception</b> (Miss Abbott)	Arianna	Karson	Hugo	Merab	Dumtolisa	Prosper
<b>Year 1</b> (Miss Kay)	Sabriya	Boris	Luke	Odea	Timi	Irtaza
<b>Year 2</b> (Miss Brindle)	Hayley	Grace	Hassan	Perez	Praise	Aaemena
<b>Year 3</b> (Mr Eccles)	Lolita	Aliza	Fraya	Arya	Mia	Aliza
<b>Year 4</b> (Miss Bateson)	Nyla	Ikhlas	Oliver	Ibaad	Diana	Alana
<b>Year 5</b> (Mrs Moss)	Tobias	Willow	Skyla	Beatrix	Chimbueze	Jessica
<b>Year 6</b> (Miss Cornall)	Hassan 	Eric	Bruno	Paige M	Ahmed	Amy 



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# Westholme School Holiday Club

## MAY HALF TERM FUN!



### 1 FREE DAY!



We are offering 1 free day at our  
Westholme School Holiday Club  
over May Half Term.



### HOW TO CLAIM:

**Step 1:** Follow the link: <https://edstart-bwd.classforkids.io/>

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**Step 2:** Book your place

**Step 3:** Use code HS0414 at checkout

**CODE: HS0414**

**Marcus Barlow**

Area Manager - Blackburn

[marcus.barlow@edstart.org.uk](mailto:marcus.barlow@edstart.org.uk)

07941400211

For general inquiries,  
contact EDSTART

Terms and conditions apply. One free day per child. Spaces limited.

For more information, contact Marcus Barlow.

EDSTART logo by EDSTART. All dates for May Half Term confirmed. This poster replaces any old information.



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## In the news this week



**Is it ever too late to try something new?**

An 82-year-old runner, Eileen Hieron, has shown that age hasn't stopped her trying something new. She only started running in her 70s and ran her first marathon at the age of 74. Since then, she has completed nearly 10 marathons and even won her age group at the London Marathon. This Sunday, runners from all over the world will take part in the 2026 London Marathon, and stories like Eileen's are inspiring others to think about whether it's ever too late to try something new.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Have you ever tried something new that felt difficult at first? What helped you keep going?
- Do you believe age should matter when trying something new? Why or why not?
- Is there someone you know who has tried something new later in life? What have they done?
- Why do you think people take part in challenges like the London Marathon?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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