



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 15h May 2026

Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Hayley Hargreaves

Dear parents and carers,

What a productive week it has been at St Aidan's! I want to start this newsletter with a massive WELL DONE to our wonderful Year 6 students, who have completed their SATS this week.

They have approached every single day with determination, resilience, and maturity. We could not be prouder of the effort they have put in—you are all absolute superstars!

A Huge Team Effort

An event like this takes a whole school community, and we want to extend a massive thank you to:

- Our Year 6 staff and SATS team: Thank you for your dedication, early morning prep, and for keeping our Year 6s feeling calm, confident, and supported throughout the week.
- The Rest of the School: Thank you to all our younger children who showed incredible support by being so quiet, respectful, and encouraging around the building during test times.



Just One More Week To Go!

As we head into the weekend, remember that we have just one more week to go until the Summer half-term holiday! Let's keep working hard, showing our school rights, and finishing this half-term on an absolute high.

Have a wonderful, restful weekend everyone!

Warm regards,

Mrs Harrison



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Dates for the diary

Wednesday 20th May	NO Pens Wednesday
Wednesday 20th May	Reception class trip to Smithhills farm
Thursday 21st May	Year 4&6 Trip to Blackburn Museum
Friday 22nd May	Water fight!
Friday 22nd May	School closes 3:20pm for Half Term
Monday 8th June	School Re-opens
w/c Monday 8th June	YEAR 2 SATs
Wednesday 10th June	Reception new starters parent meeting
w/c 22nd June	Clubs finish this week



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ALWAYS Celebration!
Class Water Fights!

Celebrating all of our children who **ALWAYS** show their school rights with organized class water on **FRIDAY 22nd MAY!**

ATTENDANCE CRITERIA WHO GETS TO JOIN?
*Children who show their school rights. (No badge removals, or up to two)

GETTING READY for the Fight!
* Bring your PE kit if it's in school.
* Otherwise, bring clothes you can get wet and a small towel!
* (Optional) Sunscreen for sunny days.
* PE kits can go home for summer!

What if you can't join?
* Tell your class teacher if you don't want to take part.

Still have a question?
* Ask your teacher any questions!

Celebrating Our Core Values & Achievements. ★

As a reward for all of our children who ALWAYS show our school rights we are going to have organised class water fights on Friday 22nd May. Children who have not had any badge removals or two or less, they will have the right to attend.

Your child can change into their PE kit, if it is in school. If not they will need a change of clothes (that you do not mind them getting wet) and a small towel to dry off. PE kits can then go home from the Summer. If you do not want your child to take part please let their class teacher know.

If you have any questions please ask your child's class teacher.



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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
98%	96%	96%	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 **95.69%**



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
94.67%	100%	96.85%	94.05%	96.73%	94.33%	95.03%

Weekly Lates

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
7	1	1	8	4	2	2



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Class & Teacher	Star of the Week	Oracy Star	VIP
Miss Abbotts	David	Harris	Ariah-Leigh
Miss Kay	Abdul	Carson	Pixie-Lou
Miss Brindle	Benjamin	Charlotte	Lochlan
Mr Eccles	Benjamin	Annabella	Amelia
Miss Bateson	Stacey	Lexi-Lou	Ellyjah
Mrs Moss	Ibrahim	Dylilah	Lola
Miss Cornall	Sophie	Avery	Lacey





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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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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.

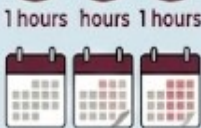


MISSING TIME ADDS UP!

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 finishes. We cannot prioritize early collection requests that disrupt these pre-arranged educational activities.





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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

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

This week, countries from across Europe and beyond are taking part in the Eurovision Song Contest. Each country performs a song, and millions of people watch and vote for their favourites. The contest celebrates different styles of music, languages, and cultures from around the world.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What kind of music do you enjoy most, and why? Does everyone in your house enjoy the same music?
- Why do you think people from different countries enjoy listening to music together?
- Do you believe competitions like Eurovision are fair? Why?
- In your view, does music bring people together, or can it sometimes divide opinions?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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PARTICIPATION MEETING

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

YOUNG PEOPLES PARTICIPATION GROUP

**TUESDAY 26TH MAY 2026
1-3.30PM**

Are you aged 8-16 years old and attend a primary or secondary school
in Blackburn with Darwen?

Are you interested in having your say in shaping mental health services for young people?

This meeting will be focussing on creating training materials for parents/carers, and
professionals.



MEETINGS HELD AT



**BLACKBURN
YOUTHZONE**



For more information
MHST email :
lisa.naylor@lscft.nhs.uk or phone
Lisa on: 07974295821





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JOIN THE FENI FOXES

Looking for a fun, local club for your child?
Feniscowles Cricket Club is welcoming junior players

We currently have -

Under 9s (Upto and inc Y4)

Under 11s (Years 5&6)

Under 13s (Years 7&8)



FIRST SESSION FREE



£3 per training session (PAYG)
£30 joining fee includes
personalised top
Training Friday evenings

**CONTACT:
PAUL SLATER - 07834 863135**



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