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**Exciting news!**



We are absolutely thrilled to announce that our school has officially been named a **Voice 21 Centre of Excellence** for our amazing work in oracy! It has been an incredible journey since 2019 to properly recognise the power of spoken language within our curriculum. Over the years, you've probably heard your children chatting about our 'Speak Out Steps', sharing stories through 'Talk and Tales', enjoying 'Dine and Dialogue' at lunchtime, and developing their 'University Voices' in 'Talk Worships' to help them confidently secure brilliant jobs in the future.

A massive well done and congratulations to all our wonderful children and dedicated staff for making this happen! Keep your eyes peeled for our shiny new Centre of Excellence logo going up outside the school very soon, which will be followed by a brand-new celebration video dropping on our socials. Don't forget to follow us on TikTok and Instagram (@staidansbburn) so you don't miss out on seeing our pupils' brilliant voices in action!

**Leavers' service at the Cathedral**

Year 6 attended the Leavers' service at Blackburn Cathedral on Monday. They took part in some fun reflection activities alongside other Church of England schools in the diocese. The service was wonderful, celebrating the pupils time at Primary school and encouraging them as they journey on to High school.

**Moving Up Day**

To help children settle into their new classes in September our 'Moving Up day' will be next Thursday (Wednesday for Year 2 as they are on their trip to the beach!) The class teachers in September are as follows:

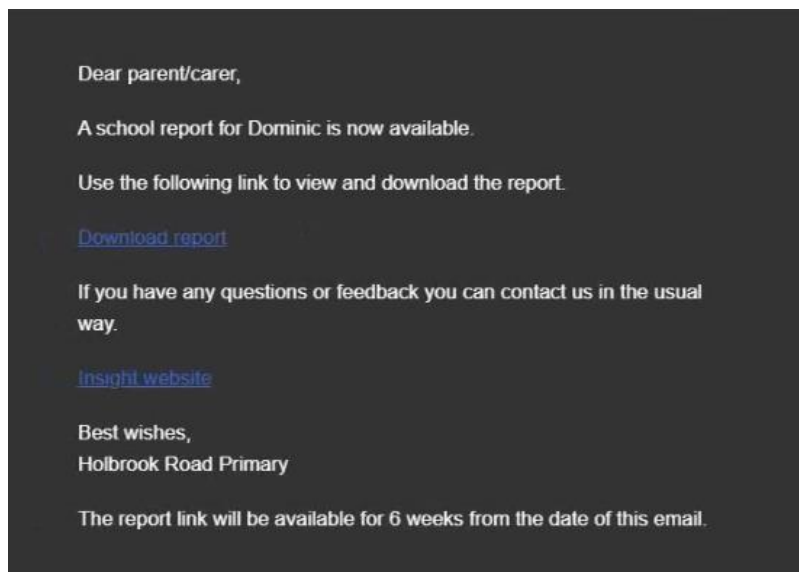
Reception	Miss Abbotts
Year 1	Miss Kay
Year 2	Mrs Hargreaves and Miss Aspin
Year 3	Mr Eccles
Year 4	Miss Bateson
Year 5	Mrs Moss
Year 6	Miss Cornall

### Reception class 26/27

We still have a few places available. If you know of any one who has a child starting school in September who could be interested in starting at St Aidan's, they are very welcome to come and look around the school. Please contact the school office to arrange this.

### End of year reports.

This year, to save on admin work and rising printing costs, we will email end-of-year reports to parents on Friday 10th July via Insight. **Please ensure the office has your most up to date email address.** Reports can also be downloaded on phones. If you do not have a phone or a computer please let the office know and we will print it for you. You will need your child's date of birth to access the report. Examples of what you will see are below:



### Dates for the Diary

Sport's Day	Monday 29th June
Y2 trip	Thursday 2nd July
Y6 Leavers' production (2.00pm & 6.00pm)	Wednesday 8th July
Reports to be sent home	Friday 10th July
Y6 Leavers' meal	Wednesday 15th July
Y6 Leavers' service in Church 2.00pm	Thursday 16th July
Awards presentation assembly	Friday 17th July
<b>School closes for summer 1.15pm</b>	<b>Friday 17th July</b>



We are absolutely thrilled to announce that St Aidan's has achieved the **Gold School Games**

**Mark within** the annual School Games programme. 🏆 ✨

This incredible milestone reflects our commitment to top-tier PE, inclusive sports, and keeping our pupils active and moving. 🏃 ⚽

**A huge thank you to:**

- **Our Pupils:** For your incredible enthusiasm, resilience, and teamwork.
- **Our Parents & Carers:** For cheering us on through rain and shine! ☔ ☀️
- **Our Staff:** For inspiring our children to stay active, confident, and ambitious.

Whether you represented the school in a tournament, gave 100% in PE, or supported your peers from the sidelines—we are incredibly proud of you all! Let's keep shining! ✨



As we approach the end of the school year, we kindly ask all parents and carers to check their **SchoolMoney** accounts and ensure all outstanding balances are paid in full by **Friday 17th July**.

Please take a moment to log in and review any remaining balances for:

- **School Dinners**
- **Before & After School Clubs**
- **Recent Trips & Activities**
- **Music Lessons**

**? Need Help?**

Our office team is here to support you. If you are experiencing any technical issues logging into your account, or if you would like to discuss a payment query, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you so much for your continued cooperation and support in helping us wrap up the school year smoothly!

**After school clubs**

Reminder that Netball and Ambassadors after school club has now finished, Sam's Multisport club and Jakes's JagTag club will continue until w/c 14<sup>th</sup> July.

# TAKEHOME



## In the news this week

Filmmaker, Pixar, has shared that the new Toy Story 5 film will explore how children are spending more time using screens and digital technology. In the story, the toys worry that tablets, video games, and other devices are becoming more popular than traditional toys. The film has highlighted conversations about how childhood and play are changing.

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

- > What games or toys do you enjoy playing with most at home? Why?
- > How much time do you believe people should spend using screens each day?
- > What types of play help people use their imagination?
- > Can digital technology and traditional toys both be important? In what way?



## Is technology changing childhood?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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**Overall School Attendance Target is 96% Actual Whole School Attendance is 95.72%**

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

Enjoy your extra playtime!

### Weekly attendance

Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
92.82%	100%	96.97%	98.46%	98.28%	90%	94.09%

### **Swimming lessons – Year 4 (From September 2026)**

Current Year 3- swimming lessons next year In September, the children in the current Year 3 class (that will be moving into Year 4) will be starting weekly swimming lessons. Over the summer holidays, please can you help your child prepare for this through discussing it with them and where possible by taking them swimming. Many swimming sessions and other leisure activities are either heavily discounted or free on the RE:FRESH membership to anyone who lives, works, has a GP or is in full time education in Blackburn with Darwen. For more information follow the link below: <https://bwdleisure.legendonlineservices.co.uk/enterprise/Join/online-sign-ups>

### **Awards Assembly**

Our annual awards assembly is being held on Thursday 17th July. Parents/Carers are welcome to watch by invitation only due to limited space. Invitations to be sent via text message next week.



### **End of Year ALWAYS Treat**

As an end of year reward for children who have shown how we ALWAYS behave a 'Fun Run' bouncy castle has been booked for Wednesday 15th July. As this is an activity that has been risk assessed we need permission for your child to take part. Please Complete the permission form that has been sent out via text message.



### **Y6 Transition Days**

Year 6 Transition days are taking place next week. Parents should have received letters from the high schools which provides general information about what the children should expect. Pupils must be in full St Aidan's uniform unless told otherwise by the high schools.



# ST AIDAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Fulfilling potential, growing in God*

# SPORT'S DAY

*A day of fun, team spirit  
and friendly competition!*

**MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
(GREAT BRITISH WEATHER PERMITTING!)





**DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,**  
We have exciting news! On Monday 29th June (great British weather permitting) we are taking our Sport's Day off site and have been lucky enough to secure St Peter's Sports Club field (minutes away from school) so our children can actually take part in traditional Sport's Day events including races for parents and teachers.

**LOCATION**



**St Peter's Sports Club,  
Queen Victoria Street,  
Blackburn. BB2 2QZ.**

There are toilets available  
and there will be a shop  
open on site.



Children will be provided  
with a drink from school  
so please do not buy fizzy  
drinks or sweets for your  
child during the event.

**TIMINGS**

**RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2**

**10:00AM – APPROX. 12:00PM**

All children will walk back to school with their class where they will have lunch and return to their normal timetable. You will not be allowed to take your child from St Peter's.

**YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6**

**1:00PM – APPROX. 3:00PM**

All children will walk back to school with their class where they will be sent home safely. We may be slightly late back after the sports day, but we will try our best to finish on time.

**IMPORTANT BITS!**

-  Children should come to school in their PE kit for the sport's day and if possible wear a red/ blue/ yellow/ green t-shirt to match the ALWAYS team that they are in.
-  They will be competing against other children in their class and split into their ALWAYS teams.
-  There will be a special Celebration Assembly in school the Thursday after the sport's day where medals will be given.
-  We would like to encourage you to come and watch your child participate in this sport's day but understand this is difficult with work commitments.
-  Don't forget your trainers if you want to take part in the parents' race!
-  If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.



*Let's make it a  
day to remember!*

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