



St Aidan's

Church of England Primary Academy
A member of **CDARI**



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Friday 31st January 2025

Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Hayley Hargreaves

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a parent governor vacancy!

If you have an interest in the education of all of our children here at St. Aidan's and can commit to 6 meetings a year, we would love to have you onboard!

For anyone interested, please collect an application form from the school office. The closing date is Friday 14th February.

Thanks 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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Dates for the Diary

W/C Monday 3rd February

Children's Mental Health week

W/C Monday 10th February

DT/Art week— EYFS/Y1/Y2/Y3

Tuesday 11th February

Safer Internet Day

Friday 14th February

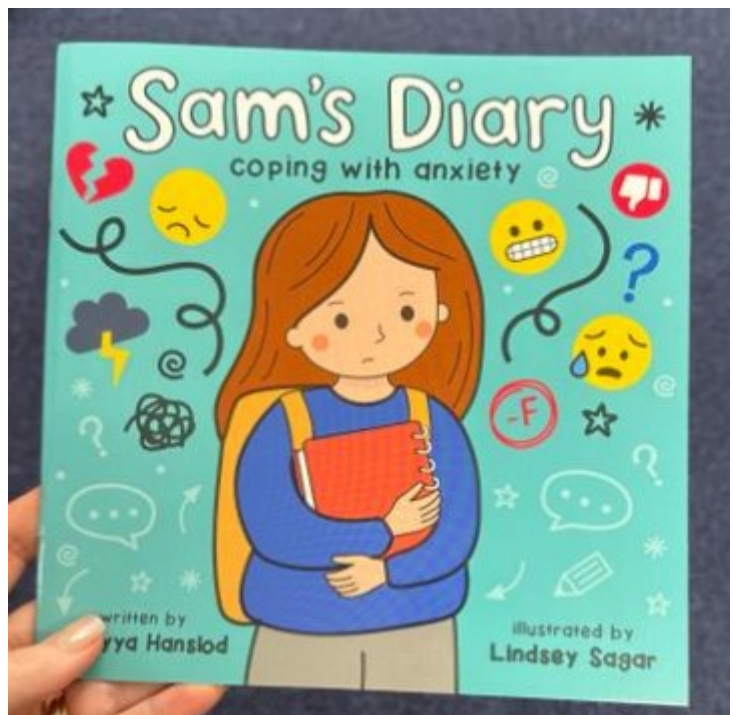
Celebration of Love-wear red day

School closes for half term

Monday 24th February

School reopens—8.40am

On Monday, children in Years 4,5,and 6 have brought home a free book approved by the Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Integrated Care Board. The aim of "Sam's Diary" is to raise awareness about the signs of mental health problems in young children and provide them with strategies to cope with issues such as anxiety. Through Samantha's story, the book emphasises perseverance in the face of anxiety and serves as a reminder that no one is alone in their struggles. It highlights the importance of recognising and addressing mental health and anxiety among children.





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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 can be 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

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.



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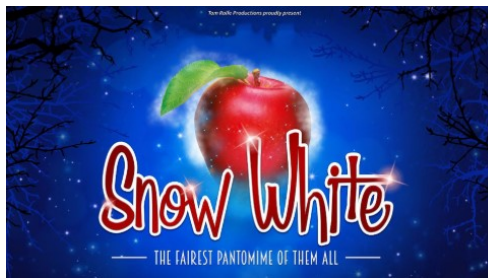
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Christmas Pantomime 2025—Snow White

Our yearly trip to Blackburn Empire Theatre to watch the Snow White Pantomime is on Monday 1st 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.





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Children's University

Well done to the following children, who have been selected from their year group for working so hard in the Autumn term. Certificates will be awarded in next weeks celebration assembly.

Name	Class	Reason
Leah	Year 6	Leah has done 27 hours in the autumn term. Both school clubs and out of school clubs too.
Reema	Year 5	Reema has done a number of clubs this term and has also completed some CU holiday challenges for extra hours as well as the design bus competition poster competition.
Jessica	Year 4	Jessica has collected 80 hours over the last 2 or 3 months for attending Zoe Taylors Dance Academy. Here she has done street dance, cheerleading and gymnastics.
Emily	Year 3	Emily has collected some stamps for swimming lessons out of school, and has also done a number of CU challenges and also an after school club too.
Mia	Year 2	Mia has the most hours in year 2. She is only 6 hours off her bronze award. She did 2 clubs in the Autumn term
Noah-Scott	Year 1	Noah attended a couple of school clubs last term and also did 2 October Challenges too!



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LET'S GET TALKING

Talking together helps your child develop communication and relationship skills with others and builds on their vocabulary

TAKEHOME 27th January - 2nd February



In the news this week

New data has shown that 2024 was the Earth's hottest year on record, warming by 1.5°C. Around 200 countries had agreed to help keep the temperature rise below this figure because scientists say that increases could cause more extreme weather. This includes events such as heatwaves, storms, and wildfires.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share what you know about climate change with others at home, and ask others to share their understanding.
- > Do you think more could and should be done to tackle climate change? If so, what and by whom?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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House Statistics

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

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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 **92.7%**



Well done to Year 2 who had the best attendance in the school last week!

Enjoy your extra playtime!



Weekly Attendance

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
90.31%	92.31%	96.15%	94.64%	91.88%	94.69%	91.56%

Weekly Lates

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
8	1	1	3	3	5	4