



# 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 5th September 2025**

Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Hayley Hargreaves

Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a wonderful summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new school year. The school is buzzing with excitement, and we are looking forward to all of the fantastic learning and fun that the term ahead will bring. This is a very busy time, so please keep an eye on the school calendar and newsletter for all important dates and events.

We are also thrilled to introduce two new members to our team, Miss Lynch who is in the office and Debbie, our new Pupil and Family Wellbeing Coordinator.

As always, our door is always open, so please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or just want to say hello.

Mrs Harrison

## Dates for the Diary

### **Monday 8th September**

Meet the teacher (Years 1&2)

### **Monday 15th September**

Meet the teachers (Years 3/4/5 & 6)

### **Tuesday 16th September**

Clubs Fayre

### **Monday 22nd September**

Afterschool clubs start

## **Year 4 Swimming**

Every Thursday year 4 will have a swimming lesson. Please make sure they bring their swimming kit to school with them every Thursday morning.



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## Dates for the Diary

### Monday 6th October

DT week (Years 1/2 & 3)

### Tuesday 21st October

Pumpkin Light Service in Church

### Wednesday 22nd October

Parents Evening

### Thursday 23rd October

School closes for half term

## Celebration Assembly

Every Thursday we will be having a celebration assembly. Your child's teacher will invite you to join us if your child is receiving an award.



## Attendance

It has been wonderful to see such fantastic attendance on our first week back. Thank you to all of our parents for making sure your child is at school on time.

The gates open each day at 8.40am and close at 8.50am. Children **must** use the gates between these times and **not** the office entrance.

## Meet the Teacher Meetings

I would like to invite you into school to meet your child's new teacher. This is a great opportunity to get crucial information about what your child has learnt so far, the curriculum, the class timetable and expectations for the year. It is also an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have. The meetings are as follows:

**Monday 8th September – Years 1 & 2 2.45pm-3.45pm**

**Monday 15th September – Key Stage 2 2.30pm-3.30pm**



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# FREE SCHOOL MEALS

You may qualify for free school meals if you are in receipt of Government support or have an income below £16,190

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**2026**  
**School**  
**ADMISSION**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**  
Secondary - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025  
Primary - 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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## **Secondary School Open Evenings**

Please find a list below of the upcoming Open Evening Events for Secondary schools for Year 6 pupils. Please visit the school website for more information.

Secondary School	Date	Time
Darwen Aldridge Community Academy	Wednesday 1st October 2025	5.00pm
Darwen Vale	Thursday 25th September 2025	5.00pm—8.00pm
St. Wilfrid's	Thursday 26th September 2023	4.00pm – 8.00pm
BCHS	Thursday 18th September 2025	4.00pm-7.15pm
Our Lady & St John's	Wednesday 17th September 2025	5.00pm-8.00pm
St. Bede's	Thursday 2nd October 2025	4.00pm-7.00pm
Westholme	Thursday 2nd October 2025	6.00pm-9.00pm
Witton Park High School	Tuesday 23rd September 2025	4.00-7.00pm

### **We are a nut-free school**

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.





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## **Admission to Reception Class & Secondary School 2026**

The online admission form for admission to Reception Class and Secondary schools in September 2026 is now 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 September 2020 and 31st August 2021), please ensure you complete the online admission form. The closing dates are:-

**Secondary Schools – 31st October 2025**

**Primary School – 15th January 2026**

It is extremely important that these deadlines are met as it can affect your chance of being offered your first choice school. If you are applying for your child's secondary school place, please read your chosen school's admissions criteria carefully as last year we had some very disappointed pupils and parents who did not get accepted into their first choice of secondary school. If you do not have access to the internet please contact the school office to arrange an appointment to complete the application online.

## **House Statistics**

ALWAYS following the school rights this week.



HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
100%	100%	100%	100%





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## Getting Organised

**Are you able to plan your lunchboxes for the week?**

This could help you save time and money when shopping, by ensuring that nothing goes to waste. Here are some of our ideas...

**Pitta:** You can store pitta bread in the freezer and they will keep for longer



**Wraps:** One small tin of salmon makes enough for 2 wraps - store leftover mixture in the fridge for up to 2 days

**Monday** - Ham salad pitta pocket, malt loaf slice + banana

**Tuesday** - Monday night leftover pasta, yoghurt + apple

**Wednesday** - Salmon cucumber wrap, malt loaf slice + apple

**Thursday** - Hummus, carrot and sultana sandwich, yoghurt + breadsticks

**Friday** - Salmon cucumber wrap, banana + a small flapjack

**Yoghurt:** Buy one large pot and split into small tubs for lunches



**Fruit:** Choose two or three different fruits each week, to make sure they all get finished

## Tummy-Filling Lunch Pots

Prep these in advance, make extra portions and use for 2-3 days!

### Pasta Pots

Cooked pasta (about a handful) mixed up with chopped pepper/cucumber/tomatoes/sweetcorn. Add small chunks of cheese, sliced ham or tuna. Either drizzle with olive oil or add a teaspoon of mayonnaise.



### Mediterranean Cous Cous

Cook cous cous with vegetable stock, and mix with chopped tomatoes, lettuce, cucumber and feta cheese. Drizzle with a dressing of 2tbsp olive oil mixed with a splash of lemon juice. You could also add other veggies of your choice.



**Remember, your child's taste will change as they get older.**

Try adding other ingredients like avocado, olives, red onion and sundried tomatoes to increase the variety of nutrients they are eating.

## Get Snack Smart!



**Banana** - medium sugar, high fibre

**Crisps** - high fat, high salt



**Veg sticks (with hummus)** - low sugar, high fibre



**Cheese cubes** - low sugar, medium salt



**Chocolate** - high fat, high sugar

### Save Money, Save Waste!

Preparing snacks at home can be much cheaper than pre-packaged snacks and saves plastic waste!





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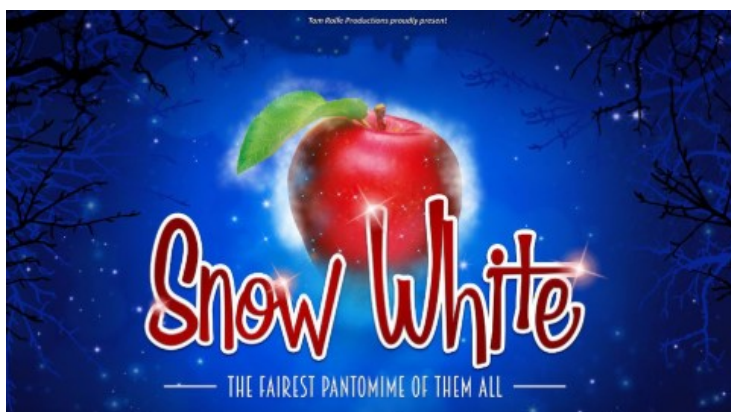
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## **Christmas Pantomime 2025—Snow White**

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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## **Congratulations**

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



	Stars of the week	Value's in Practice award winners (V.I.Ps)
<b>Reception</b> <b>((Miss Keegan))</b>	Sebastian & Paisley	Ariah & Prosper
<b>Year 1</b> <b>(Miss Kay)</b>	Luke & Carson	Ronnie
<b>Year 2</b> <b>(Miss Brindle)</b>	Charlotte & Ella	Lochlan
<b>Year 3</b> <b>(Mr Eccles)</b>	Szelena & Rai	Qasim
<b>Year 4</b> <b>(Miss Bateson)</b>	Devon & Ashleigh	Demi
<b>Year 5</b> <b>(Mrs Moss)</b>	Noor & Achillea	Killian
<b>Year 6</b> <b>(Miss Cornall)</b>	Eric & Hassaan	Emmie

Kind Regards,

*K. Harrison*

Mrs. K Harrison  
Headteacher