



# St Aidan's Primary School

## A Church of England Academy

**St. Aidan's Church of England Primary Academy**

**'I came that they may have life and live it to the full' John 10.10**



**Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison**

**Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Hayley Hargreaves**

*Newsletter 1 – 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024*

### A message from Mrs Harrison



Welcome back to the new school year! I hope you all had a good summer holiday. A particular welcome to you if your child has started at St. Aidan's this year.

I am happy to be writing to you as the new headteacher of St Aidan's and I am very excited for the year ahead. I'd also like to welcome Mrs Hargreaves as the new deputy headteacher.

The newsletters contain important information and reminders about various aspects of school life. School newsletters are emailed to all parents and published on the school website and Facebook **every Friday**. Please do read these newsletters as they will keep you fully informed as to what is happening in school.

### A message from Mrs Hargreaves

I am delighted to write to you as the new Deputy Headteacher for St Aidan's Primary School, and I am very much looking forward to getting to know all our pupils, parents, carers and our whole school family. I feel extremely privileged and excited to be able to lead the school and continue to build upon your success.

Having worked in primary education for thirteen years and as a parent myself I value the importance of close partnerships with families, which are essential for the continued progression of our school. I know that a successful and happy school depends on all of us working together and I look forward to building relationships with you.

From the first time that I visited, the warmth of and family nature of the learning environment at St Aidan's was evident. The school has a long and rich history which I am honoured to now be a part of, most importantly the links that have been created with the wider Cidari family. The needs of our children are always paramount in the decision making within school. Alongside the staff here, I strongly believe in providing the children with exciting, creative and meaningful learning experiences, which build their enthusiasm for learning and promotes their curiosity and interest.

Over the coming weeks, there will be 'Meet the Teacher' meetings for each class, which I look forward to meeting many of you at. I will also be available both before and after school, so please do come and say hello. You are welcome to contact me via the school office.

Together, with the support of all the school team and wider St Aidan's family, I am excited about the journey which lies ahead.

Best wishes,

Mrs H Hargreaves

## 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.



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.

## 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.

## Infant School Milk



Just a polite reminder – if you have ordered milk for your child for the Autumn term please remember to make the payment of £4.00 via SchoolMoney. If payment is not made by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September your child's milk order will be cancelled.

## Reception Class

Well done to all our Reception children who have had a fantastic first week in school. They have all settled into school life very well and have been working really hard and have made lots of new friends. Keep up the good work Reception class!

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> September – Years 1 & 2 2.45pm-3.15pm**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Key Stage 2 2.45pm-3.15pm**

## Year 4 Swimming

From Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September year 4 will be starting weekly swimming lessons on a Tuesday. Please make sure they bring their swimming kit to school with them every Tuesday morning.

## Talk and Tales Years 1 and 2

This is an opportunity for parents of children in years 1 and 2 to come into their child's classroom and enjoy the class story with them. A time to see oracy in action and engage with your child's reading.

**The sessions are running every Tuesday at 3.00pm, starting from Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September.** Please sign in at the office.

## Reception Rhyme Time



This is an opportunity for parents/carers and younger siblings of children in Reception to come into the classroom and enjoy Rhyme time with them. **The sessions will run every Thursday at 2.50pm starting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September.** Please sign in at the office.

## Afterschool Clubs Fayre

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# CLUBS FAYRE

Join us for our After-School Club Sign-Up Event! Discover a wide range of exciting activities and find the perfect fit for your child.

**Why attend?**

- ✔ **Explore:** See first hand the exciting activities we offer our St. Aidan's pupils.
- ✔ **Sign Up:** Enrol your child in their favourite clubs starting w/c 16th September.

**ALWAYS**

**Monday 16th September**  
**8.30am -8.50am and**  
**3:25pm - 4:00pm**  
**In the Main Hall**

**Ofsted**  
Good Provider

**SIGN UP EVENT**  
**YEAR 1,2,3**  
**4,5 & 6**

Afterschool clubs will start week commencing 16th September and will run until week commencing 25th November (10 weeks).

CLUB	DAY	DATES	YEAR GROUP	COACH/TEACHER
Multisports	Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept-25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y1/2	Sam
French	Monday	16th Sept-25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y3/4/5	Miss Brindle
Board Games	Tuesday	16th Sept-26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y1/2	Miss Rigby
Multisports	Wednesday	16th Sept-27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y3/4/5/6	Sam
BRFC-Gymnastics	Thursday	16th Sept-28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y4/5/6	BRFC

## Children's University



If your child is NOT currently a member of Children's University and they would like to join please complete this online form: <https://bit.ly/CUPassportSA24>. Membership is FREE. Please check DOJO for more details.

### **Admission to Reception Class & Secondary School 2025**

The online admission form for admission to Reception Class and Secondary schools in September 2025 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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020), please ensure you complete the online admission form. The closing dates are:-

**Secondary Schools – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024**

**Primary School – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

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.

### **Outward Bound Meeting for 24/25**

**There are ONLY 2 places left! The deadline to pay the deposit has been extended.**

If your child is wanting to go on this trip you need to pay the deposit payment of £40 via Schoolmoney.



### **Christmas Pantomime 2024 – Jack And The Beanstalk**



Our annual trip to Blackburn Empire Theatre is now only 13wks away! This year we will be watching Jack And The Beanstalk Pantomime on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December. The cost of this trip is **£7.00** per pupil for our current Reception-Year 5 pupils.

We appreciate the current rise in living costs and we have found over the years that parents don't make the payment(s) until December, when this is already a busy and expensive time for everyone, so the payment is available on Schoolmoney. This gives you the opportunity to spread the cost into affordable weekly/monthly payments or alternatively pay the amount in full. It is nice to see that quite a few parents have already made the payment-thank you.

For example: paying just 55p per week for 13 weeks or £2.55 per month for 3 months will have one child paid well in advance and without feeling the pinch!

**ASDA Rewards App**

If you shop at ASDA and have the Rewards app please opt-in to Cashpot for Schools and select St Aidan's at the checkout. By doing this ASDA will donate money to our school every time you shop. It doesn't cost you anything extra but the rewards to our school, that we can pass on to your child/ren, are huge!

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- 2 Choose your primary school
- 3 Shop in-store across Asda & George, and scan your Asda Rewards app at the checkout.
- 4 Shopping online? Simply log in to Asda.com using the same details as your Asda Rewards account.
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**St Aidan's Church**

**YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR**

**BACK TO SCHOOL SERVICE**

**SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER**  
11AM - 12NOON  
FOLLOWED BY CAKE AND A DRINK

**ST AIDAN'S CHURCH**  
MILL HILL.

*St Aidan's, Mill Hill*

**House Statistics**

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

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

**Dates for the Diary**

Meet the Teacher – Y1/Y2

Talk & Tales Y1/Y2

Afterschool Clubs Fayre

Meet the Teacher – KS2

Flu Immunisation in school

Y1/2/3 DT week

**INSET DAY – School closed to pupils**

**HALF TERM**

**School reopens**

Y4/Y5/Y6 DT week

Parent' Evening

Remembrance Worship led by Y6

Children In Need

Whole school Panto visit

Snowball Disco

Infant Nativity

Christmas Jumper/Non-uniform day &

Christmas Dinner

Christmas parties

Christmas Carols in Church

**School closes 1.15pm**

**School reopens**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September – 2.45pm

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September (weekly)

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 8.30am-8.50am or 3.25pm-4.00pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September – 2.45pm

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October (1 week)**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

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Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October & Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

Kind regards,

Mrs K Harrison  
Headteacher