



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

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Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

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Attendance

It is the parent/carers legal responsibility to make sure your child attends school. Each year we set a target for attendance and this is used to compare us to other schools nationally. Our current **target is 95%** attendance.

What YOU must do:

- Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.
- Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.
- If your child is ill, read the NHS advice, <https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/> to help you decide whether they can go to school.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.
- Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

- Check your child's attendance every day.
- Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.
- Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.
- If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

World Book Day and our Vocabulary Parade

Words-be excited about words, celebrate new words and be curious to find out the meaning of unknown words. Learning words is really important; the more words your child knows, the more it will help them at school and in life.

Next Thursday we will become vocab detectives, read books about vocabulary and have a vocabulary parade.

Children need to choose a word and create a homemade costume. We will send home a sign for each child next week.

- *Plan*-think of an interesting word, something others may not know. Word lists have been provided for ideas.
- *Create*-recycle items from around your home to create your costume. Use boxes, hats, bags, fabric, tin foil etc.
- *Design*-card or label with your word on it. The word needs to stand out in the parade. Make a headband or hat, wear the word or carry it. It just needs to be visible somewhere on you.

Please do not go to any expense and come to school wearing your costume next Thursday.

£1.00 book tokens will be sent home with each child next week. They are redeemable at the following places:

- Asda
- Sainsbury
- Tesco
- The Works
- Waterstones
- WHSmith

World Book Day- Most interesting word competition

To link to our 'Dress as a word' day on World Book Day we will be having a competition for the most interesting word! The winners will receive a Waterstone voucher and will be taken into town to spend it with Mrs Greenwood! A Costa visit, whilst discussing the book, will also be included. Good luck!

School Council Easter Bingo



We are pleased to be holding our annual School Council Easter Bingo night again. This will take place on Monday 25th March from 6.00pm - 8.00pm in the school hall. The first game will start at 6.15pm.

Please book onto this event using the link: <https://staidanscofe.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Year 6 SATs meeting

REMINDER – There is a SATs meeting for all parents/carers of children in year 6 on Wednesday 6th March at 2.45pm. Please sign in at the office.

Parents Evening – Rec/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y5/Y6

Parent's evening will be held over 2 days, Tuesday 26th March and Wednesday 27th March.

This is an important opportunity for you to come and talk to your child's class teacher about the progress they have made so far this year. To give you more time to discuss your child's progress,

Appointments can be made from today via our online booking system:

<https://staidanscofe.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Storytime Years 1 and 2

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

Storytime started this week and it was lovely to see a few of our parents in school, supporting their child with their reading.

The sessions run every Wednesday at 3.00pm. Please sign in at the office.

Christmas Pantomime 2024 – Jack And The Beanstalk



We have booked our yearly trip to Blackburn Empire Theatre to watch Jack And The Beanstalk Pantomime on Thursday 5th December, for our current Reception – Year 5 pupils. The cost of this trip is **£7.00** per pupil.

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 we have added the payment to Schoolmoney now to give 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 50p per week for 14 weeks or £1.00 per month for 7 months will have one child paid well in advance and without feeling the pinch!

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 treated.** Thank you for your support in this.

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

Library Book Time



We still have another 2 weeks of Library sessions for pre-school children in the school hall for 4 weeks starting on Tuesday 20th February, 2.45pm-3.15pm. A time for both you and your child to familiarise yourself with the school and some of the staff before hopefully starting with us in September.



BookTrust Storytime

Come and explore this year's best books for under 5's

ARE YOU A MONSTER? | I AM HAPPY | JUST BREATHE BEAR

THE PERFECT PRESENT | ZEKI RISE AND SHINE

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Let's Go Sing

Pupils in years 5 and 6 only will be performing at this concert on Thursday 7th March. Tickets are still on sale. You can purchase via King George's hall, tel: 01254 582579 or via the website

www.bwdvenues.com




LET'S GO SING!
at
King George's Hall
Blackburn
2024
Concerts start at 6pm

Monday, March 4
Tuesday, March 5
Wednesday, March 6
Thursday, March 7
Friday, March 8
Monday, March 11
Tuesday, March 12
Wednesday, March 13
Thursday, March 14
Friday, March 15
Monday, March 18

Tickets £8.00 (Adult) & £3.50 (under 18)
Available now from King George's Hall, Blackburn
Tel: 01254 582579 or www.bwdvenues.com

Blackburn Rovers Women's Football

For anyone wishing to support their local women's football team. The next home game at Ewood Park is on Sunday 24th March. Let's help them to break their attendance record! 



WE WANT YOU

CALLING ALL GRASSROOTS TEAMS

EWOOD PARK - MARCH 24TH 2PM KICK OFF

BE PART OF OUR HISTORY MAKING DAY ON WOMEN'S FOOTBALL WEEKEND!

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ETICKETING.CO.UK/ONEROVERS

ONLY £2 ENTRY FOR U17'S AND ANY TEAM BOOKING 8 GROUP TICKETS OR MORE WILL AUTOMATICALLY WIN A FREE INVITE TO COME AND WATCH A ROVERS WOMEN ACCESS ALL AREAS TRAINING SESSION IN THE SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAYS

TO GET YOUR SPECIAL GRASSROOTS TICKETS & MONEY CAN'T BUY TRAINING INVITE, PLEASE EMAIL PSUTTON@ROVERS.CO.UK FOR MORE DETAILS

LANCASHIRE WOMEN great places re:refresh WELLBEING SERVICE Bill Project

You are invited!
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2024

Let's celebrate! Learn all about the amazing FREE services within the borough and receive a free goody bag & health check.

Friday 8th March 2024
10am - 12:30PM
King George's Hall, Blackburn

Itinerary
 10:00 - Doors open
 10:30 - 11:00 Performance from Dance syndrome
 11:00 - 11:30 Zumba session
 11:30 - 11:45 Bollywood Dancing
 11:45 - 12:15 Performance from the Deaf Village
 12:30 - End of event
 12.30 - The Refresh team are organising a guided history walk around Blackburn town centre for those who would like to attend

SPECIAL APPEARANCE from Blackburn Rovers Women's Team!

St Aidan's Church

SUNDAY	DATE	TIMES	SERVICE	Reader
2nd before Lent	3rd	9.30 & 11am	All age/ Holy Communion	Malc/Marion Prov 8, 1 v 22-31 Colos. 1 15-20
Next before Lent	11th	9.30 & 11am	All age	Paula 2 King 2.1-12 2 corin. 4 2-6
Ash Wednesday	14th			
1st of Lent	18th	9.30 & 11am	All age/ Holy Communion	Alex Gene. 9.8-17 1 Peter 3.18-end
2nd of Lent	25th	9.30 & 11am	All age/ Holy Comunion	Jeff Gene.17.1-7,15-16

MINI SPRING FAIR
Saturday 23rd March
11.00-1.00
Easter Egg Draw

MISSION STATEMENT
 " Having Christ at the centre of all we do as we share our love and faith and serve all"

SUNDAY	DATE	TIMES	SERVICE	READER & READINGS
3rd of Lent	3rd	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion	Exodus 20 V 1-17 Malc
Mothering Sunday	10th	9.30 & 11am	All Age	? Elaine
5th of Lent	17th	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion	Jeremiah 31 31-34 Hebrews 5 v 5-10 Audrey
Palm Sunday	24th	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion	Mark 11 v 1-11 Marion

MINI SPRING FAIR
23rd March 11am -1.00pm
We need: tombola & Raffle prizes, hamper items and Easter eggs, please

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Class Trips

As part of the pupils theme work, class trips have been organised for the following classes:-



Y4 – Martin Mere

Please note: A packed lunch will be provided by the school for pupils who normally have a school meal. Trips are also being arranged for other year groups and you will be informed of these in due course.

ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
98%	100%	100%	96%

Dates for the Diary

Library Time-Pre school children	Tuesday 20 th February – Tuesday 12 th March
Year 6 SAT meeting	Wednesday 6 th March
World Book Day	Thursday 7 th March
Mother's Day Rhyme Time (EYFS)	Friday 8 th March
Comic Relief	Friday 15 th March
Outward Bound residential	Monday 18 th March-Friday 22 nd March
Y4 - Martin Mere trip	Monday 18 th March
Easter Bingo	Monday 25 th March
Parent's Evening	Tuesday 26 th March & Wednesday 27 th March
Easter service in Church	Thursday 28 th March
School closes 1.15pm	Thursday 28th March

Congratulations!

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



	Stars of the Week	Headteacher's Award Winner Christian Values
Reception (Miss Rigby)	Nana & Bailey	Logan
Year 1 (Miss Kay)	Aliza & Lamya	Tommy
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	Diana & Ivan	Isla
Year 3 (Miss Hunt)	Ali & Fayez	Elise
Year 4 (Miss Yates)	Saud & Lacey	Sawyer
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Jojo & Mia	Harriett
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Diana & Anna	Lennon

Kind regards

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher