



# St Aidan's Primary School

## A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

### Newsletter 26 – 31st March 2023

#### **Message from Mrs Greenwood**

We are almost at the end of the spring term. It has been an extremely busy one which has seen our pupils perform in Sing Together at The King George's Hall, climb mountains and row across lakes, visit an Anglo Saxon Village, visit the cathedral, cycle and scoot at the skatepark, play in football tournaments and perform well at the indoor athletics. When we go out people always comment on how polite and well behaved our children are which makes myself and the staff extremely proud to be part of the St Aidan's Family.

Next Tuesday we have our Easter service in church at 11.00am, led by year 4. Everyone is welcome to join us.

*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;" John 11:25*

#### **Easter Break**

We break up for the Easter holidays on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 2.15pm. The school re-opens on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 8.40am.



#### **Easter church service**



Year 4 will be leading the school Easter Service in Church on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am. Parents/Carers are welcome to join the service.

#### **Drop Off of Pupils**

We have recently seen an increase in the number of children being dropped off at the school office when the gates are **still** open. The gates to the school playground are opened to all pupils from **8.40am until 8.50am**. Can we please ask parents/carers to use the gates during these times.

#### **Overdue Balances on SchoolMoney**

**PAYMENT REMINDER:** There is currently quite a lot of outstanding debt on pupil accounts for breakfast club and/or school dinners. Reminders are sent out weekly and it is the responsibility of parents/carers to make regular payments towards outstanding balances. Please can we kindly ask that you bring your account(s) up to date before the Easter break.

#### **Parents Evening**

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended parents evening this week. It was a well-attended event and was great to see so many of you.

### Infant Milk



Please can we remind parents that have ordered milk for their child for the Summer term to please make the payment of £4.00 via SchoolMoney before the start of next term (Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April). Thankyou

REMINDER

### Afterschool Clubs



**Clubs will start week commencing Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and finish week commencing Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

Clubs are now available to book for the summer term. All clubs finish at 4:15pm. Places are limited. To book your child's place please use the link: <https://staidanscofe.schoolcloud.co.uk/>  
The clubs available are:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Multisports Y3 & Y4	Dance & Gymnastics (BRFC) Y1 & Y2	Multisports Y5 & Y6

If your child/children has been allocated a place on their chosen club you will have received an email confirming this.

Children in years 5 and 6 can **ONLY** walk home with permission from a parent/carer. Please contact the office to do this.

### School Council Easter Bingo



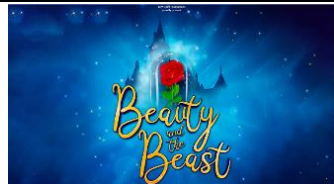
We are pleased to be holding our annual School Council Easter Bingo night again. This will take place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April from 6.00pm - 8.00pm in the school hall. The first game will start at 6.15pm. Payment for the bingo books is taken on the night - £5.00 full book or £1.00 single book  
Please book onto this event using the link: <https://staidanscofe.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

### Class photos



The school photographer will be in school from 9.00am on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April to take photographs of each class (not individuals or family groups). Please ensure your child comes to school in full uniform including their sweatshirt or cardigan and that they are wearing black shoes.

### Christmas Pantomime 2023 – BEAUTY AND THE BEAST



We have booked a trip to Blackburn Empire Theatre to see Beauty and The Beast Pantomime on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December , for our Reception – Year 5 pupils. The cost of this trip is £6.50 per pupil and is payable via Schoolmoney.

Don't forget we have split the payment into 6 instalments giving parents the choice to spread the cost over a period of time, making it more affordable. If you wish to make the payment in full you can do so buy clicking on the '+' symbol against each instalment which will add a total of £6.50 to your basket. Payment can be made anytime between now and 1<sup>st</sup> December.

# Children's University Easter Challenge



## Easter Holiday Challenges 2023

Before you begin...

- Choose a challenge from those listed overleaf. Discuss your ideas with your parent/carer to agree as to where you might need some help. Please be sure that you have permission before you begin your task, even when you are carrying out research on the computer!
- You must provide some evidence that you have taken part in the activity. For example, you could take a photograph, write a diary, draw a picture of your day, make a digital presentation, make a voice or video recording, or a letter from an adult.
- In your evidence you may like to include:
  - o The dates/times of the activity.
  - o What was the easiest and hardest part of the challenge?
  - o Would you do anything differently if you did the challenge again?
  - o What else would you like to go on and do now?
- You can complete as many activities as you wish. The more you complete the more hours you can claim!
- Please ask an adult to send your evidence to Sara Burton on 07805929965 or s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk. Alternatively, if your school asks, you can send it in with your passport after the holidays.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask Sara Burton.

**Remember, ALWAYS ask your parent or carer before doing any of the challenges!**

**Draw a robot competition (age 5-7) or write a robot story (age 7-11).** Visit [ukras.org.uk/school-robot-competition](http://ukras.org.uk/school-robot-competition) for details.



**Get writing!** Pretend you are the Easter Bunny and write a diary entry about the disastrous adventure you had delivering Easter eggs.



**Make an Easter card and give it to someone special.**



**Get baking!** Make something delicious to share with your household.



**World Health Day!** This is on 7th April. Create a poster with 5 things you and your family can do to be healthier.



**Get designing!** Design a vehicle that will transport a hard boiled egg safely from one point to another - you could test out your design by actually making it if you like.



**Make your own matching pairs game.** Why not give your pictures an Easter theme?



**Find out about the RNLI and what they do.**



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**Draw a picture of a sunflower.** Why not try and plant one and see how it grows over the next few months?



**Why not try skipping?** How long can you skip for? Did you find it easy or hard?



**Draw your own treasure map!** Why not hide some treasure and see if a friend or family member can find it?



**Tennis!** Find out about tennis and one famous tennis player.



**Make your own joke book.** This should have at least 10 jokes in. Share them with family and friends.



**Draw a picture of King Charles III and write 5 facts about him.** When is his Coronation?



**Design your own playground!** What would you have in it?



**"Easter Holiday Challenges"** - how many words can you find using these letters?



## Half Term Fun with Blackburn with Darwen

Parents/Carers may be interested in some of these exciting courses being held during the Easter holidays, free of charge

Blackburn with Darwen  
 **ADULT LEARNING**  
**Half Term Fun**

Are you looking for things to do with your children during half term? Why not book onto one of our FREE sessions?

Venue	Title	Day	Time	Start Date
ANLC	Let's Get Growing Microgreens	Monday	10am – 12pm	03/04/2023
BTNLC	Easter and Eid Decorations	Monday	10am – 12pm	03/04/2023
ANLC	Family Lego Challenge	Monday	1pm – 3pm	03/04/2023
BTNLC	Easter and Eid Card Making	Tuesday	10am – 12pm	04/04/2023
ANLC	Family Lego Challenge	Tuesday	10am – 12pm	04/04/2023
BTNLC	Glass Painting	Tuesday	1pm – 3pm	04/04/2023
ANLC	Let's Get Growing Microgreens	Tuesday	1pm – 3pm	04/04/2023
ANLC	Easter Baskets	Wednesday	10am – 12pm	05/04/2023
ANLC	Henna Art	Thursday	10am – 12pm	06/04/2023



Family Learning

For more information or if you would like to book your place, call Bank Top NLC on 01254 581175

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ANLC	3D Modelling	Tuesday	10am – 12pm	11/04/2023
BTNLC	Family Bake Off	Wednesday	10am – 12pm	12/04/2023
BTNLC	Family Photo Frames	Wednesday	1pm – 3pm	12/04/2023
ANLC	Jewellery Making	Thursday	10am – 12pm	13/04/2023
BTNLC	Family Lego Challenge	Thursday	10am – 12pm	13/04/2023
BTNLC	Let's Get Growing Microgreens	Thursday	1pm – 3pm	13/04/2023
ANLC	Clay Modelling	Friday	10am – 12pm	14/04/2023



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## St Aidan's Church events

DAY	DATE	TIMES	SERVICE	READERS
Palm Sunday	2nd	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion	Elaine
Tuesday	4th	11.00am	School Service	
Maunday Th/day	6th	7pm	Communion	
Good Friday	7th	9.30 12.00	reflections Walk of Witness	
Holy Saturday	8th	10.00 am	Short Reflections	
Easter Day	9th	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion with Organ at 11am	Dorothy
Easter 2	16th	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion	Paula
Easter 3	23rd	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion	Kath



SAT, 1 APR AT 10:00  
**Coffee Morning & Easter Raffle**



### EASTER DRAW

The Easter draw will be taken at the Coffee Morning on the Saturday 1st of April, remember it's 10.15 – 11.15am. A big thank you to all the donors, ticket buyers and the lovely presentation of hampers. So far we have taken 197.50, but there is still time to get some more before the deadline.

The Quiz night raised £150 a very enjoyable night for all and nice to see some new faces, even if they did win

### MISSION STATEMENT

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



### Class Trip

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



Y1 & Y5 - 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
100%	98%	100%	100%

### Dates for your diary

Easter Bingo	-	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
Easter Service in Church led by Y4	-	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>School Closes for Half Term – 2.15pm</b>	-	<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>School re-opens 8.40am</b>	-	<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>
Class photographs	-	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April
Y1/Y5 Trip to Martin Mere	-	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April

### 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
<b>Reception</b> (Miss Keegan)	Blanka & Mia	Qasim
<b>Year 1</b> (Miss Rigby)	Emily & Ellyjah	Leighton C
<b>Year 2</b> (Miss Yates)	Trixie & Mason	Atlas
<b>Year 3</b> (Mrs Moss)	Daniel & Inaya	Sienna
<b>Year 4</b> (Miss Grey)	Reece & Leah	Mia
<b>Year 5/Year 6</b> (Mrs Watters/Miss Cornall)	Emily & Daisy	Bailey

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood  
Headteacher