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Friday 4th April 2025

Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

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Message from Mrs Harrison

Dear parents and carers,

Next Thursday, we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Probert, who is retiring after an incredible 26 years of service to our school. For over two and a half decades, Mrs Probert has been the welcoming face of St. Aidan's running everything from finances, looking after our building, ordering supplies for school to fixing toilets, being a first aider and everything else in between! Her commitment and expertise have been invaluable to our children, staff, families and the head teachers she has worked with.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish her a joyful and well-deserved retirement. Thank you Mrs Probert....we will miss you!

Mrs Harrison

*As we navigate this period of change, we ask for your patience and understanding towards the office team. There may be slight delays in responses as we adjust to the new arrangements.



Easter Holidays



School closes for the Easter break on **Thursday 10th April at 1.15pm.**



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Arbor & Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evening is just around the corner, (Monday 7th April 3.30pm—7.00pm). There are still a lot of parents who have not yet booked an appointment. It is an important evening for you to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher.

We are trialling a new way to book a Parents' Evening appointment.

You will need to download the Arbor Parent App. The logo looks like this:



Enter your email address and then click on forgotten password . They will send a link to your email address to allow you to reset a password of your choice.

Once the booking system is live you will be able to book an appointment in your Arbor account under *Guardian Consultations*, by selecting your preferred date.

If you experience any problems trying to book an appointment please contact the school office. Please bear with us as this is a new system and there could be teething problems.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 7th April

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 9th April

Rec & Y6 Class & Individual photographs

SEND Coffee Afternoon

Easter Bingo

Thursday 10th April

Easter Service in Church-Y4

School closes 1.15pm

Tuesday 22nd April

School reopens 8.40am



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Outward Bound Residential

What a fantastic, fun filled, action packed week away the children and staff have all had and the weather has been amazing for them.

The children have learnt how to make their own beds and wash up!

Some of the activities included hiking, canoeing, rock climbing and waterfall gorging. The list is endless!





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Class photos-Reception and Year 6 ONLY



The school photographer will be in school from 9.00am on Wednesday 9th April to take class and individual photographs of Reception and Year 6 ONLY. Please ensure your child comes to school in full uniform including their sweatshirt or cardigan and that they are wearing black shoes or black trainers.

HAF Easter Holiday Club

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is a scheme funded by the Government and delivered by local councils, providing healthy food and fun activities to children and young people, with free places available for those on free school meals.

The booking line opened on Monday to enrol your child in a free holiday clubs programme over the school holidays!

For information on how you and your family can get involved this Easter, or to book your place, please visit [Get Stuck In](http://www.getstuckin.org.uk) or call the booking team on 01254 784105 (Option 2). The school code will be sent to families entitled to free school meals separately.





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SEND Coffee Afternoon

Wednesday 9th April
2:30pm – 3:20pm

Is your child in our school and receiving support for special educational needs or disabilities? Come along for a friendly chat with our team and connect with other parents in our community.

Mental Health Support Team (MHST) will be providing information about services available and advise on children's mental health.

No booking required - just turn up!



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Children's University Easter Challenges

BLACKBURN children's UNIVERSITY

Easter Holidays Challenges 2025

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:
 - The dates/times of the activity
 - What was the easiest and hardest part of the challenge?
 - Would you do anything differently if you did the challenge again?
 - 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!

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Draw a picture of a sunflower (or similar). Why not try and plant one and see how it grows?



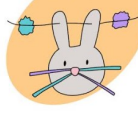
What is VE Day and how many years are we celebrating this year?



Create your own flag! Remember to add lots of colour.



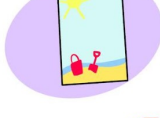
Why not make some Easter decorations?



Visit a local library. Write a review on a book you read from there.



Draw your very own summer picture.



Hedgehog! Create your own hedgehog fact sheet.



Design your very own car. What cool gadgets would it have?



April 22nd is World Earth Day. Make a poster of how people can be kinder to the earth.



Create an egg hunt for your family! You don't have to use real eggs, why not make some out of paper or card?



How many words can you make from "Chocolate Easter Eggs"?



Bumble bees! Draw a picture and write four interesting facts about them.



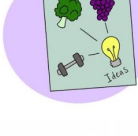
Write a letter to your teacher telling them what you have been doing during the holidays.



The Golf Masters is in April. Can you find out about one of the golfers who will be playing in this? Or another famous golfer?



It is World Health Day on 7th April. Write a plan on how, as a family, you can try and be healthier.



Create your own poem and perform it to friends and family members.





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B.R.U.F.C.

DO YOU FANCY GIVING RUGBY A GO?

NEW PLAYERS WANTED!
Blackburn U9's (School yr4)

Open Training Session, an 'introduction to rugby' no experience necessary
Sunday 6th April @ 10:30am

Call **Jonny Driver** on **07951 260333**



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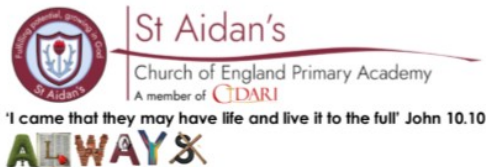
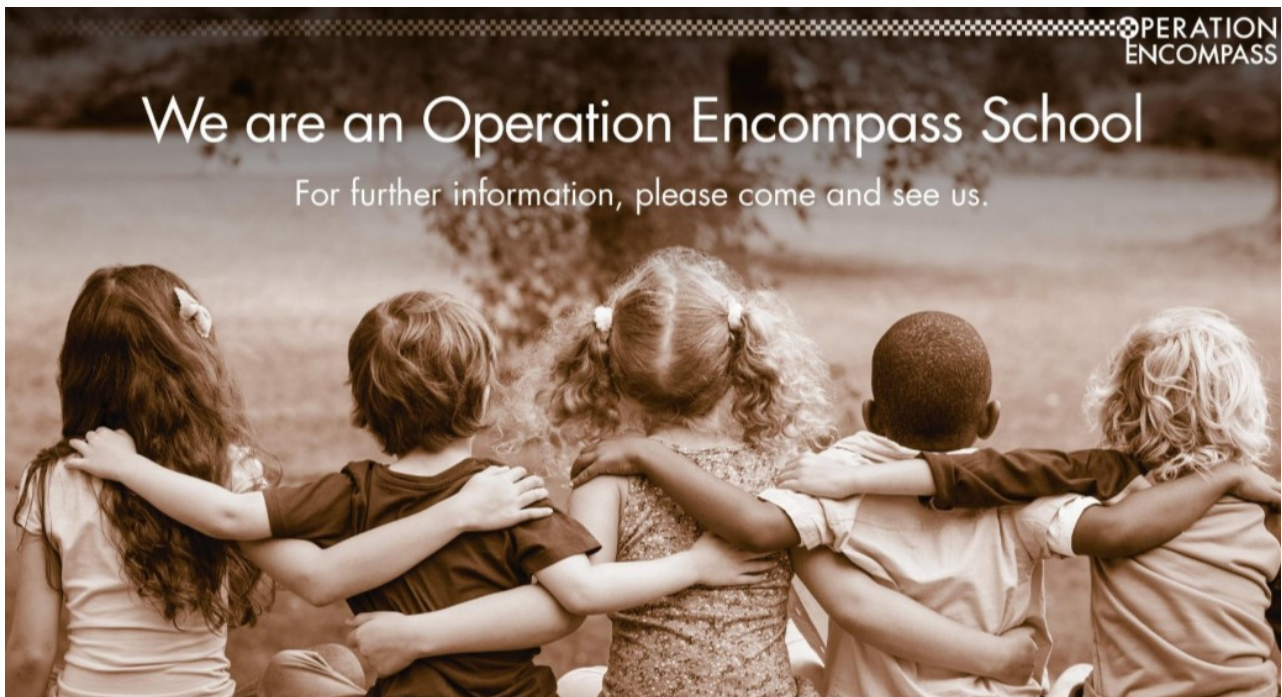
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Operation Encompass

For further information please click on the link below or feel free to speak to Mrs Harrison or Mrs Hargreaves.

<https://staidansblackburn.co.uk/key-information/safeguarding#tab-null>



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School Council Easter Bingo

It's not long off our annual School Council Easter Bingo night! This will take place on Wednesday 9th April from 6.00pm - 8.00pm in the school hall. The first game will start at 6.15pm.

A form has been sent out requesting numbers for those who wish to attend. If you haven't completed the form yet please do so that we have an idea of numbers for the evening.



House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week.



HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
96%	100%	98%	94%



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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.

The payment has been added to Teachers2Parents to allow you plenty of time to make the payment. You can spread the cost into affordable weekly/monthly payments or alternatively, if you wish, you can pay the amount in full.

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!

It is great to see that some parents have already paid—thank you.





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Blackburn Rovers Community Trust

Teen Talks - A weekly group session for children from year 6 up to 18 years old. Supporting mental health, friend making, confidence building and more. Sessions are every Wednesday 5.00pm-7.00pm .



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Easter Activities at Family Hubs and Children's Centres

Hop into Easter Fun with Blackburn & Darwen Family Hubs!

Family Hub's and Children's Centre's (0-8 years)

	Time	Location	Activities
Monday 7th April	10:30am – 11:30am	Hancock St Children's Centre	Watch Me Grow
	1:00pm – 2:00 pm	Wensley Fold Children's Centre	Breastfeeding Support Group
	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Highercroft Children's Centre	Hop Little Bunnies
	1:00pm – 2:30pm	Family Hub Darwen	Outdoor Easter Adventure
Tuesday 8th April	10:00am – 11:00am	Family Hub Darwen	Egg-Spress yourself
	10:00am – 11:30am	Family Hub Little Harwood	Outdoor Easter Adventure
	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Hancock St Children's Centre	Easter crafts
	1:00pm-2:00pm	Family Hub Livesey	Breastfeeding Support Group
Wednesday 9th April	9:30am – 10:30am	Family Hub Shadsworth	Watch Me Grow
	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Family Hub Shadsworth	Breastfeeding Support Group
	1:00pm-2:30pm	Family Hub Livesey	Outdoor Easter Adventure
	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Hancock St Children's Centre	Hop Little Bunnies
Thursday 10th April	10:30am – 12:00pm	Family Hub Shadsworth	Outdoor Easter Adventure
	12:30pm – 1:30pm	Family Hub Little Harwood	Breastfeeding Support Group
	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Family Hub Livesey	Egg-Spress yourself
Friday 11th April	10:00am – 11:00am	Family Hub Livesey	Hop Little Bunnies
	10:00am- 11:00am	Family Hub Darwen	Breastfeeding Support Group
	1:00pm-200pm	Family Hub Little Harwood	Watch Me Grow
	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Highercroft Children's Centre	Easter crafts

HAF free meals for children Monday 7th April – Friday 11th April.

Family Hub Livesey, Family Hub Darwen, Family Hub Shadsworth, Family Hub Little Harwood and Hancock St Children's Centre.

Please ring your local Family Hub or Children's Centre to register for the meals on 01254 585000

Free Easter half term activities available at the Family Hub's and Children's Centre's (0-8 years)

	Time	Location	Activities
Monday 14th April	10:30am – 11:30am	Hancock St Children's Centre	Step into spring
	1:00pm – 2:00 pm	Wensley Fold Children's Centre	Breastfeeding Support Group
	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Highercroft Children's Centre	Watch Me Grow
	1:00pm – 2:30pm	Family Hub Darwen	Hop Little Bunnies
Tuesday 15th April	10:00am – 11:00am	Family Hub Darwen	Watch Me Grow
	10:00am – 11:30am	Family Hub Little Harwood	Egg-Spress yourself
	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Hancock St Children's Centre	Colourful Egstravaganza
	1:00pm-2:00pm	Family Hub Livesey	Breastfeeding Support Group
Wednesday 16th April	9:30am – 10:30am	Family Hub Shadsworth	Hop Little Bunnies
	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Family Hub Shadsworth	Breastfeeding Support Group
	1:00pm-2:30pm	Family Hub Livesey	Watch Me Grow
	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Hancock St Children's Centre	Egg-Spress yourself
Thursday 17th April	10:30am – 12:00pm	Family Hub Shadsworth	Easter crafts
	12:30pm – 1:30pm	Family Hub Little Harwood	Breastfeeding Support Group
	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Family Hub Livesey	Easter crafts
Friday 18th April	<i>Good Friday- Bank Holiday</i>		



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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 **96.2%**



Well done to Year 3 class who had the best attendance in the school last week!



Weekly Attendance

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
92.86%	91.11%	93.33%	95.83%	95.24%	88.79%	93.68%

Weekly Lates

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
5	5	4	4	5	4	9



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Congratulations

	Stars of the week	Values In Practice award winners (V.I.P's)
Reception (Miss Keegan)	Rowan & Szymon	Carson
Year 1 (Miss Kay)	Nana & Loulou	Lula
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	Arya & Isaac	Theo
Year 3 (Mr Eccles)	Emily & Leighton	Szebasztian
Year 4 (Mrs Picken)	Tobias & Lola	Freddie
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Harry & Sienna	Hassaan
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Harriett & Amelia	Marisa

Kind Regards,

K. Harrison

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