



St Aidan's

Church of England Primary Academy
A member of **CDARI**



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Friday 13th September 2024

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW LOOK NEWSLETTER!

A message from the Headteacher

Is your child an Attendance H.E.R.O.?



Our second week has flown by and our children are more settled into their classroom routines. Thank you to those parents who could make the Meet the Teacher meetings. If you couldn't, due to working, the information will also be put on Class Dojo and our website under the class page of your child. **On Tuesday we had 100% attendance across school. This was FANTASTIC!** We all know how important it is for our children to be in school, but did you know that regular attendance can make a big difference in their learning and confidence? That's why we're encouraging every child to be an **Attendance H.E.R.O. – Here Every day, Ready, and On time!**

When your child is in school every day, they're not just learning, but also building friendships, developing important skills, and gaining the confidence they need to succeed.

To celebrate attendance, each week the class with the best attendance will be given extra play-time. At the end of the term, children with attendance 95% or over will also be entered into a draw for FREE Family Fun Swimming at Blackburn or Darwen Leisure Centre.

Let's work together to make sure they never miss out. Every day counts!

Mrs Harrison

Dates for the Diary

Monday 16th September
8.30am-8.50am or 3.25pm-4.00pm
After-school Clubs Fayre

Monday 30th September
Flu Immunisation in school

Monday 7th October
Y1,2 & 3 DT Week

Friday 18th October
INSET DAY –School closed to pupils

Friday 18th October (1 week)
HALF TERM

Year 4 Swimming

Well done to our amazing Year 4 children!

They had a blast and tried their hardest during their swimming lesson this Tuesday. We're so proud of positive attitude. Keep up the fantastic work.

Talk and Tales

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. Please sign in at the office.



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Dates for the Diary

Monday 28th October

School reopens

Monday 28th October

Y4/Y5/Y6 DT Week

Tuesday 29th October & Wednesday 30th October

Parent' Evening

Monday 11th November

Remembrance Worship led by
Y6

Friday 15th November

Children in Need

Thursday 5th December

Whole school Panto visit

Friday 6th December

Snowball Disco

Wednesday 11th December

Infant Nativity

Thursday 12th December

Christmas Jumper/Non-uniform
day and Christmas Dinner

Thursday 19th December

Christmas parties

Friday 20th December

Christmas Carols in Church

Friday 20th December

School Closes 1.15pm

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 12th September. Please sign in at the office.



Well done to Year 3 had the best attendance in school last week! Enjoy your extra playtime.



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.





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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
Walton-Le-Dale	Thursday 3rd October 2024	4.30pm—7.30pm
Darwen Vale	Tuesday 26th September 2024	5.00pm—8.00pm
St. Wilfrid's	Thursday 26 th September 2023	4.00pm – 8.00pm
BCHS	Thursday 19 th September 2024	4.00pm – 7.15pm
St. Bede's	Thursday 3rd October 2024	6.00pm – 8.00pm
Witton Park High School	Thursday 28 th September 2024	3.00pm – 6.30pm



Library visits-Reception will be visiting Mill Hill Library every Tuesday afternoon from 17th September.

We will be getting the forms for them all to have a library card next week.

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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After-school Club Fayre

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.

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

Ofsted
Good Provider

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

After-school Clubs

After-school clubs will start week commencing 16th September and will run until the week commencing 25th November (10 weeks).

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

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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



Outward Bound 24/25

The residential trip is now FULL. All places have been filled.



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 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020), please ensure you complete the online admission form. The closing dates are:-

Secondary Schools – 31st October 2024

Primary School – 15th 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

House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week.



HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
100%	98%	96%	92%



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Healthy Lunch boxes

Please can we remind parents/carers that children's lunch boxes should contain healthy foods. This week we have seen a variety of foods in lunch boxes that are not suitable for eating in school.



Remember, you and your children should aim to eat your 5-a-day.
Aim to get two portions of fruit and veg in their lunchbox!



Useful Websites/Apps

- www.nhs.uk/change4life
 - Smart recipes app
 - Facebook/Instagram



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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.

Fraser in year 6 makes his own lunch every day.

We think this must be THE healthiest lunchbox in school!




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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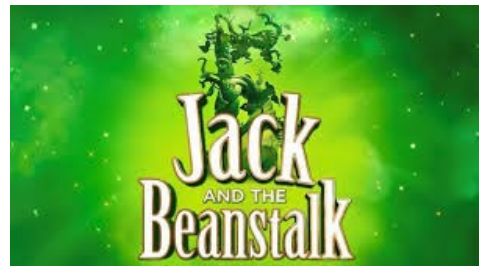


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Christmas Pantomime 2024 – Jack And The Beanstalk

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 5th 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!

For more details: <https://www.asda.com/cashpottforschools>





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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)
Reception (Miss Keegan)	Pixie Lou & Szymon	Odea
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Lochlan & Nana	Charlotte
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	Milad & Annabella	Arya
Year 3 (Miss Kay)	David & Devon	Ashleigh
Year 4 (Mr Eccles)	Elise & Freddie	Junior-James
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Lucas & Abbie	Bailey
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Jojo & Amelia	Lena

Kind Regards,

K. Harrison

Mrs. K Harrison

Headteacher