



# St Aidan's

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



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



**Friday 19th September 2025**

Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Hayley Hargreaves

## Dates for the Diary

### **Monday 22nd September**

Afterschool clubs start

### **Sunday 28th September**

Harvest Service –in school

### **Wednesday 1st October**

Parents' Evening Y6 ONLY

### **Thursday 2nd October**

Parents' Evening Y6 ONLY

### **Monday 6th October**

DT week (Years 1/2 & 3)

### **Tuesday 21st October**

Pumpkin Light Service in Church

### **Wednesday 22nd October**

Parents Evening

## **Year 4 Swimming**

Every Thursday year 4 will have a swimming lesson. Please make sure they bring their swimming kit to school with them every Thursday morning.



## **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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## LET'S GET TALKING

Talking together helps your child develop communication and relationship skills with others and builds on their vocabulary



**Why do we vote?**

## In the news this week

Schools in the UK will soon need to give more lessons on democracy, how voting works, and how the country is run. This is because the voting age for the general election is being lowered to 16. Many agree that young people need to be ready to make informed decisions. At first, these lessons will be for children aged 14 and over, but the plan is to begin teaching these issues from 11 years of age, so everyone has plenty of time to learn.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone older at home, and ask them to share their experiences of voting and their thoughts on the news that 16-year-olds will be able to vote.
- Can you think of times when you have taken part in a vote? What was the outcome?
- Do you believe it's important for young people to learn about voting and democracy? If so, what age do you think the lessons should start?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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## ALWAYS

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**FREE  
SCHOOL MEALS**

You may qualify for free school meals if you are in receipt of Government support or have an income below £16,190

**APPLY  
NOW!**

 [www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-and-pupil-support/school-meal](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-and-pupil-support/school-meal)

 01254 666605 (option 3)  [admissions@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@blackburn.gov.uk)





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**2026**  
**School**  
**ADMISSION**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**  
Secondary - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025  
Primary - 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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## St Aidan's Church



# ST AIDAN'S SCHOOL AND CHURCH HARVEST SERVICE



**SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER AT 11AM  
IN SCHOOL**

FOLLOWED BY A SIMPLE SOUP LUNCH AT  
ST AIDAN'S VICARAGE. **ALL WELCOME!**

A COLLECTION OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS  
WILL BE TAKEN FOR THE BILLY PROJECT





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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
Darwen Aldridge Community Academy	Wednesday 1st October 2025	5.00pm
Darwen Vale	Thursday 25th September 2025	5.00pm—8.00pm
St. Wilfrid's	Thursday 26th September 2023	4.00pm – 8.00pm
BCHS	Thursday 18th September 2025	4.00pm-7.15pm
Our Lady & St John's	Wednesday 17th September 2025	5.00pm-8.00pm
St. Bede's	Thursday 2nd October 2025	4.00pm-7.00pm
Westholme	Thursday 2nd October 2025	6.00pm-9.00pm
Witton Park High School	Tuesday 23rd September 2025	4.00-7.00pm

### **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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## **Admission to Reception Class & Secondary School 2026**

The online admission form for admission to Reception Class and Secondary schools in September 2026 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 2020 and 31st August 2021), please ensure you complete the online admission form. The closing dates are:-

**Secondary Schools – 31st October 2025**

**Primary School – 15th January 2026**

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.

## **House Statistics**

ALWAYS following the school rights this week.



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



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**DARWEN GIRLS**

IF YOUR DAUGHTER IS INTERESTED IN PLAYING FOOTBALL?  
WHY NOT BRING HER ALONG TO BE PART OF  
A GREAT FOOTBALL CLUB

YEARS 7/8/9/10/11

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US:  
TEL: 07362239382  
EMAIL: DARWENGIRLSLADIES@HOTMAIL.COM

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**DARWEN GIRLS**

OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN A NEW SPORT! 4 WEEKS FREE COACHING  
ENJOY, FUN, ENGAGE, SOCIALISE, COMMUNICATE, FRIENDSHIP'S TEAM  
BUILDING AND LEARN.

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**Join Girls Soccer School**

Fun, Friends, Goals

Reception children and year 1

Contact Nikki on 07362 239382

Training at Dees  
Thursdays 6-7pm

Book your place

DARWEN GIRLS & LADIES

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**DARWEN GIRLS & LADIES**

**New players wanted**

**Darwen Girls U7/U8's**

Are looking for new players to join their team.

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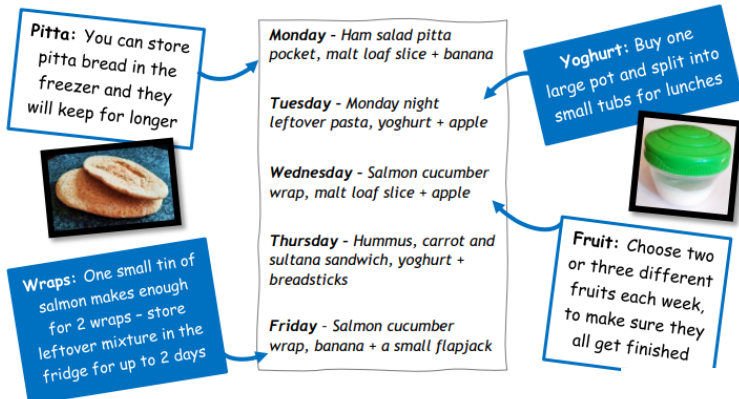
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## Getting Organised

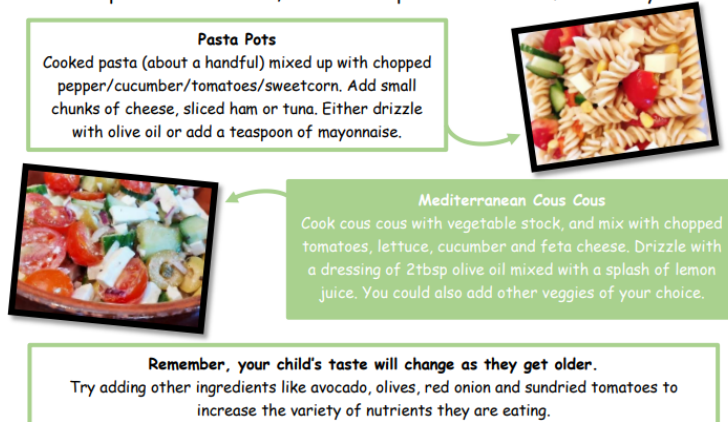
**Are you able to plan your lunchboxes for the week?**

This could help you save time and money when shopping, by ensuring that nothing goes to waste. Here are some of our ideas...



## Tummy-Filling Lunch Pots

Prep these in advance, make extra portions and use for 2-3 days!



## Get Snack Smart!







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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.

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

We appreciate that Christmas has only just been and gone and we know that you don't want to be thinking about next Christmas or you don't want to make any payment(s) until closer to December, when this is already a busy and expensive time for everyone, so with this in mind we have added the payment to Schoolmoney now to give you the opportunity to spread the cost into affordable weekly/monthly payments or alternatively, if you wish, you can pay the amount in full.







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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 this week is 96.3%

Well done to **Year 4** who had the best attendance in the school last week!



### Weekly Attendance

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
97.62%	94.95%	96.03%	92.73%	99.71%	94.64%	93.26%

### Weekly Lates

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
5	1	8	6	7	6	5



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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)	Lucy & Hannah	Natalia
Year 1 (Miss Kay)	Athena & Pixie	Odea
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	Munachi & Grace	Perez
Year 3 (Mr Eccles)	Zayan & Rai	Annabella
Year 4 (Miss Bateson)	Ava & David	Connie
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Jay & Lochlan	Jessica
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Sienna & Bruno	Paige E

Kind Regards,

*K. Harrison*

Mrs. K Harrison  
Headteacher