



St Aidan's

Church of England Primary Academy

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



Friday 10th May 2025

Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

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VE Day Celebrations

We had a wonderful VE Day worship. Sadly our projector needed a bulb replacement which couldn't be done in time. This didn't stop the celebrations. We held our worship on Google meet in the classrooms. A great start to our day





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Dates for the Diary

Monday 12th May

KS2 SATs Week

Friday 23rd May

**School closes for half term
3.20pm**

Monday 9th June

School reopens 8.40am

Thursday 19th June

Sports Day

Thursday 3rd July

Moving up day (Rec-Y5)

Thursday 10th July

Y6 Leavers Production 2pm &
6pm

Friday 11th July

Reports sent home

Wednesday 16th July

Y6 Leavers party 6pm,

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 17th July

Leavers service in church 2pm

Friday 18th July

Awards Assembly

School closes 1.15pm



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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**

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.



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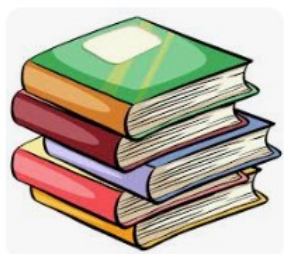
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Talk and Tales Years 1 and 2

Talk and Tales is changing this half term,. The sessions will run on Tuesday 29th April and Tuesday 13th May.

Please keep an eye on updates/reminders posted on class dojo



Y6 SATs Breakfast Club

From Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May, children are strongly encouraged to come to school from 7.45am to enjoy a relaxed start to their day and to be with their friends, before the tests begin.

Croissants, Crumpets, Toast or cereal and a drink will be available to the children, free of charge.

This session in previous years has been invaluable to our pupils and can begin the day in a great way! Please encourage your child to come along.

Thank you for your continued support.



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Newsletter

Mental Health Support Team

May 2025

MHST? Who are we?

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) provides an accessible service for students from primary age to year 13 who may be experiencing a range of mild to moderate difficulties with their mental health.

The teams are based within education settings and cover Year 1 to Year 11 in Blackburn with Darwen and Burnley, Burnley College, Year 1 to Year 6 in Pendle and Year 7-13 in Hyndburn, Rossendale and Ribbles Valley (including Nelson and Colne and Accrington College).

If you have noticed your child is feeling frequently sad, worried or anxious and feel they may need support from our team, please speak to a member of staff in your child's school, who can support a referral to the service. You can also speak to your GP.

Thankyou

Helpo everyone, we hope you are well and thankful for taking the time to read our Newsletter. This past half term staff from the MHST have been busy meeting lots of young people, parents, staff and new faces in schools and other settings. We are really enjoying meeting so many of you and we are very grateful for the warm welcome we receive in schools, children's centres and from other organisations we work alongside.

Participation Event (Bwd)

On the 28th May 11am-3pm we will be hosting a Participation Event at Blackburn Youth Zone. We are running this alongside our friends at Health Watch.

We would love to invite expressions of interest from any young people age 8-16 who are currently in school in Blackburn with Darwen. The event will be fun and we are looking forward to hearing the voice of young people. If you know of anyone who would be interested in the event please email Lia.naylor@hctf.nhs.uk for further information. Look out for more information on our social media feeds and in schools.

Staff Introduction

Hi, I'm Sharon and I am a Mental Health Practitioner in the BWD Primary Schools Team. I love my job helping young people take care of their mental health and also working with parents to help them support their children. When I'm not working, I love to be outdoors in the fresh air and sunshine with my own family and I love a good book!

Hi, I'm Catherine with a "C" I'm one of the primary EMHPs, who has lived experience of neurodiversity and I love working with parents/CYP to support them to make positive changes. In my free time, I love walking my two dogs or being in my garden. I have 4 children and 4 grandchildren who keep me busy.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Newsletter - we work as a group to create this newsletter and are always looking for new suggestions and content so if you have any please email us at whn@newletterhctf.nhs.uk

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Mental Health Awareness Week

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK
12-18 MAY 2025



The theme for the 2025 Mental Health Awareness week is 'community' and it will be all about celebrating the importance, power and value of being in a community.



Being part of a safe and positive community can really benefit our mental health and well-being.

Communities can provide a sense of belonging and togetherness that can help fight loneliness and make us feel supported during difficult times.

What is a community?



A community can take any forms and can involve:

- People who live in the same area.
- A network of supportive people.
- Groups formed around shared interests, values, beliefs or cultural identities.

Reasons why community is important for our mental health?

- 1 Social connections can reduce isolation
- 2 Sense of purpose through community involvement.
- 3 Life feels more satisfying when you're part of a community.
- 4 Community can ease psychological distress.



How to get involved in your community

Make it fun-Join a club or a group that focuses on your interests.

Get outdoors-Go for walks, join a running or cycling group, or spend time in a community garden to feel more connected.



Volunteer or give to charity-Helping others can build a sense of community and give you purpose.-



Show kindness to others-Chatting with your neighbours, greeting people at your local café, or starting a conversation at the bus stop can lead to new friendships.



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Free Online Introduction to Deaf Awareness and British Sign Language



Lancashire
Adult Learning

Join us to learn more about BSL and effective communication with deaf people.

In this one-off session you will be introduced to deaf awareness and British Sign Language (BSL). You will identify the barriers the deaf community face on a daily basis communicating in a hearing world. This session will cover tips on how to communicate more effectively with all deaf people. It will also teach you how to introduce yourself using British Sign Language and show you how you can continue to learn BSL independently after the session.

Online

Tuesday 29th April
1pm - 3pm

Online

Wednesday 14th May
6pm-8pm

Online

Tuesday 17th June
10am-12pm



Use the QR code to enrol today!



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BwD Libraries

VE DAY

BLACKBURN CENTRAL LIBRARY

SATURDAY 10TH MAY
10:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Free activities:
10:30 - 12 pm
and
1:30 - 3 pm

Storytimes:
11am, 2pm
& 3pm

HIGHLIGHTS
CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES
STORYTIMES
DIG FOR VICTORY
LEGO CLUB
CODE CLUB*

Join us for a
World War Two
themed, free
family fun
day!

***ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE AND THERE IS NO NEED
TO BOOK, EXCEPT FOR CODE CLUB, 10:30-12PM.
TO BOOK, PLEASE EMAIL
ANDREW.ORR@BLACKBURN.GOV.UK**



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Darwen Girls and Ladies Football Club

DARWEN GIRLS AND LADIES

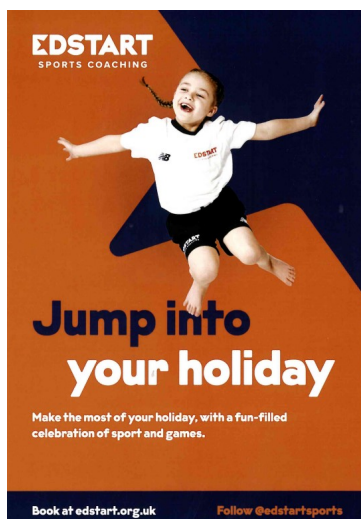


We are looking for new players all ages and abilities

Contact Nikki : 07948233751
DARWENGIRLSLADIES@HOTMAIL.COM
Facebook: Darwengirls#ladies

May Half term Holiday Club

A multisports holiday club or super soccer school available to 4-12 year olds. Drop off from 7.3am-pick up by 5.30pm. For more information please visit Blackburn@edstart.org.uk



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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 **91.5%**



Well done to Y1 who had the best attendance in the school last week!

Enjoy your extra playtime!



Weekly Attendance

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
85%	97.92%	92.8%	95%	94.14%	89.63%	94.83%

Weekly Lates

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
1	0	2	2	5	1	1



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SAMLESBURY PLAY SCHEME

**Back again for 2025
In its 25th year!**

Mon 28th July to Fri 1st Aug

Supervised FREE bus service from locations across East Lancashire

Want more? Check out Leyland Playscheme

Infants ages 5-7
Our youngest Playschemers enjoy the smallest groups with their own dedicated leaders and onsite activities such as Trampolines, Bouncy Castles, Sports, Messy Play and Arts & Crafts and trips offsite like Soft Play, Outdoor Adventures and Nature experience

ML Major League ages 8-11
Come and join the big leagues in MML and participate in activities such as Onsite: Laser Tag, Trampolines, Pottery, Music, Dancing, CaveBus & The Big Show and trips like: Swimming, Bowling and Party Barge

Teenz ages 12-14
Join the older end of Playscheme with our Teenz division. Join in the bigger trips and enjoy your own activities with that bit more freedom such as Onsite: Teenz Laser Tag, Bungee Trampolines, Silent Disco and trips like: Swimming, Bowling, Teenz Cinema and Roller Skating

**Only £85 for the week
5 DAYS OF ACTION PACKED FUN**

Book online for both schemes @ playscheme.org

House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week.



HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
100%	98%	90%	96%