



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

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Newsletter 31 – 12th May 2023

Year 6 SATS

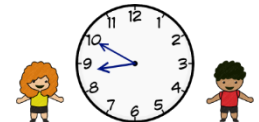


Thank you to all Year 6 parents/carers for your support in making sure your children were in school nice and early every day this week for the SATs tests. We have been very proud of the children – they have shown an excellent attitude and have really put 100% into each test. As a way to celebrate the end of SAT's week they will all enjoy a trip to Junction 4 Skatepark on Tuesday 16th May.

Punctuality

There are a number of children arriving after 8.50am on a regular basis and this affects pupil progress.

Please ensure that your child(ren) is in school for 8.50am every morning to avoid disruptions to their lessons and the administrative running of the school. The gates are open from 8.40am and children can come straight into class ready to start their school day. School is required by law to pass names of persistent absentees to the Local Authority who may issue a penalty notice.



Dinner money charges

Unfortunately due to rising costs we are having to increase our dinner prices from £2.30 to £2.41 per day, £12.05 per week (the first increase in 3 years). This is effective from 12th June 2023.

Outward Bound 2024



Spaces are now filling up. Any parents/carers of pupils in the current Years 4 and 5 will have received an electronic letter/form regarding the residential trip taking place from 18th March 2024 – 22nd March 2024 to The Outward Bound Trust in Ullswater. This trip has been heavily subsidised bringing the cost per pupil down from £513.75 to £180.00. There are only 36 places available for this trip. Please complete the online consent form and pay the non-refundable £40 deposit via SchoolMoney to secure your child's place by FRIDAY 30th June 2023.

Outward Bound Parents Meeting

We are holding a meeting for parents of the current Y4/Y5 who's child may be interested in going on the residential.

The meeting will provide you with lots of information on what to expect as well as the activities that are on offer.

The meetings are to be held in the school hall on Tuesday 16th May at either 2.30pm or 3.15pm.

Y3/Y4 Indoor Dodgeball

Well done to our year 3 and 4 dodgeball team who took part in a Children's University tournament held at St Silas on Thursday evening. Fantastic ambassadors for our school.



Recycling Heroes

On Tuesday 16th May Year 4 and Year 5 will learn how to dispose of their rubbish in the best way possible to become recycling heroes, giving them an understanding on how they can look after the environment. The session will be led by Sally Booth, Blackburn with Darwen's Senior Environmental Education Officer.

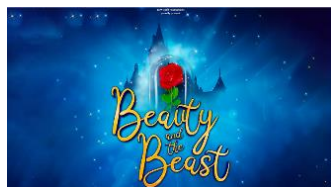
Reception Welcome Meeting

If you have a child starting in our Reception class in September, you should have received a letter giving details of our welcome meeting, which will be taking place on Wednesday 14th June. If you have not received your letter, please contact a member of staff in the school office.

Reception class 23/24

We still have a few places available. If you would like your child to start at St Aidan's in September or you know of anyone who could be interested you are welcome to come and have a look around the school. Please contact the school office to arrange this.

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 7th 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 by 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 1st December.

Art Classes with Go Sketch Club

Any budding artists out there may be interested in registering on these FREE workshops - **Creative Drawing, Drawing Dragons and Kawaii Comics Workshops**. A live art week via zoom, 29th-31st May at 10am, 1pm and 5pm. Suitable for the whole family age 5 years-adult.

To register your free space visit [gosketchclub.com](https://www.gosketchclub.com)



SAVING OUR COMMUNITY £££ OFF THEIR FOOD BILL

Blackburn, Mill Hill
COMMUNITY FRIDGE

The **BILLY Project**
Building communities in women

Connecting the community and reducing food waste

Help us stop good food from going to waste
Open Mon - Thur 11am - 4pm
Fri 11am - 2pm

Where?
Unit 2 Fitness for Women,
Albert Street, Mill Hill,
BB2 4BL

Who?
Everyone is welcome to use this service

FREE FOOD for those referred in from service
£10 per month or £3 per bag for non referrals

Enabling residents and businesses in Blackburn to share surplus quality food that would otherwise go to waste and sent to landfill.

Working in partnership with:

For more information please contact: Leanne Procter
Leanne@thebillyproject.co.uk
07939832216

St Aidan's Church events

May 23 Leaflet

COFFEE MORNING & VIEWING OF CORONATION
MAY 6th - 10.15am
In Church

7th MAY
In garden / (Church)
11am CELEBRATION SERVICE
Followed by **COMMUNITY PICNIC**

Bring your own Rug or chair

| SUNDAY | DATE | TIMES | SERVICE | READERS |
|---------------|------|-------------|------------------------------|---------|
| Easter 5 | 7th | 9.30 & 11am | All Age service | |
| Easter 6 | 14th | 9.30 & 11am | All Age service | Barbara |
| Ascension Day | 18th | | | |
| Easter 7 | 21st | 9.30 & 11am | Holy Communion | Elaine |
| Pentecost | 28th | 9.30 & 11am | Holy Communion With organ | Alan |

"A BEAUTIFUL BRIGHT CHURCH"

We may not be an 'iconic' Church, with pipe organ and Gothic features, but as people say it is lovely.. As it is God's house, I, for one cannot let it become an untidy dirty place. In the past we have had wonderful people such as Brenda, who kept it immaculate and at the moment we still have Elaine, Heather and myself. John, Nora, Kate and Brian in the Garden are all unable to help and I don't find it easy. Those who are able really need to step forward and help, take on mowing the lawn, cleaning the kitchen, toilets, Parquet tiling or tiled floor, any one of those jobs would take a load off my shoulders and the last 4 jobs only need doing once a month or so.

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

ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

| HODDER | CALDER | BLAKEWATER | RIBBLE |
|--------|--------|------------|--------|
| 98% | 100% | 100% | 94% |

Dates for your diary

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| Y4/Y5 Recycling session | - | Tuesday 16 th May |
| Y4/Y5 Outward Bound Parents Meeting | - | Tuesday 16 th May |
| Y6 Junction 4 Skatepark | - | Tuesday 16 th May |
| School Closes – Half term 3.15pm | - | Friday 26th May |
| School Reopens 8.40am | - | Monday 12th June |
| Reception (Sept 23) welcome meeting | - | Wednesday 14 th June (2.00pm & 6.00pm) |
| Sports Day | - | Wednesday 28 th June |
| Transition days for high schools | - | Wednesday 5 th July-Friday 7 th July |
| Reports sent home | - | Monday 10 th July |
| Y6 Leavers production (2.00pm & 6.00pm) | - | Wednesday 12 th July |
| Y6 Leavers party 6.00pm | - | Wednesday 19 th July |
| Y6 Leavers service in Church | - | Thursday 20 th July |
| Awards presentation assembly | - | Friday 21 st July |
| School closes for summer 2.15pm | - | Friday 21st July |

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 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Reception (Miss Rigby) | Billy & Aliza | Tayla |
| Year 1 (Mrs Smith) | Alana & Connie | Lily |
| Year 2 (Miss Yates) | Willow & Maham | Layla K |
| Year 3 (Mrs Moss) | Avery & Aimee | Paige E |
| Year 4 (Miss Grey) | Rafal & Delilah | Hollie-May |
| Year 5 (Mrs Watters) | Isaac & Lilly-Marie | Scarlett |
| Year 6 (Miss Cornall) | The whole class | The whole class |

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher