



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

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Outward Bound Meeting for 24/25

There are still places available. If your child is interested in going, you will need to pay the deposit payment of £40.00 by Friday 28th June to secure their place.

Please also complete the online consent form that was sent out before the half term break.



Attendance-changes to Penalty Notices

You may be aware that the Department for Education has recently announced national changes to fixed penalty notices issued for unauthorised absence during term time.

These changes will come into effect on 19th August 2024.



The changes to be aware of are:

- Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19th August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of **£160 per parent per child**. This can be paid at **£80 if paid within 21 days**.
- A second penalty notice issued to the same parent, for the same child, within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days, with no option for a discounted rate.
- The threshold at which a penalty notice must be considered is set at **10 sessions** (equivalent to 5 days) of **unauthorised absence** within a **rolling 10-school week period**. This may include absences as a result of **arriving late after the register closes (after 9.30am)**. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.
- A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions)

Dinner money charges

Unfortunately due to rising costs we are having to increase our dinner prices from £2.41 to £2.70 per day, £13.50 per week. This is effective from Tuesday 3rd September 2024.

Father's Day Rhyme Time



It was lovely to see so many parents join us for this mornings Rhyme time. Thank you!

Sports Day



St. Aidan's annual Sports Day will be held in the school playground on Wednesday 26th June.

Infants (KS1) will start at 10.30am and Juniors (KS2) will start at 1.15pm.

The children will be competing in their house teams, so if you have a T-shirt in their house colour, can they please wear it. **Please do not buy one specifically for Sports Day** they will be able to wear their PE kit. The children can come to school dressed in their PE kit and if the weather is hot, please ensure that your child wears a sun hat or cap and brings in sun cream and a bottle of water.

If we have to postpone due to bad weather we will send a text to all parents/carers.

Parents/Carers are invited to watch. Please sign in at the office first. We look forward to seeing you!

Place2Be

Unfortunately, due to budget cuts and a lack of counsellors we will no longer be able to have Place2Be in school. We have worked with them to provide mental help support for many of our pupils and families for the last eight years. I would like to thank them for their help and support- they will be missed.

In September we are going to introduce Thrive. Which, for us, will be a way of implementing a whole school approach to mental health, involving, identifying and addressing the needs of pupils, staff and the wider community and creating an environment that removes barriers to learning in a more cost effective way. In line with Public Health England's 8 principles of a whole school approach, Thrive will provide expert training and an online tool that will empower us to not only promote mental health and wellbeing, but improve behaviour, attendance and attainment.

PrimeVR Workshop

PrimeVR will be delivering a virtual reality workshop on Tuesday 2nd July to all KS2 pupils. The workshops have been specifically designed for schools to help bring learning to life. There is a charge of £2.00 per child which is payable via Schoolmoney. Online permission forms have been sent out separately.

Please note – if we do not receive enough funds we will unfortunately have to cancel the workshop

Year 6

Year 6 have decided that they are going to raise money for St Catherine's Hospice for their annual charity fundraiser by completing a sponsored 5k walk.

St Catherine's Hospice aims to improve the quality of life and wellbeing of adults, children and young people who have a terminal illness or life-limiting condition. They are a wonderful charity who help those who need it most.

Any loose change that you may have and would like to donate, please send in to school with your child/ren and over the next few weeks our year 6 children will be going round to the classes to collect any donations. There will be a donation bucket around school and on the playground aswell. Hopefully we can all work together and help to make a difference.

The link to the Just Giving page is below if you find this way easier to donate:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/st-aidans-5k-sponsored-walk-for-st-catherines-hospice>

Food parcels

A local businessman kindly donates 2 food parcels per week to school which are available to our families. If this is something you would be interested in and that could help during the current financial crisis please complete the form that was sent out via email to all parents or contact the office.

Too Good To Go App



This may be an ideal app for any one currently struggling with the increase in food prices. It's a great way to purchase food at very reasonable prices. Surplus food from your favourite restaurants/cafes and grocery stores is available to buy daily. All you have to do is download the app, search for a surprise bag near you from your chosen store, reserve it through the app and turn up at the store to collect it at the given collection time.

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 Wednesday at 3.00pm.** Please sign in at the office.

Reception class 24/25

We still have a few places available. If you know of any one who has a child starting school in September who could be interested in starting at St Aidan's, they are very welcome to come and look around the school. Please contact the school office to arrange this.

Christmas Pantomime 2024 – Jack And The Beanstalk



Our annual trip to Blackburn Empire Theatre is now only 26wks 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 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!

Play Group – Mill Hill Community Centre



At Mill hill community centre



Friday 9.30 till 11.30

£1.50 Frist child 50p extra child
Child refreshment included



NHS Information

Did you know your local pharmacy can help with seven common conditions. Remember to visit your pharmacy first!

Class Trips

As part of the pupils theme work, class trips have been organised for the following classes:-



- Y1-Blackpool Zoo**
- Y2 – Blackpool Tower/Beach**
- Y5-Liverpool Museum**
- Y6-Liverpool Museum**
- Y6-Blackburn Cathedral**

Please note: A packed lunch will be provided by the school for pupils who normally have a school meal.

ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

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

Dates for the Diary

- Y1 trip to Blackpool Zoo
- Sports Day (KS1-10.30am/KS2 1.15pm)
- Y5 trip to Liverpool Museum
- Y2 trip to Blackpool Tower/Beach
- PrimeVR Workshop (KS2)
- Transition days for high schools
- Moving up day (Rec-Y5)
- Y6 Leavers production (2.00pm & 6.00pm)
- Y6 trip to Liverpool Museum
- Reports to be sent home
- Y6 Leavers service in Church 2.00pm
- Y6 Leavers party 6.00pm
- Awards presentation assembly
- School closes for summer 1.15pm**

- Tuesday 25th June
- Wednesday 26th June
- Thursday 27th June
- Tuesday 2nd July
- Tuesday 2nd July
- Wednesday 3rd July-Friday 5th July
- Wednesday 3rd July
- Wednesday 10th July
- Thursday 11th July
- Monday 15th July
- Thursday 18th July
- Thursday 18th July
- Friday 19th July
- Friday 19th 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 Keegan)	Grace & Jacob S	Praise
Year 1 (Miss Kay)	Amelia & Benjamin	Billy
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	Leighton & Lilly-Ann	Huzaifa
Year 3 (Mr Eccles)	Achillea & Killian	Tobias
Year 4 (Miss Rigby)	Tawanda & Aimee	Abbie
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Dayton & Riley	Hasnain
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Lennon & Precious	Charlie Br

Kind regards

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Headteacher