



# St Aidan's

Church of England Primary Academy  
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**Friday 20th June 2025**

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## **Leavers' service at the Cathedral**

Due to unforeseen circumstances the leavers service cannot be held at Blackburn Cathedral this year. Instead it is being held at St George's Church in Chorley.

## **Artist**

The children and staff have had a wonderful 2 days in school creating some beautiful art work. Which will be displayed in the hall.



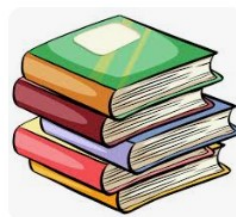
## **Talk and Tales Years 1 and 2**

The sessions will run on the following dates after the half term break:  
starting at 2.45pm

Tuesday 24th June

Tuesday 8th July.

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



## **Year 2 and Year 6 ONLY**

We have been offered an exciting opportunity for your children to visit the youth zone in Blackburn on Thursday 26th June. Your child has brought home a membership leaflet. Please return this OR use the link below to register your child so they are able to attend.

More details will follow.

<https://www.blackburnyz.org/become-a-member/>



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## **SCRUMPTIOUS in school!**

We're thrilled to offer our children a fantastic opportunity to see the delightful theatre show, 'SCRUMPTIOUS!' This charming and funny musical play explores themes of change and friendship through the story of Sylvie and her sweetshop. We thought this was a great time for the show as our Reception-Year 5 children prepare themselves to move into a new class and for our year 6 children who head off to high school.

Thanks to Arts Council England funding, we can bring this high-quality show from Beggars Belief Collective (part of the renowned M6 Theatre for Children programme) to our school for a significantly reduced cost on Monday 14th July 2025. To make this special event happen for our children, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of just **£1 per child**.

Payment is to be made via the Teachers2Parents app no later than Monday 30th June.

Thank you for your support in enriching our children's learning and experiences.



## **Multisports—KS2 CANCELLED**



Multisports for KS2 has been cancelled for the next 2 Wednesdays due to Sam leaving. This afterschool club has now finished for this year. Miss Brindle is able to cover Monday's clubs for the next two weeks.



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## Dates for the Diary

### Tuesday 1st July

Y6 Leavers service

### 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,

### Thursday 17th July

Leavers service in church 2pm

### Friday 18th July

Awards Assembly

**School closes 1.15pm**

## Sponge Sam!

It was great to see so many of you join in the fun of sponging Sam on his final day at St Aidan's. All money raised will go towards funding new sports equipment.





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## **Overdue Balances on School Money**



**PAYMENT REMINDERS:** There is currently a lot of outstanding debt on pupil accounts for school dinners, breakfast club and trips. Balance reminders are sent out weekly.

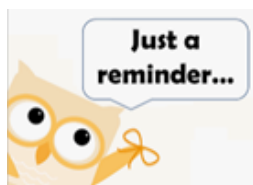
We would like to kindly request that all outstanding balances are paid via School Money before school closes for the summer break on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025**. We must point out that any outstanding debt after Friday 18th July will be sent to Cidari Multi Academy Trust for debt recovery.

## **Outward Bound Meeting for 25/26**

Thank you to the parents/carers that attended our parents meeting earlier this week. There is a lot of interest for this trip and some deposits already paid. Places are limited so if your child is interested in going you will need to pay the deposit payment of £43.00 asap to secure their place.



## **Year 6 Transition days**



All Year 6 pupils have transition days at high schools from **Wednesday 2nd July until Friday 4th July**.

Parents should have received letters from the high schools which provides general information about what the children should expect.

**Pupils must be in full St Aidan's uniform unless told otherwise by the high schools.**





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## Sports Day



We had a great time on Monday – the weather was very kind to us and it was lovely to see so many parents and carers come along to support their child/children.

## Year 5 & 6 Growing Up Talks

Talks will be held on Wednesday 25th June led by our school nurse. If you have any questions please speak to the class teachers.

## 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 be treated.** Thank you for your support in this.

## **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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## LET'S GET TALKING

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

### TAKEHOME



### In the news this week

Big Ocean is a new K-pop band from South Korea, and all three of its members have hearing loss. They use things like vibrations, flashing lights, and sign language to help them perform music together. Even though the band can't hear the songs like most people, they work very hard to stay in time and show emotion through movement and expression. Big Ocean want to raise awareness about deaf culture and make K-pop more inclusive, by using Korean Sign Language in their performances.

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

- > What impact do you think a band like Big Ocean could have through their music?
- > Where and when might we use sign language?
- > What are some different ways we can communicate with others? Ask someone at home to share their thoughts.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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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](http://playscheme.org)**



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## Free Online Introduction to Deaf Awareness and British Sign Language



**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!**



[hsc.lal@nelsongroup.ac.uk](mailto:hsc.lal@nelsongroup.ac.uk)

[www.lal.ac.uk](http://www.lal.ac.uk)

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**DARWEN GIRLS**

**OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN A NEW SPORT! 4 WEEKS FREE COACHING**  
**ENJOY, FUN, ENGAGE, SOCIALISE, COMMUNICATE, FRIENDSHIPS TEAM BUILDING AND LEARN.**  
**BE PART OF A GREAT FOOTBALL CLUB.**

**YEARS 2/3/4/5/6**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US:**  
**TEL: 07362 239382**  
**EMAIL DARWENGIRLSLADIES@HOTMAIL.COM**

**HTTPS://WWW.DARWENGIRLSLADIES.CO.UK/**

**DARWENGIRLSLADIES**

The poster features several logos: the Darwen Football Club crest (top left and right), the FA Women's Football logo (bottom left), and the The FA logo (bottom right). It also includes a QR code in the bottom right corner. The background is a blue stadium with a green pitch and a red and yellow curved border at the bottom.



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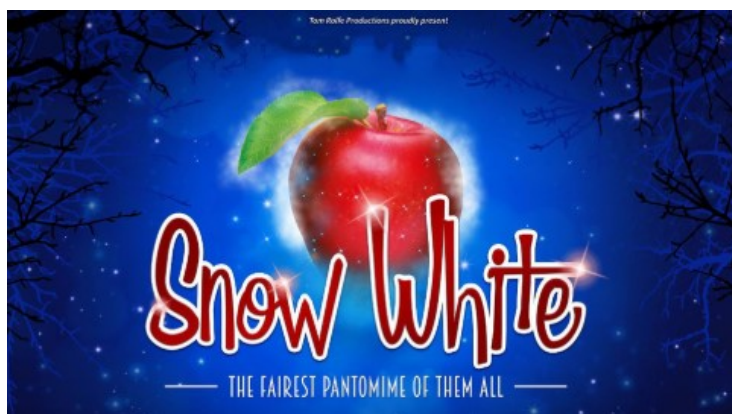
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## **Christmas Pantomime 2025—Snow White**

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 **90.2%**



Well done to **Year 2** who had the best attendance in the school last week!

Enjoy your extra playtime!



### Weekly Attendance

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
93.14%	86.59%	98.46%	95.83%	95%	87.78%	91.35%

### Weekly Lates

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
1	3	9	8	5	1	8





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## Class Trips



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

**Rec—Smithills Farm**

**Y2—St Annes Beach**

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

Trips are also being arranged for other year groups and you will be informed of these in due course.

## House Statistics



ALWAYS following the school rights this week.

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



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## **Congratulations**

Well done to the following children for being chosen to receive an award this

	Stars of the week	Values In Practice award winners (V.I.P's)
Reception (Miss Keegan)	Iremide & Odea	Boris
Year 1 (Miss Kay)	Aamena & Ella	Charlotte
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	Charlie & Lamya	Enrique
Year 3 (Miss Hunt)	Devon & Lexi-Lou	Leighton
Year 4 (Mrs Picken)	Oscar & Sampson	Elise
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Ahmad & Mayada	Paige E
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Dayton & Jenub	Lena

Our **ALWAYS** Winner is: Eamrey from Year 4

Kind Regards,

*K. Harrison*

Headteacher