



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 27th June 2025

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Blackburn Youth Zone

Thank you to Blackburn Youth Zone who invited our Year 2 and Year 6 classes to join them in a fun and engaging enrichment activity day free of charge. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Year 6

Year 6 are raising 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.

For anyone wanting to make a donation please click on the link below. Hopefully we can all work together and help to make a difference.

The link to the Just Giving page is:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-aidans-church-of-england-primary-school-2?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=018



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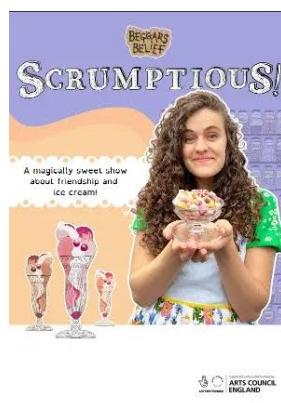
SCRUMPTIOUS in school!

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.





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SCHOOL UNIFORM DROP OFF POINT

Please drop off your clean, pre-loved
uniform at 6th Floor Duke Street or any
Family Hub/Children Centre by **31st**
July

**We will be running a pop-up shop
with Rummage Rescuers at Thomas
Street on 9th August 10am-2pm**

THANK YOU!



Rummage Rescuers
SHOP • DONATE • VOLUNTEER

Family Hub
Darwen | Little Harwood | Livesey | Shadsworth



**RUMMAGE
RESCUERS**
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FREE SCHOOL UNIFORM POP-UP SHOP

**RUMMAGE RESCUERS
THOMAS STREET
BB2 1NR**

**SATURDAY 9TH
AUGUST
10AM-2PM**



**PICK UP WHAT YOU NEED,
DROP OFF WHAT YOU CAN**



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UK Government**

Household Support Fund 25/26

Dear Parent/Carer,

We understand that buying school uniforms can be difficult, especially when money is tight. We want to help make things a little easier for you and your family.

If you meet the criteria below, you may be able to get help through the Household Support Fund.

This support includes vouchers that can be used at Rummage Rescuers, Thomas Street, BB2 1NR, to get new or pre-loved (second-hand) school uniform items.

You can drop in to any of the Family Hubs listed below to receive a voucher:

Family Hub Darwen
Lord Street
BB3 0HD
United Kingdom

Family Hub Little Harwood
Robinson Street
BB1 5PE
United Kingdom

Family Hub Livesey
Andrew Close
BB2 4NU
United Kingdom

Family Hub Shadsworth
Shadsworth Road
BB1 2HR
United Kingdom

Please ask a member of staff at the Family Hub – we're here to support you.



**Family
Hub**



Darwen | Little Harwood | Livesey | Shadsworth



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Household Support Fund – Who Can Get Help?

You may be eligible if:

You are working and your household income is:

- Less than £26,057 a year (before tax and National Insurance) if you're a single adult
- Less than £38,870 a year (before tax and National Insurance) if you are two or more adults in work
- And your household savings are below £2,000

OR you receive income-based benefits and meet any of these conditions:

- You have a physical or learning disability, or Autism
- You have a long-term health condition that is made worse by cold weather
- You rely on electrical equipment to live independently
- You have vulnerable adults or children in your home who are supported by mental health services, social workers, or family support
- You are a carer
- You are a refugee or asylum seeker
- You have recently started or left a job and are waiting for benefits to start
- Your Universal Credit payment is £0 due to a changeable or part-time income

You may also be able to apply online for more help from the Household Support Fund:
➔ [Household Support Fund | Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council](https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/blackburn/your-council/household-support-fund)

If you don't qualify for the Household Support Fund, there are other types of help available too. Please ask your school what support they offer.

There will be a Uniform Pop-Up Shop at Thomas Street for all parents on 9th August between 10am and 2pm.

Norfolk Street, Mill Hill, Blackburn BB2 4EW
Tel: 01254 53148

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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



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Overdue Balances on SchoolMoney



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 SchoolMoney before school closes for the summer break on **Friday 18th 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.

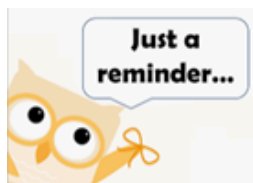
Outward Bound Meeting for 25/26

Thank you to the parents/carers that attended our parents meeting. There is a lot of interest for this trip and we have already had some payments for the deposits which has secured places.

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 a 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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Talk and Tales Years 1 and 2



There is one final session to be held for this academic year on Tuesday 8th July starting at 2.45pm.

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



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



Why do people explore the past?

In the news this week

Nearly 140 years after it sank, a team of divers has identified the wreck of a ship, called the SS Nantes, off the coast of Devon, in southwest England. The ship sank in 1888, after crashing into another boat. The shipwreck could finally be named when a diver found a plate with the ship's company logo (or crest) on it.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to others at home and discuss what you think it would feel like to discover a missing shipwreck.
- If you could explore one mystery from the past, what would it be and why?
- Do you believe it's important to learn about the past? Why? What do others at home say?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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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*

TEENZ

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

Book online for both schemes @ playscheme.org



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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!



hsc.lal@nelsongroup.ac.uk

www.lal.ac.uk

01254 354423



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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, the FA Women's Football logo, and the FA Youth Development logo. It also includes social media icons for Facebook and Instagram, and 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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St Aidan's Church

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

BACK TO SCHOOL SERVICE

SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST

11AM - 12NOON

**FOLLOWED BY CAKE
AND A DRINK**

**ST AIDAN'S CHURCH
MILL HILL.**



**We'd love to
welcome you to
St Aidan's Church**

**Sunday Services
9.30am and 11am**

1st and 3rd Sundays in month

Holy Communion with activity for children

2nd Sunday in month

Interactive service for all ages

4th Sunday in month

***Traditional service of Holy Communion with a
children's group.***

**For more information contact Rev. Alice on
07793712757**

St Aidan's Church, St Aidan's Avenue, Mill Hill



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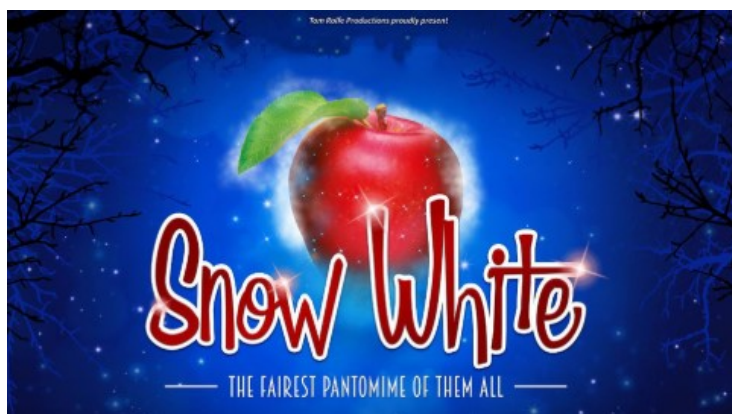
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Christmas Pantomime 2025—Snow White

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%**



Well done to **Year 3** who had the best attendance in the school last week!



Weekly Attendance

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
87.89%	91.3%	94.95%	97.75%	93.03%	84.85%	94.32%

Weekly Lates

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
1	2	4	5	4	3	7



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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
96%	%	92%	96%



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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)	Dominic & Szymon	Colten
Year 1 (Miss Kay)	Munachi & Benjamin	Grace
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	Rai & Amelia	Aliza
Year 3 (Miss Hunt)	David & Ibaad	Demi
Year 4 (Mrs Picken)	Geraldine & Beatrix	Noor
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Sophie & Bruno	Richelle
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Lola & Sandor	Jayden

Our **ALWAYS** Winner is: Somma from Year 1

Kind Regards,

K. Harrison

Headteacher