



St Aidan's

Church of England Primary Academy
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'I came that they may have life and live it to the full' John 10.10



Friday 4th July 2025

Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Hayley Hargreaves

Leavers' service at St Georges's

Year 6 attended the Leavers' service at St George's Church in Chorley on Tuesday. They took part in some fun reflection activities alongside other Church of England schools in the diocese. The service was wonderful, celebrating the pupils time at primary school and encouraging them as they journey on to high school.

Moving Up Day



Moving up and moving on.

Our 'Moving Up' day on Thursday was a great success and the children enjoyed meeting their new teachers.

Mrs Picken and Miss Hunt leave in the Summer to explore new adventures and spend time with their young families, this means that Mr Eccles and Miss Bateson (who have both been teachers at our school before) will return to St Aidan's in September. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Picken and Miss Hunt for their commitment to our school and the children they have taught; we will miss them both but wish them well!

Reception	Miss Keegan
Year 1	Miss Kay
Year 2	Miss Brindle
Year 3	Mr Eccles
Year 4	Miss Bateson
Year 5	Mrs Moss
Year 6	Miss Cornall



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A huge thank you goes to Blackburn Rovers Community Trust for their very generous donation of books on Diversity. Every class library will benefit greatly from these.



End of Year ALWAYS Treat

As an end of year reward for children who have shown how we ALWAYS behave a 'Fun Run' bouncy castle has been booked for Tuesday 15th July. As this is an activity that has been risk assessed we need permission for your child to take part, please keep an eye out for a text message with a link to the permission form.





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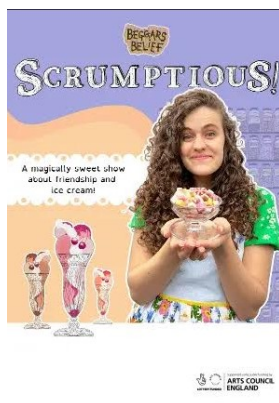
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SCRUMPTIOUS in school!

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**.

There are still a lot of payments outstanding. Please can we ask that parents make their **£1.00 per child contribution no later than Wednesday 9th July** to avoid the possibility of having to cancel the event.





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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!



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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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/your-services/your-local-offices/your-local-offices.aspx)

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

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 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 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.



End of year Gifts

A polite notice regarding gifts for staff.

After considering the current financial situation for families we wanted to reassure you that there is no expectation to purchase presents for staff. We would like to suggest that your child make a card.



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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



In the news this week

Taxi company, Uber, wants to test cars in London that can drive by themselves, without a person at the wheel. The UK government has changed the rules to let this happen sooner. Many believe the service could bring new jobs, but others are worried about human drivers losing work. The cars have performed well in tests, though checks are still needed to make sure they are safe. Some people have already tried riding in these cars to see how well they work.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your experience of public transport and whether you've used a taxi. Talk to someone at home about their experiences.
- > How do you feel about using a driverless taxi? Would you use one? Why?
- > Can you make a list of the pros and cons of driverless taxis?

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*

**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!



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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:

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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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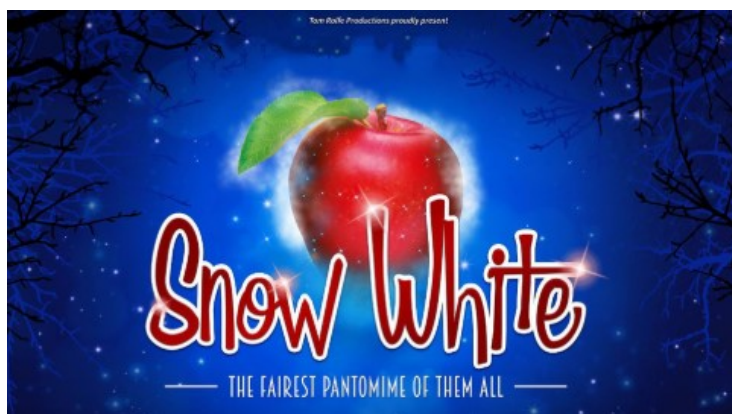
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Christmas Pantomime 2025—Snow White

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 **94.1%**



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

Enjoy your extra playtime!



Weekly Attendance

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
91.2%	89.49%	94.14%	95.1%	92.5%	90.23%	93.18%

Weekly Lates

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
0	3	4	5	5	6	4



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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 Anne's Beach

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

House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week.



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

Kind Regards,

K. Harrison

Headteacher