



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

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What wonderful news!

Our application to the Premier League Primary Stars was successful and we were selected to receive a free football kit for our girls team.

Leavers' service at the Cathedral

Year 6 attended the Leavers' service at Blackburn Cathedral 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.

St Anne's beach

The rain held off and Year 2 enjoyed a trip to St Anne's on Tuesday. They had fun playing on the beach, in the amusement arcade and they all enjoyed an ice cream.



Moving Up Day

Our Moving Up day was a great success this week and the children enjoyed meeting their new teachers. We are excited to welcome Miss Brindle into Year 2 in September. The class teachers in September are as follows:



Reception	Miss Rigby
Year 1	Miss Kay
Year 2	Miss Brindle
Year 3	Miss Hunt
Year 4	Miss Yates
Year 5	Mrs Moss
Year 6	Miss Cornall

We have a new SENCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) starting with us in September. Miss Aspin is an experienced teacher and a qualified SENCo. She will be in school 5 days a week and will be working with all pupils who have special or additional needs. Parents will be able to meet her at the start of the autumn term.

End of year Gifts



A polite notice regarding gifts for staff.

We have been considering the current financial situation for families and 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.

A further wonderful gift for our school would be for you to send a message on Class Dojo about what your child has enjoyed this year so we can collate them, share them with each other and then post on our social media page.



Important news about the school day

To comply with the government's expectation that all pupils will be in school for 32.5 hours per week, **from September 2023** we are extending the school day. Therefore school will **start at 8.50am** (Doors are open at 8.40am) and will **finish at 3.20pm** (5 minutes later than we currently finish).

After school Clubs

Please note that **ALL** afterschool clubs have now finished. Information will be sent out in the autumn term with details of new clubs and start dates.



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 21st July 2023. We must point out that any outstanding debt after Friday 21st July will be sent to Cidari Multi Academy Trust for debt recovery.

School Milk

The parents/carers of pupils in the current Reception and Year 1 classes have received a text message with a link to the online consent form requesting whether or not your child requires milk in the autumn term (from September 2023). **It is extremely important that this form is completed by Monday 17th July**, to enable the office staff to order the correct quantity of milk for September.

If you do not complete the online form, milk will not be ordered for your child next term.

Outward Bound 2024



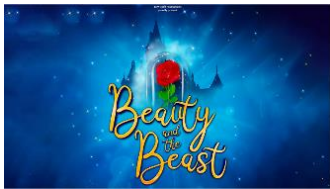
There are still a few places available. Any parents/carers of pupils in the current Years 4 and 5 will have received an electronic letter/form regarding the residential trip taking place from 18th March 2024 – 22nd March 2024 to The Outward Bound Trust in Ullswater. This trip has been heavily subsidised bringing the cost per pupil down from £513.75 to £180.00.

Please complete the online consent form and pay the non-refundable £40 deposit via SchoolMoney to secure your child's place.

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 buy 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.

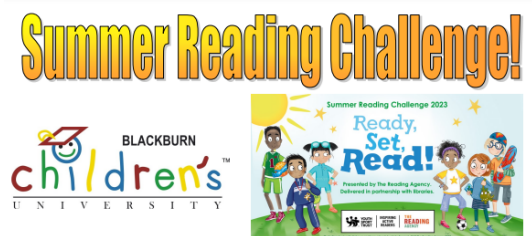
Children's University

Your child has been invited to join Ready, Set, Read! the Summer Reading Challenge 2023.

This is a national library reading game, which will introduce your child to the joy of reading for pleasure and help to develop his/her literacy skills throughout the summer holidays.

Once enrolled each member reads 6 library books (or eBooks / eAudio), with stickers or a prize awarded for each book that is read and returned. Those who complete the scheme will receive a medal and a certificate.

To enrol (free of charge), simply come to your nearest Blackburn with Darwen library and complete an application form between 1st July & 30th September.



This summer anyone who has joined Blackburn Children's University will have the opportunity to obtain hours by doing the Summer Reading Challenge at their local Blackburn with Darwen Library!

To complete the challenge each child has to read six books from the library during the summer holidays. For every book read each child will receive a small prize, plus a certificate and medal at the end!

To qualify for 6 hours for Blackburn Children's University please send a copy of the certificate showing that the challenge has been completed to Sara Burton on s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965.

Pop down to your local Library and sign up!

If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact Sara Burton (Blackburn Children's University Manager) on 07805929965

St Aidan's Church

July/August Leaflet

July Readers

SUNDAY	DATE	TIMES	SERVICE	READERS
Trinity 4	2nd	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion	Elaine
Trinity 5	9th	9.30 & 11am	All Age	Alan Kay
Trinity 6	16th	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion	David
Trinity 7	23rd	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion & organ	Alex
Trinity 8	30th	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion	Paula

SUNDAY	DATE	TIMES	SERVICE	READERS
Trinity 9	6th	9.30 & 11am	Communion	Audrey
Trinity 10	13th	9.30 & 11am	All Age	Malc
Trinity 11	20th	9.30 & 11am	All age	Jeff
Trinity 12	27th	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion & organ	Dorothy

COFFEE MORNING
JULY 1st / AUGUST 5th 10.15am - 11.15am
In Church

ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

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

Dates for your diary

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/Awards 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)	Noor & Zainab	Benjamin
Year 1 (Miss Kay)	Oakley & Lily-May	Alma
Year 2 (Miss Yates)	Freddie & Junior	Mason
Year 3 (Mrs Moss)	Tawanda & Abbie	Batool
Year 4 (Miss Grey)	Dayton & Mia	Oscar
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Gracie & Serena	Hannah

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher