



St Aidan's

Church of England Primary Academy
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Friday 11th July 2025

Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

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Year 6—St Aidan's Showcase

Wow, two fantastic performances from year 6 on Thursday in front of parents/carers. A huge well done to everyone. Thank you to all parents/carers for coming to watch.

Our thanks also go to Miss Cornall and Mrs Rey for all of their hard work leading up to the play. We hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did!



Y6 Leavers party

On Wednesday 16th July our year 6 pupils will enjoy a leavers party at The Foundry. Time to dust off your party clothes!

**CLASS OF
2025**



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Parent Governor Vacancy

An exciting opportunity to become a Parent Governor at St. Aidan's!

Are you passionate about making a real difference in your child's education and the wider school community? St. Aidan's is offering an exciting opportunity to become a Parent Governor! This vital role allows you to contribute to the strategic leadership of the school, working alongside other governors to ensure the best possible outcomes for all pupils.

As a Parent Governor, you'll have the chance to share your unique perspective, bring valuable insights from a parent's point of view, and help shape the future of St. Aidan's. It's a fantastic way to get more involved, understand how the school operates, and actively participate in decisions that impact your children's learning environment.

Please collect an application form from the school office and return to school by Tuesday 2nd September.



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Dates for the Diary

Monday 14th July

Scrumptious Theatre show

Tuesday 15th July

Bounce Fun day treat

Reception Graduation 2.30pm

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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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Your child has been invited to join **Story Garden**, the libraries' Summer Reading Challenge 2025. This is a **FREE** national library reading game, which will reward your child with stickers and prizes for the library books they read or listen to during the summer holidays, helping to keep them occupied as well as keeping their reading skills sharp during that long break from school.

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 as well.

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

If you are unsure where your nearest library is, check our website:
www.blackburn.gov.uk/bwdlibraries/libraries-blackburn-darwen.

If your child is not already a member of a library, we would encourage you to enrol them at the same time. It's a quick and simple process, completely **free of charge**, and no ID is required. All we need is permission from a parent/guardian and we can do the rest. Once they have a library card your child can borrow up to 20 books or stories on CD at a time **free of charge**, as well as 6 eBooks and 6 eAudio with the libraries' **free** BorrowBox app.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family to our libraries during the summer.

Yours faithfully,

Adele Karwat
Service Manager: Libraries & Archives



**THE
READING
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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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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](#)

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

www.staidansblackburn.co.uk



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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 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.



Awards Assembly

Our annual awards assembly is being held on Friday 18th July. Parents/Carers are welcome to watch by **invitation only** due to limited space. Please note, the invitations have already been sent out.

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Current Year 3- swimming lessons next year

In September, the children in the current Year 3 class (that will be moving into Year 4) will be starting weekly swimming lessons. Over the summer holidays, please can you help your child prepare for this through discussing it with them and where possible by taking them swimming. Many swimming sessions and other leisure activities are either heavily discounted or free on the RE:FRESH membership to anyone who lives, works, has a GP or is in full time education in Blackburn with Darwen. For more information follow the link below:

<https://bwdleisure.legendonlineservices.co.uk/enterprise/Join/online-sign-ups>

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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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



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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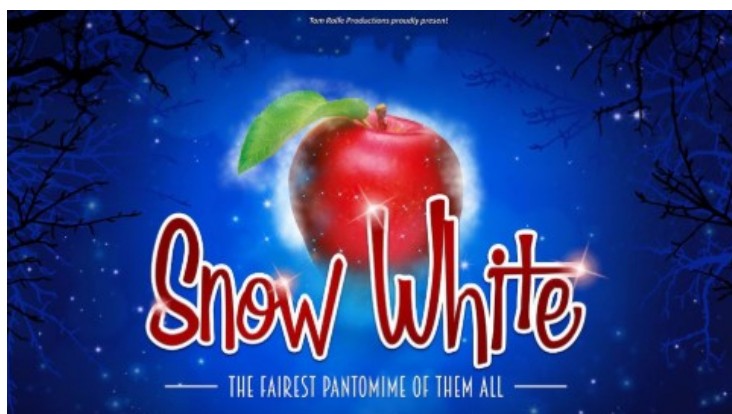
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Christmas Pantomime 2025—Snow White

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 **91.3%**



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
94.44%	91.3%	95.06%	97.41%	96.39%	91.09%	94.23%

Weekly Lates

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
1	3	4	4	5	0	3



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House Statistics



ALWAYS following the school rights this week.

HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
88%	94%	96%	98%



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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)	The whole class	Aisha
Year 1 (Miss Kay)	Jaymee-Leigh & Scarlett	Lola
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	The whole class	Qasim
Year 3 (Miss Hunt)	Ibaad & David	Alana
Year 4 (Mrs Picken)	Freddie & Layla E	Tobias
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Reema & Bailey	Mayada
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	The whole class	Amelia

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

Kind Regards,

K. Harrison

Headteacher