



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 18th July 2025

Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

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Dear parents and carers,

What a year it's been! As my first year as Headteacher draws to a close, I want to express my deepest thanks to everyone who has made it so memorable and successful. I would firstly like to thank all of the incredible staff for their hard work and commitment to our children. I would also like to thank our governors and Cidari, as your guidance and support have been invaluable. And to our parents and children, thank you for your support and for making our school such a vibrant and special place. A particular highlight for us all this year was undoubtedly achieving a **"Good"** rating in all five areas of our Ofsted report. This truly captured our collective efforts and progress.

Our year 6 pupils have ended the year on a high with 2 fantastic performances of the Talent Showcase last week, a wonderful Leavers' Service in Church yesterday and a meal at The Foundry on Wednesday. They have been a wonderful year 6 and I am confident that they are going to go on and achieve great things at high school. Good luck to you all!

As we look ahead to the summer, I want to wish a heartfelt farewell and good luck to Mrs Picken and Miss Hunt who will be moving on to new adventures.

Finally, I wish you all a safe, restful, and happy summer holiday. We return to school on Tuesday 2nd September 2025.

Class Dojo

All classes will be archived on Friday 18th July ready for your child's new class. Please do not delete or remove the app as you will still be able to see posts from this current year and you will also be ready to continue using Class Dojo in September.

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>



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End of year award winners

Congratulations to the following fantastic children who have impressed us this year and were presented with awards in our Prizegiving service this morning:

YEAR	CREATIVITY	PROGRESS/SUBJECT	POSITIVE ATTITUDE
REC	Szymon	Pixie-Lou	Abdul
1	Lochlan	Praise	Somma
2	Blanka	Lamya	Milad
3	Ashleigh	Szebasztian	Demilade
4	Beatrix	Hammad	Eamrey
5	Huriya	Paige M	Ahmed
6	Jojo	Harriett	=

- **Y6 Howard Cup for Achievement:** Lena & Covenant
- **Year 6 ALWAYS PRIZE:** Dayton
- **Year 6 SPORTS AWARD:** Mia & Jenub

End of year treat

What a wonderful way to end the year and celebrate with a fun run bouncy castle treat. The children (and staff) had a great time!



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Whittakers School Uniform

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You can now order our uniform online from Whittakers.

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Correct School Uniform ready for September




PE Kit



Whittakers School Uniform



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Option 1 - Visit your local Whittakers Schoolwear shop

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On arrival, you will be designated your very own personal shopping assistant who will help you and your family with all of your uniform requirements. Please check our website for opening times.

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Useful Information for Next Year

Infant Fruit:	Children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 receive free fruit as part of a Government scheme.
Junior Fruit Snack	Children in KS2 will receive a free piece of fruit as a snack for break time.
Milk:	Milk is only available for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium funding they will automatically receive milk. If you do not want your child to receive milk please let the office know. If your child is NOT entitled to Pupil Premium funding and you did not order them milk this year, please register for milk on the Cool Milk website www.coolmilk.com or contact them on 0800 3213248. All children in school have a beaker so that they can access drinking water during the day.
PE kits:	All children need PE kits in school. Children need to have a pair of pumps for indoor use – not trainers as these can mark the hall floor. These pumps can also be used outdoors, although you might prefer to send in an old pair of trainers for this purpose. From a hygiene point of view, it is important that children have a change of footwear for PE. Please don't spend a lot of money on a pair of trainers for outdoor PE.

Y6 Sponsored walk

The total amount raised was £710.92. Thank you to everyone who donated. Also thanks to Year 6, Miss Cornall and Mrs Rey who took part in the walk.



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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

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.



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SUMMER HOLIDAYS

6 WEEKS OF FREE ACTIVITIES

WEEK 1

22ND - 26TH JULY 2025

MILL HILL 1PM - 3PM Tuesday 22nd	LIVESEY FAMILY HUB Wednesday 23rd	QUEENS PARK Thursday 24th	BLACKSNAPE 12PM - 3PM Friday 25th
CREATE A NATURE TRAIL BOOK	DIBBLES DISCO BOOK	XPLORER SIGN TRAIL & FOREST SCHOOL 	FOOTBALL
FAMILY CRAFTING ASDA	LITTER PICK 	ZUMBA AND CHAIR CARDIO 	ARCHERY
<h3>Family Fitness FESTIVAL</h3> <h3>WITTON PARK</h3> <p>10AM - 3PM Saturday 26th July</p> <p><small>Blackburn with Darwen</small> HEALTH & WELLBEING</p>		LITTER PICK 	MINI BEAST SCAVENGER HUNT
		MARVELLOUS MINI BEASTS 	FAMILY CRAFTING ASDA
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Children's University Summer Challenge



Remember, **ALWAYS** ask your parent or carer before doing any of the challenges!

Try a trifle! Make a summer trifle to share with family and friends.



Summer scrapbook! Make a scrapbook with the things you pick up throughout the summer.



Make ice lollies with your family or friends.



Write a poem all about summer!



Visit your local library and complete the Summer Reading Challenge. Don't forget to collect your certificate (6 hours).



Get outdoors and get hunting. Take a pen and paper with you and see if you can spot items that start with each letter of the alphabet.





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What's your dream job? Write down what you find interesting about this role and what you will need to do it. You could even interview someone you know about the job they do.



Write a fact sheet about the ancient Egyptians. Why **not** visit the library for a book or visit Blackburn Museum to look at their ancient Egypt collection.



Get creative! Have a look in the mirror. Then, using points, crayons, or markers, create an artistic impression of your face. This is called a self portrait. Write underneath what makes you special.



Learn the British Sign Language finger spelling alphabet and record yourself spelling "Children's University".



Design and make your own kite.



How many words can you find from "WE LOVE THE SUNSHINE"?



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England Women's Football team are currently playing in the Euros. Create a banner to show your support to the Lionesses.



Design your own superhero. What would their super power be?



If you could travel anywhere, where would it be? Write a fact sheet about it or poster to promote it.



It's always good to be kind. Perform a random act of kindness to a family member, friend or neighbour.



Design and write a postcard to a friend to tell them what you have done over the holidays.



Get active! Create a fun sporting activity in the garden for everyone to enjoy!





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Writing Competition

The competition is open to children and young people up to 16 years old who are invited to write about their favourite place or space within the BwD borough.

There will be a prize of £200.00 Waterstones voucher for the Blackburn with Darwen school with the most entries, followed by a £100.00 voucher for the individual winner and a £50.00 voucher for the runner up.

The initiative is open until 30th August, with winners to be judged by Actress Jenny Agutter OBE, Councillor Phil Riley, Cynthia Johnson, a lecturer in the History of the Book at the University of London, Blackburn with Darwen Libraries and Christina Gabbittas.

Entries can be sent to Blackburn with Darwen Libraries or emailed to info@christinagabbittas.com

Please remember to include your name, age and school or contact details.

An Invitation from Christina Gabbittas

My Favourite Place/Space

Christina invites you to write about your favourite place -
What inspires your imagination, a landmark or space?
Is it Corporation Park with trees so grand,
Or Darwen's Tower that proudly stands?
Perhaps the Carnegie Library where stories unfold,
Or Blackburn Museum, with magic to behold!

King George's Hall where memories are made,
Or Rovers' Ewood Park where epic matches have been played.
Walking the heritage trails where history flows,
Let your imagination soar and your creativity show!

So gather your thoughts, let your words tell a story,
Share your favourite place in all its glory,
We can't wait to read what inspires you most.
Celebrate your borough and let's raise a toast!

Open until 30th August 2015 - Send entries into Blackburn with Darwen Libraries or email info@christinagabbittas.com

Children's Literature FESTIVAL

Logos at the bottom: Blackburn Borough, Blackburn with Darwen Council, LIS, CARITAS, Rotary in Darwen, REKINDLE GET CREATIVE IN LIBRARIES, Community, LLOYD CHARITY



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**Back again for 2025
In its 25th year!**

Mon 28th July to Fri 1st Aug

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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
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Lancashire
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Join us to learn more about BSL and effective communication with deaf people.

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1pm - 3pm

Online

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Online

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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 center). 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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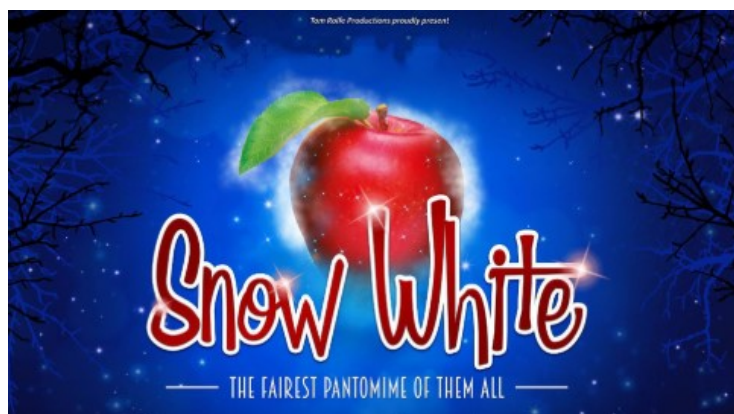
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Christmas Pantomime 2025—Snow White

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.



House Statistics



ALWAYS following the school rights this week.

HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
98%	90%	96%	100%