



St Aidan's

Church of England Primary Academy
A member of **CDARI**



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Friday 3rd October 2025

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Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Hayley Hargreaves

Half-Term Update: So Much Happening!

Hello everyone,

It's hard to believe we are already halfway through the first half of the Autumn term! It has been an incredibly busy but rewarding few weeks getting the children settled and engaged.

Alongside the fantastic learning in classrooms, we've packed in lots of excitement, including brilliant **trips out** and special **visitors** joining us in school. Today was particularly significant as we have had a **SIAMS inspection** (a required inspection for Church schools that checks how effective the school's Christian vision is in helping all pupils and staff thrive.) Thank you for your continued support during this important process—we will share the outcome and the report with you as soon as we have the official documentation.

You may have also noticed the wonderful **'face lift' at the front of the school!** We are thrilled with the fresh new look and hope you like it too.

Thank you again for all your encouragement and support. We wish you a wonderful, restful, and slightly wet weekend!

Mrs Harrison

Celebration Assembly

Every Thursday we will be having a celebration assembly. Your child's teacher will invite you to join us if your

Year 4 Swimming

Every Thursday year 4 will have a swimming lesson. Please make sure they bring their swimming kit to school with them every Thursday morning.





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Dates for the Diary

Monday 6th October

DT week (Years 1/2 & 3)

Tuesday 21st October

Pumpkin Light Service in Church

Wednesday 22nd October

Parents Evening

Thursday 23rd October

School closes for half term

Monday 3rd November

Parents' Evening Rec-Year 5

Parents' Evening for Reception to Year 5 is being held on Wednesday 22nd October 2025

Appointments should be booked via our online portal-Arbor Parent App.

To get started, please download the Arbor Parent App. If you need to reset your password, simply enter your email address and click "forgotten password." Arbor will send you a link to create a new one.

Once you are logged in to the app, you will need to navigate to Guardian Consultations to select your preferred date and book an appointment.

If you have any issues, please contact the school office -please bear with us as this is a new system and there could be teething problems. Thank you





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BLACKBURN with DARWEN
BOROUGH COUNCIL

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

You may qualify for free school meals if you are in receipt of Government support or have an income below £16,190

APPLY NOW!

www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-and-pupil-support/school-meal

01254 666605 (option 3) admissions@blackburn.gov.uk



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2026
School
ADMISSION

APPLICATION DEADLINE
Secondary - 31st October 2025
Primary - 15th January 2026

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Secondary School Open Evenings

Please find a list below of the upcoming Open Evening Events for Secondary schools for Year 6 pupils. Please visit the school website for more information.

Secondary School	Date	Time
Darwen Aldridge Community Academy	Wednesday 1st October 2025	5.00pm
Darwen Vale	Thursday 25th September 2025	5.00pm—8.00pm
St. Wilfrid's	Thursday 26th September 2023	4.00pm – 8.00pm
BCHS	Thursday 18th September 2025	4.00pm-7.15pm
Our Lady & St John's	Wednesday 17th September 2025	5.00pm-8.00pm
St. Bede's	Thursday 2nd October 2025	4.00pm-7.00pm
Westholme	Thursday 2nd October 2025	6.00pm-9.00pm
Witton Park High School	Tuesday 23rd September 2025	4.00-7.00pm

We are a nut-free school

Just to remind all parents/carers - we are a NUT FREE school. We do have some children in school with severe nut allergies. Please do not send any type of nut product into school with your child.





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Admission to Reception Class & Secondary School 2026

The online admission form for admission to Reception Class and Secondary schools in September 2026 is now accessible using the following link: <https://blackburn.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/Parents/appsummary.aspx> If you have a child due to start primary school next September (born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021), please ensure you complete the online admission form. The closing dates are:-

Secondary Schools – 31st October 2025

Primary School – 15th January 2026

It is extremely important that these deadlines are met as it can affect your chance of being offered your first choice school. If you are applying for your child's secondary school place, please read your chosen school's admissions criteria carefully as last year we had some very disappointed pupils and parents who did not get accepted into their first choice of secondary school. If you do not have access to the internet please contact the school office to arrange an appointment to complete the application online.

House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week.



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



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OCTOBER 2025 HALF TERM SPORT COURSE

MONDAY 27TH - FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER



 **THE REDEEMER PRIMARY SCHOOL**
BB2 4JJ

 **£20 PER DAY & £90 FULL WEEK BOOKINGS**
10% OFF FOR SIBLING BOOKINGS

 **DROP OFF: 8.30-9AM & PICK UP: 3-3.30PM**

 **TO BOOK:**
info@foxfoundationfootball.co.uk

- DAILY AWARDS, CERTIFICATES & TROPHIES
- ACTION PACKED DAYS OF SPORTS & ACTIVITIES
- SOCIAL, PHYSICAL & TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT
- EXPERIENCED, QUALIFIED & DBS CERTIFIED STAFF
- ESTABLISHED IN 2021





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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 96.4%

Well done to **Year 4** who had the best attendance in the school last week!



Weekly Attendance

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
95.48%	95.59%	93.33%	95.98%	98.85%	94.97%	94%

Weekly Lates

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
5	1	4	6	7	5	2



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Congratulations

Well done to the following children for being chosen to receive an award:



	Stars of the week		Value's in Practice award winners (V.I.Ps)	
	25th September	2nd October	25th September	2nd October
Reception ((Miss Keegan))	Harris & William	Rohaam & David	Aurora	Hugo
Year 1 (Miss Kay)	Iremide & Dominic	Whole class	Aila Mae	Rowan
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	Laiyla & Amena	Benjamin & Esme	Jaymee-Leigh	Hayley
Year 3 (Mr Eccles)	Zainab & Qasim	Benjamin & Arya	Theo	Isaac
Year 4 (Miss Bateson)	Lily-May & Isla	Nyla & Ellyjah	Ibaad	Alma
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Layla K & Sampson	Willow & Skyla	Hammad	Junior
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Lacey & Mayada	Aimee & Alfie	Ahmed	Reema

Kind Regards,

K. Harrison

Mrs. K Harrison

Headteacher