



St Aidan's

Church of England Primary Academy
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Friday 27th September 2024

Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Hayley Hargreaves

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 29th September

Harvest Worship in School

Monday 30th September

Flu Immunisation in school

Monday 7th October

Y1,2 & 3 DT Week

Thursday 17th October

Poet in school-Poetry week

Friday 18th October

INSET DAY –School closed to pupils

Friday 18th October (1 week)

HALF TERM

Monday 28th October

SCHOOL RE-OPENS

Monday 28th October

Year 4, 5 & 6 DT Week

Tuesday 29th October &

Wednesday 30th October

Parents' Evening

Monday 11th November

Remembrance Worship led by
Year 6

Friday 15th November

Children in Need

Talk and Tales

Talk and Tales Years 1 and 2 This is an opportunity for parents of children in years 1 and 2 to come into their child's classroom and enjoy the class story with them. A time to see oracy in action and engage with your child's reading. The sessions are running every Tuesday at 3.00pm. Please sign in at the office.

Polite reminder with Medical/Dental appointments—please can we ask parents/carers to try and make these appointments outside of the school day.

We know from time to time this is not possible. If this is the case the appointment can **only** be authorised when proof of the appointment has been seen by the office.



Reception Rhyme Time

This is an opportunity for parents/carers and younger siblings of children in Reception to come into the classroom and enjoy Rhyme time with them. The sessions will run every Thursday at 2.50pm starting on Thursday 12th September. Please sign in at the office.





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Thursday 5th December

Whole school Panto visit

Friday 6th December

Snowball Disco

Wednesday 11th December

Infant Nativity

Thursday 12th December

Christmas Jumper/Non-uniform day and Christmas Dinner

Thursday 19th December

Christmas parties

Friday 20th December

Christmas Carols in Church

Friday 20th December

School Closes 1.15pm

Monday 6th January

School re-opens

Celebration Assembly

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



Poetry Takes Centre Stage!

Next week, we're thrilled to be celebrating the wonderful world of poetry with poetry week across school! Each class will be learning a poem, writing different poems, listening to poetry and performing a poem. To top the week off, the renowned poet Paul Cookson will be visiting us on Thursday.



Please note: Because of Mr Cookson's visit, we won't be having our usual Celebration Worship on Thursday.

We can't wait to share this special week with your children and foster a love for language and creativity!

Harvest Donations

We have begun to collect tinned and dried food products for our harvest collection. If you have anything spare, please feel free to donate. This will then be passed to the Billy Project to be distributed to those in need. Thank you

Year 1 will be walking to the Billy Project on Friday 4th October to take any donations, with staff and Rev Alice.



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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 **95%**

Actual Whole School Attendance this week is **95.27%**

Well done to **Year 2** who had the best attendance in school last week!

Enjoy your extra playtime!



Weekly Attendance

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
95.31%	94.55%	100%	97.50%	92.82%	94.44%	94.72%

Weekly Lates

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



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Secondary School Open Evening

Please visit the school website for more information.

Secondary School	Date	Time
Walton-Le-Dale	Thursday 3rd October 2024	5.30pm—7.30pm

Admission to Reception Class & Secondary School 2025

The online admission form for admission to Reception Class and Secondary schools in September 2025 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 2024

Primary School – 15th January 2025

It is extremely important that these deadlines are met as it can affect your chance of



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LET'S GET TALKING

Talking together helps your child develop communication and relationship skills with others and build on their vocabulary



Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

In the news this week

The UK's first teacherless classroom, using AI (artificial intelligence) instead of human teachers, has opened. David Game College, a school in London, began its new course for twenty GCSE pupils in September. The pupils will learn using both AI platforms on their computers and VR (virtual reality) headsets.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What do you imagine it would be like to learn without a teacher? What difficulties do you think might arise? What do you believe the benefits could be?
- > What qualities do you think make a good teacher? Ask others at home. Do you agree on all of the qualities?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss





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Christmas Pantomime 2024 – Jack And The Beanstalk

Our annual trip to Blackburn Empire Theatre is now only 10wks away! This year we will be watching Jack And The Beanstalk Pantomime on Thursday 5th December. The cost of this trip is £7.00 per pupil. We appreciate the current rise in living costs and we have found over the years that parents don't make the payment(s) until December, when this is already a busy and expensive time for everyone, so the payment is available on Schoolmoney. This gives you the opportunity to spread the cost into affordable weekly/monthly payments or alternatively pay the amount in full. It is nice to see that quite a few parents have already made the payment- thank you. For example: paying just 70p per week for 1 weeks or £2.33 per month for 3 months will have one child paid well in advance and without feeling the pinch



House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week

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



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Congratulations

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



	Stars of the week	Value's in Practice award winners (V.I.Ps)
Reception (Miss Keegan)	Carson & Mariam	Abdul
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Alfie H & Laiyla	Jaymee-Leigh
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	Blanka & Theo	Fraya-Marie
Year 3 (Miss Kay)	Lexi-Grace & Huzaifa	Diana
Year 4 (Mr Eccles)	Hammad & Trixie	Cole
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Layla & Saud	Bruno
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Hussein & Sky	Cooper

Kind Regards,

K. Harrison

Mrs. K Harrison
Headteacher