



St Aidan's

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



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Friday 4th October 2024

Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Hayley Hargreaves

Dates for the Diary

Monday 7th October

Y1,2 & 3 DT Week

Thursday 17th October

Poet in school

Friday 18th October

**INSET DAY –School closed to pupils
HALF TERM (1 WEEK)**

Monday 28th October

SCHOOL RE-OPENS

Monday 28th October

Year 4, 5 & 6 DT Week

Tuesday 29th October &

Wednesday 30th October

Parents' Evening

Friday 1st November

Light Party

Monday 11th November

Remembrance Worship led by
Year 6

Wednesday 13th November

Y4 Trip-Roman Baths

Admission to Reception Class & Secondary School 2025

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

Harvest Donations

Thank you for all of your kind donations. These have now been passed on to the Billy Project who will distribute to those in need within the local community.



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Friday 15th November
Y5-Woodland Trust Tree planting

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 reopens

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening is fast approaching. This is an important opportunity for you to come and talk to your child(ren)'s class teacher about the progress they have made so far this year. To give you more time to discuss your child's progress, Parents' Evening will be held over two days, Tuesday 29th October and Wednesday 30th October.

Please make your booking via our online booking system - <https://staidanscofe.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

If you have any problems booking an appointment, please contact the office.

Appointments

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.



Class Dojo

Please can we remind parents/carers that this is our preferred way to communicate. It is very important that you download the app to receive important information or messages such as cancelled clubs.



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Light Party

If you would like your child to attend please make payment via Teachers2Parents.
There will be glow sticks available to buy on the night.



Class Trips



As part of the pupils theme work, class trips have been organised for the following classes:-

Y4-Roman Baths

Y5-Tree planting

Please note: A packed lunch will be provided by the school for pupils who normally have a school meal.

Trips are also being arranged for other year groups and you will be informed of these in due course.

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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 **95.98%**

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
96.86%	96.88%	97.33%	96.98%	94.83%	95%	95.28%

Weekly Lates

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



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LET'S GET TALKING

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



In the news this week

Book publishing company, Penguin Random House UK, has revealed a new book vending machine at Linlithgow Academy, near Edinburgh, Scotland. The machine gives the pupils access to more than seventy different books from Penguin's 'Lit in Colour' reading lists. The reading lists, set up around four years ago, are updated each year and aim to make works by writers of colour more visible and accessible in schools.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Would you like to see a book vending machine in school? Do you think it would be popular?
- > What types of books do you like to read, and who are some of your favourite authors? Ask others at home about their reading preferences.
- > Do you feel it's important to know about the author of a book you read? Is it important to you to read books by authors from different backgrounds and with different experiences? What do others at home think?



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Christmas Pantomime 2024 – Jack And The Beanstalk

Our annual trip to Blackburn Empire Theatre on Thursday 5th December is now only **9wks** away! The cost of this trip is £7.00 per pupil.

We still have a large amount of payments outstanding, although a further 21 payments have been received since last Friday. Please can we ask parents to try and make this payment before half term, Thursday 17th October as this has been available to pay since February.

Thank you to the parents that have already paid.

We are at risk of having to cancel this if we do not collect enough money. This will be monitored over the next few weeks before a decision is made.



House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week



HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
94%	100%	98%	94%



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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)	Aila-Mae & Athena	Dominic
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Whole class	Loulou
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	Texas & David	Reggie
Year 3 (Miss Kay)	Chimamanda & Leighton	Emily
Year 4 (Mr Eccles)	Layla E & Achillea	Layla K
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Inaya & Anas	Aimee
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Cameron & Marissa	Harriett

Kind Regards,

K. Harrison

Mrs. K Harrison
Headteacher