



St Aidan's

Church of England Primary Academy
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Friday 11th October 2024

Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

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Updated attendance policy.

Our attendance and punctuality policy has been updated in line with DfE statutory guidance. Our policy can be found here: <https://staidansblackburn.co.uk/key-information/attendance>

The main changes include:

- Supporting families to attend school every day, on time (8:50am)
- 5 days off school unauthorised can lead to a fine
- Lates can now also lead to unauthorised absences– 10 lates can lead to a fine and prosecution
- All schools now have to provide a sickness return to the local authority if a pupil has had 15 days of illness
- If lates and absences continue and voluntary 'support first' has not been effective, we will work with the local authority, to formalise and intensify the support with meetings
- Please be aware that the new legislation does not allow schools to authorise any holidays in term time

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mrs Trencher so that we can offer support for your child and family.

Thanks, Mrs Harrison





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Be Internet Legends

All pupils will be involved in this as part of our AI assembly on Tuesday 15th October.

Parents are able to watch the assembly live or after the event. Look out for the link on dojo.

Celebration worship



There will be no celebration assembly next Thursday, 17th October as we have a special visitor in school-Poet, Paul Cookson.



In other news..... Jenub, one of our year 6 pupils has been scouted for Blackburn Rovers. What fantastic news this is! We are all incredibly proud of Jenub and we wish him all the best.





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Dates for the Diary

Thursday 17th October

Poet in school

Friday 18th October

HALF TERM (1 WEEK)

Monday 28th October

SCHOOL RE-OPENS

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 and parents who did not get accepted into their first choice of secondary school.



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Friday 15th November

Y5-Woodland Trust Tree planting

Wednesday 20th November & Thursday 21st November

Y6-Bikeability

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.

Talk and Tales



Talk and Tales will **not** be on next week,
Tuesday 15th October.



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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 **96%**

Actual Whole School Attendance this week is **96.5%**

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

Enjoy your extra playtime!



Weekly Attendance

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
99.48%	96.6%	97.67%	95.56%	95.4%	95.28%	96.94%

Weekly Lates

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
3	9	3	5	6	5	5



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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

E-commerce company, Amazon, has told all staff they need to return to the office five days a week next year, ending the option to work from home. In a message to all workers, Chief Executive Andy Jassy said the company expected everyone to be in the office full time (apart from some exceptions) from 2nd January, 2025. Amazon's new policy is very different from the UK government's approach, which is to make flexible working a right for employees, as promised in a new law proposal, due to be announced later this year.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you believe Amazon's decision is fair? Talk to someone at home, do they agree?
- > Do you think you might prefer working from home, or from a workplace with others? Why?



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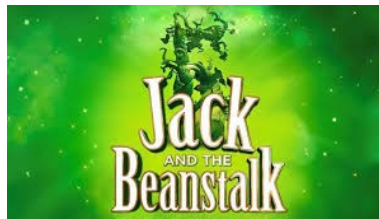
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Christmas Pantomime 2024 – Jack And The Beanstalk

Our annual trip to Blackburn Empire Theatre on Thursday 5th December is now only **8wks** away! The cost of this trip is £7.00 per pupil.

Thank you to all parents that have made the payment so far. Can all outstanding payments please be made before half term, Thursday 17th October.

We are at risk of having to cancel this if we do not collect enough money. A decision will be made after half term.



St Aidan's Church

All are welcome to attend the Pumpkin service being held in church on Tuesday 29th October.

House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week



HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
98%	100%	94%	90%



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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)	Aisha & Odea	Sabriya
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Nana & Aamena	Farzad
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	Billy & Zainab	Aliza
Year 3 (Miss Kay)	Lily & Alma	Ava
Year 4 (Mr Eccles)	Oscar & Emily	Ibrahim
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Richelle & Avery	Batool
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Jenub & Rafal	Hollie-May

Kind Regards,

K. Harrison

Mrs. K Harrison
Headteacher