St Aidan's Church of England Primary Academy

Cidari Multi Academy Trust

'I came that they may have life and live it to the full' John 10.10

Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Hayley Hargreaves

Newsletter 6

Friday 6th November 2026

A message from Mrs Harrison

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break with your families. The children have returned refreshed, settled straight back into their routines, and are ready for the exciting weeks ahead. This second half-term is always a wonderful—and exceptionally busy—time in the school calendar. While the full swing of the "silly season" and Christmas festivities will be here before we know it, we have a packed learning timetable and several key events planned before then.

Please be sure to check our Upcoming Diary Dates and add them to your calendar so you don't miss out on what's coming up.

With many local organised fireworks displays taking place across the weekend, we wish everyone attending a fantastic evening. Please stay safe.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. Let's make this a fantastic half-term!

Mrs Harrison

Dates for your diary



Wednesday 11th November- Remembrance service in church Led by Y6

Friday 13th November- Children in need day

W/C 16th November- Anti Bullying week//Wear odd socks Monday 16th November

Friday 4th December- Snowball Disco

Monday 7th December- School Panto trip

Wednesday 9th December- Infants Nativity

Thursday 10th December- Christmas Jumper day/Christmas Dinner day

Wednesday 16th December- Christmas Craft Afternoon

Thursday 17th December- Christmas Parties AM/PM

Friday 18th December- Christmas Carols in church 9:30am&Selection box raffle

Friday 18th December- School closes 1:15pm for Half term

Tuesday 5th January- School Reopens

Christmas Pantomime 2026 - Aladdin



We are excited for our upcoming trip to see the Aladdin Pantomime at the Blackburn Empire Theatre on Monday 7th December 2026.

Cost: £7.00 per pupil

Payment Method: SchoolMoney app

Payment Options: Pay in full or spread the cost into weekly/monthly instalments

Deadline: Friday 27th November 2026

A huge thank you to those who have already paid. Please ensure your balance is settled by Friday 27th November. To secure our group booking, we need all balances paid by this date. If too many payments are outstanding, we may unfortunately have to cancel the trip—something we really want to avoid!

Thank you for your support in making this festive tradition happen for the children!

Y6 Bike ability

Year 6 Bike ability will take place on Monday 9th November, 10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm in school. If your child has a bike or helmet at home, they will need to bring them into school on



the day.

Poppy sale

Poppy Sales have started! We have keyrings and wristbands available for £1 and we are asking for a donation of your choice for Poppies. If your child would like to purchase a poppy please send the appropriate cash into school with them and ask them to hand this to their teacher so they can buy something when our Y6 pupils bring the items to their class. Thank you!



School Admissions

School admissions for both primary and secondary places are now open for the upcoming academic year. Please note that the application deadline for secondary school places is Saturday, October 31, 2026, while the deadline for primary school applications is Friday, January 15, 2027. Please refer to the posters around the school for further details, and do not hesitate to contact the school office if you require any assistance or support with your application.

https://staidansblackburn.co.uk/key-information/admissions







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.



Community CPR Morning



Allergy Awareness



Following the introduction of the new 'Benedict's Law' for schools, we are strengthening our allergy safety measures to protect children who are at risk of severe allergic reactions.

We kindly ask that you remain highly allergy aware and strictly avoid sending any nuts, peanut butter, or nut-based products in your child's lunchboxes or for breaktime snacks. Your vigilance and cooperation are absolutely vital in helping us keep everyone safe at school. Our updated policy can be found on our school website.

Thank you.

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.



Anti-Bullying week

Odd Socks Day is Coming! Get ready to celebrate individuality and uniqueness a St Aidan's! On Monday 16th November, we're having Odd Socks Day. Encourage your child to come to school wearing their wackiest, most mismatched socks! Let's have some fun and spread the message of acceptance and diversity!



Remembrance service in church



Attendance this week

This week, our whole-school attendance was 95.5%, which is just slightly below our 96% target.

Reception 95.5%

Year 1 92.8%

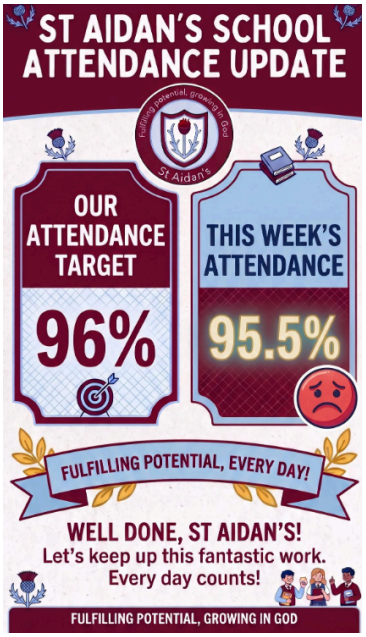
Year 2 97.0% ⭐

Year 3 100% 🏅

Year 4 91.1%

Year 5 97.2% ⭐

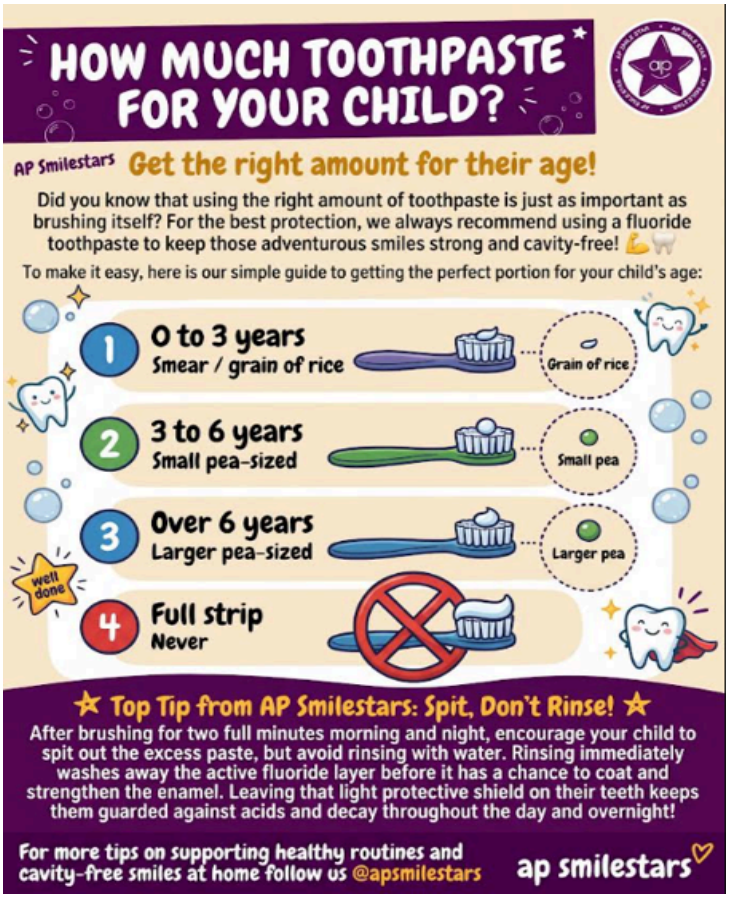
Year 6 92.3%







Top Tips from AP Smilestars



St Aidan's Stars

Well done to this week's Stars of the week, VIPs and Oracy stars! These children have been noticed for their amazing Values, oracy skills and ability to Shine.



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