



# St Aidan's

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**Thursday 17th October 2024**

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## Recipe 4 Health

Congratulations to Cath, our school cook, for winning a GOLD Recipe 4 Health award. This prestigious award recognises food businesses that prioritise healthy eating, environmental sustainability and social responsibility.

Well done to Cath and her team!



## Summer Reading Challenge

Two of our pupils took part in the annual summer reading challenge run by Blackburn with Darwen Libraries. Here's what Blackburn Central Library had to say:

Dear Teacher,

Thank you for your help with promoting our annual Summer Reading Challenge in Blackburn with Darwen Libraries. Collating all the figures has been a mammoth task in the last few weeks, but I'm delighted to tell you that a grand total of **1,080** children across the Blackburn with Darwen borough enrolled on our 'Marvellous Makers' challenge during the summer months, and **556** of these went on to read 6 library books and complete the challenge.

According to our records, the following pupils from your school have completed the challenge and we wanted to let you know about this in case you wanted to include them in a special celebration assembly.

Reema Y5

Ruby Y6

As with any exercise of this type, we have done our very best to ensure that school lists are as accurate as possible, but if we have inadvertently missed anyone from the list, then we apologise most sincerely.

Well done to Reema and Ruby!



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## Dates for the Diary

**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

**Tuesday 12th November**

Odd Socks Day

**Wednesday 13th November**

Y4 Trip-Roman Baths

**Friday 15th November**

Children in Need

Y5-Woodland Trust Tree planting

## **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**



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## Dates for the Diary

**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 for Year 2 on Tuesday 29th October.



## Odd Socks day



Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024



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### Poet—Paul Cookson

We have had a special visitor in school today, Paul has joined us as part of Poetry week. The whole school enjoyed an assembly with him. Please check your child/ren's class dojo pages for more photos/information about the day.



In other news.....a huge well done to Noah-Scott in year 1 who has raised £77.00 for our school funds. Thank you Noah-Scott.



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## Children's University Half Term Challenges

**Autumn Challenges 2024**

**Before you begin...**

- Choose a challenge from those listed overleaf. Discuss your ideas with your parent/carer to agree as to where you might need some help. Please be sure that you have permission before you begin your task, even when you are carrying out research on the computer!
- You must provide some evidence that you have taken part in the activity. For example, you could take a photograph, write a diary, draw a picture of your day, make a digital presentation, make a voice or video recording, or a letter from an adult.
  - In your evidence you may like to include:
    - The dates/times of the activity.
    - What was the easiest and hardest part of the challenge?
    - Would you do anything differently if you did the challenge again?
    - What else would you like to go on and do now?
- You can complete as many activities as you wish. The more you complete the more hours you can claim!
- Please ask an adult to send your evidence to Sara Burton on 07805929965 or s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk. Alternatively, if your school asks, you can send it in with your passport after the holidays.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask Sara Burton.

Remember, **ALWAYS** ask your parent or carer before doing any of the challenges!

Make a winter collage. Why not use leaves and twigs if you can?



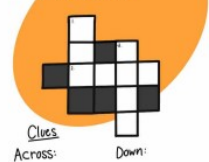
Have a go at bark rubbing (or similar).



With the nights drawing in and getting colder, why not design your own winter coat!



Create your own crossword or word search and ask a family member to complete it.



The Northern Lights have been seen a few times this year. Find out some information about what they are.



Why not make some cakes - can you decorate them with a spooky theme?



Can you create your own Autumn theme matching pairs game? Ask a family member to play it with you!



Watch a film (you can choose) and write a review.





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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**

**Y5-Liverpool Museum**

**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 **90.3%**

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
93.23%	98.15%	100%	92.22%	92.53%	95.69%	95.56%

### Weekly Lates

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
2	3	0	1	1	3	1



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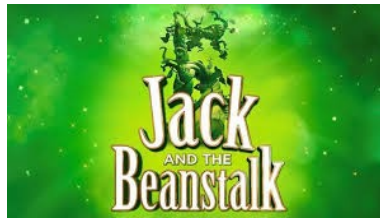
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## **Christmas Pantomime 2024 – Jack And The Beanstalk**

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, however there are still 81 pupils with payment outstanding. Please can we give this a really big push and try and get these payments in over the half term holidays.

**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%	98%	100%	100%





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## Half Term Activities-Family hub

**Free October Half Term Activities at the Family Hubs and Children Centre's**

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October		
Wensley fold Children's centre	1.00pm-2.00pm	Breastfeeding support group
Highercroft Children's centre	1.00pm-2.00pm	Pumpkin Spice and All Things Nice
Family hub Darwen	1.00pm-2.00pm	Autumn Nature Trail
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October		
Family Hub Darwen	10.00am-11.00am	Pumpkin Spice and All Things Nice
Hancock St Children's Centre	1.00pm-2.00pm	Messy Magic
Family Hub Livesey	1.00pm-2.00pm	Breastfeeding Support Group
Family Hub Little Harwood	1.30pm-2.30pm	Autumn Nature Trail
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October		
Family Hub Shadsworth	9.30am-11.00am	Magical Woodland Adventure
Family Hub Shadsworth	1.00pm-2.00pm	Breastfeeding Support Group
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October		
Family Hub Shadsworth	11.00am-12.00am	Messy Magic
Family Hub Little Harwood	12.30pm-1.30pm	Breastfeeding Support Group
Family Hub Livesey	1.00pm-2.00pm	Pumpkin Spice and All Things Nice
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October		
Family Hub Livesey	10.00am-11.00am	Autumn Nature Trail
Family Hub Darwen	10.00am-11.00am	Breastfeeding Support Group
Family Hub Little Harwood	1.00pm-2.00pm	Pumpkin Spice and All Things Nice
Highercroft Children's Centre	1.00pm-2.00pm	Messy Magic

Kind Regards,

*K. Harrison*

Mrs. K Harrison  
Headteacher