



St Aidan's

Church of England Primary Academy
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'I came that they may have life and live it to the full' John 10.10



Friday 19th December

Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Hayley Hargreaves

Dear parents and carers

"As another busy term draws to a close—and my first full year as Headteacher comes to a finish—I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a restful New Year break.

I'd also like to share my deepest gratitude with our incredible staff for their tireless dedication throughout this year as we reflect on our GOOD Ofsted and SIAMS report.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, **January 5th, 2026**.

Mrs Harrison



St Aidan's Christmas Advent Story Countdown

Please don't miss our Christmas Advent story countdown on Class Dojo and Facebook. During the run up to Christmas there will be a mystery guest reading a bedtime story at 7:30pm.

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Dates for the diary:-

School reopens Monday 5th
January 8:40am.

Club sign up 08/01/26

Clubs start 12/01/26

Geography show its week
19/01/26

NSPCC number day-parents
invited 06/02/26

Children's mental health week
09/02/26

Safer internet day 10/02/26

Half term school closes
13/02/26

School reopens 23/02/26

Outward Bound Residential Trip

The Outward Bound residential trip is now full. We have had to reduce the 24 places to 12 due to lack of payments as the deadline was today.

If you have not made any payments your child will not have made the 12.





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Carol Service

Thank you to Year 6 for leading the school Carol Service so beautifully in Church this morning. If you were able to attend, I'm sure you'll agree it was fantastic!

Selection Box Raffle

Thank you to everyone that has bought a raffle ticket for our Selection Box raffle. The money raised will go to our school funds. Well done to everyone that won one!

We raised a total off.....**£239.40!**



Christmas Craft Afternoon

The craft session on Wednesday afternoon was a great success! Plenty of glitter, paint and glue was used to create some wonderful items. Thankyou to all parents/carers who came to join us. And for your donations to our school funds.

We received a total of.....**£73.95!**

Our meerkat raffle raised.....**£57.40!**





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Congratulations

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



	VIPS	Stars of the week
	18th December	18th December
Reception ((Miss Abbotts))	Daniel	Prosper&Ariah
Year 1 (Miss Kay)	Aisha	Iremide&Carson
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	Lola	Benjamin&Summa
Year 3 (Mr Eccles)	Billy	Theo&Arya
Year 4 (Miss Bateson)	Chimamanda	
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Achillea	Noor& Layla E
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Hassan	Nour&Avery

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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 %

Well done to **Year 1** who had the best attendance in the school this week!

Weekly Attendance

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
91.67%	98.96%	92.56%	93.89%	96.26%	94.44%	91.09%

Weekly Lates

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
12	1	6	5	10	10	8

House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week



HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
100%	100%	100%	100%



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Children's University

Well done to the below children who have received certificates from the children's university.

Name	Year group	Reason
Inaya	Year 6	Inaya has reached 100 hours! She also did the summer reading challenge at the library which has helped her to get to the gold award.
Elise	Year 5	Elise has now achieved her bronze award. Well done.
Chimamanda	Year 4	Working really hard on clubs as well as completing the summer reading challenge.
Aliyza	Year 3	Achieved her bronze award.
Jaymee-Leigh Freeman	Year 2	Currently on 39 hours. Great attendance at clubs this term.
Dominic Gilbert	Year 1	Currently on 17 hours already and only been a member of one term!



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Winter Half Term Challenges 2025

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:
 - o The dates/times of the activity.
 - o What was the easiest and hardest part of the challenge?
 - o Would you do anything differently if you did the challenge again?
 - o 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.



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

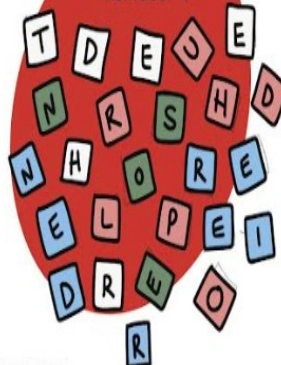
Write a story using this title - "Mr Snowman and the Lost Nose".



Make a table decoration.



How many words can you find from "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer".



Write down 6 things that you are grateful for.



Draw your own reindeer and add 4 facts about them.



Design a Christmas card and give it to a friend, family member, or neighbour.



Australia is one of the first countries to celebrate the start of the new year. Write a fact sheet about Australia.



Make some biscuits and decorate them. Why not share them with your family or friends?



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WHAT WE DO
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#ONAJOURNEY

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FOUNDATION PROGRAMME U4s - U6s SATURDAY(S) ACCRINGTON BWD CHORLEY	3v3s LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE U5s - U7s MONDAY(S) BWD	DEVELOPMENT SQUAD <small>INVITE ONLY</small> U5s - U8s SATURDAY(S) TUESDAY(S) BWD
LIONS BIRTHDAY PARTY	HOLIDAY CLUBS BURNLEY CHORLEY OSWALDTWISTLE	1-2-1 PRIVATE SESSION MAY-SEPT

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