



St Aidan's

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



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



Friday 12th December

Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Hayley Hargreaves

Dear parents and carers

As we enter the third week of Advent on Sunday, the candle of Joy is lit, reminding us of the nearness of Christ's arrival. We will share this joy with our children next week through our Christmas craft afternoon, parties and carols at the Church next Friday 19th December. We finish for Christmas at 1;15pm next Friday.



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:-

Wednesday 17th December:-
Christmas craft afternoon
1:15pm– 2:45pm

Thursday 18th December:-
Christmas parties

Friday 19th December:

Christmas carols in church
9am and school closes at
1:15pm

School reopens Monday 5th
January 8:40am.

School Closing Time for Christmas

**School closes for the Christmas
break on Friday 19th December
at 1.15pm.**

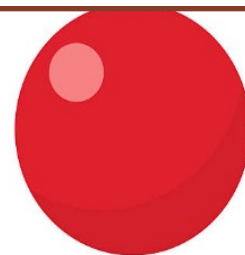
**We will return for Spring Term on
Monday 5h January at 8.40am,**

**Breakfast Club will start at
7:45am.**



Christmas Parties

The children will be having their
Christmas parties on Thursday 18th
December and this will be a non-
uniform day for our pupils. Please
ensure sensible footwear is worn,





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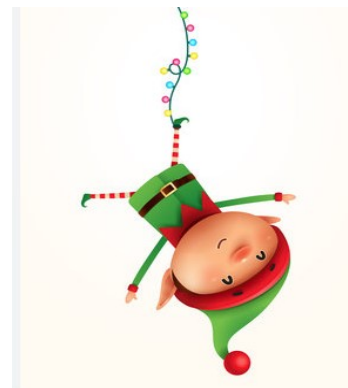
Christmas Craft Afternoon

Christmas craft afternoon is back in time for the festive period. This year the craft afternoon is on Wednesday 17th December.

We are asking that parents arrive by 1:15pm and bring a £1 donation to cover the cost of the craft supplies.

There will be tea/coffee/biscuits available in the hall until school finishes.

Due to health and safety reasons, we cannot accommodate siblings and we can only offer each child **one** parent/carer place. The cost of this is just £1.00 and is payable at the office as you arrive and sign in.



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Infant Nativity

What a wonderful nativity performance from all of our fantastic infants on Wednesday. Two performances in one day! Thank you to all parents/carers who came to watch. We raised £76.00 from the raffle which will go to our school funds.

Year 4 Swimming

No swimming next week due to Christmas parties.



Selection Box Raffle

We are having a selection box raffle on Friday 19th December. We are raising money for school funds. The raffle tickets are on sale for **20p per ticket or £1.00 a strip.**



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Congratulations

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

	Stars of the week		Value's in Practice award winners (V.I.Ps)	
	4th December	11th December	4th December	11th December
Reception ((Miss Keegan))	Paisley&sebastian	ALL	Dumtolisa	Mercedes
Year 1 (Miss Kay)	Rowan&Luke	ALL	Abdul	Odea
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	Praise&Perez	ALL	Munachi	Scarlett
Year 3 (Mr Eccles)	Blanka&Fatima	Fraya&annabella	Chloe	Isaac
Year 4 (Miss Bateson)	Ibaad&Bella	Nyla&Oakleyy	Alana	David
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Skyla&Chimbueze	Oscar&Beatrix	Mason	Tobias
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Ahmed&Huriya	Emmie&Paige E	Ahmad	Abbie

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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
94.3%

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

Weekly Attendance

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
93.06%	98.96%	90.91%	92.22%	95.98%	94.14%	92.8%

Weekly Lates

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
14	1	6	9	7	7	2

House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week.



HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
98%	84%	80%	100%

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EVERY DAY IS AN OPEN DAY

Selecting the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. To help you with this, we would like to invite you and your child into our school to discover what is truly special about our school and the education we provide.

Our informal guided tours take place during a normal school day, so you can meet our wonderful staff and children. Our Headteacher will take great pride in showing you around, giving you the greatest opportunity to see a school day in action.

To book a personal tour please contact the school office - 01254 53148 or email staooffice@cidari.co.uk

'Here children are able to flourish'
SIAMS - October 2025

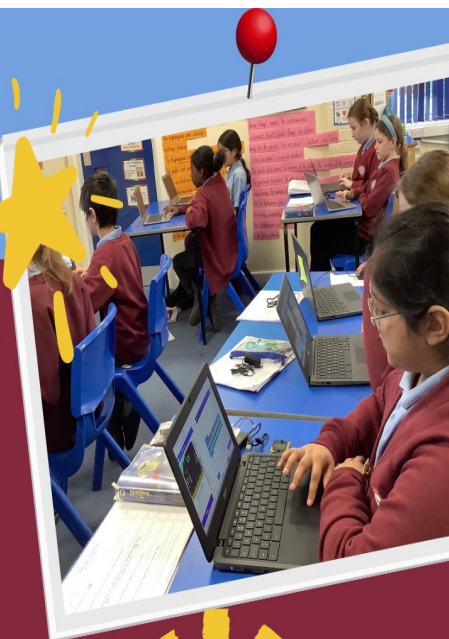


We are good in all 5 areas
Ofsted - Feb 2025.

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BLACKBURN COUNCIL

2026
School
ADMISSION

APPLICATION DEADLINE
Secondary - 31st October 2025
Primary - 15th January 2026

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admissions@blackburn.gov.uk

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**CHILD CARE EXCELLENCE
PROMOTING ACTIVE
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**COLLECTION SERVICE
FROM ST AIDAN'S C of E**

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

At Meadowhead Infants
Monday - Friday 3pm - 6pm

5 STAR REVIEWS
#GetActiveGoodHabits

Light
hot and
cold tea
provided

**£10
per day**

Text/Call: 07783165251

 School's Out Holiday Squad  Schoolsoutholidaysquad  @Schoolsoutsquad



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Sports

Football
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Hockey
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And many more!

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Arts & Crafts
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And many more!

REGISTER NOW!

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ALWAYS

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**FREE
SCHOOL MEALS**

You may qualify for free school meals if you are in receipt of Government support or have an income below £16,190

**APPLY
NOW!**

 www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-and-pupil-support/school-meal

 01254 666605 (option 3)  admissions@blackburn.gov.uk

Free school meals

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals please see the below leaflet on how to apply. If you have any problems please contact the school office and we can support you in making your application.



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**YEAR 7
TASTER DAY**

5 March 2026 | 09:15 – 15:00

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OPEN EVENING

Thursday 26 February 2026
17:00 – 19:00

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