



St Aidan's

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



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



Friday 9th January 2026

Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Hayley Hargreaves

Welcome Back and Happy New Year

A very warm welcome back to the Spring Term; I hope you and your families enjoyed a peaceful and holy Christmas break. As we move through the season of Epiphany, we reflect on the themes of light and revelation, looking forward to the new opportunities this year will bring.

With this spirit of a fresh start, we wish to remind all parents of the **vital importance of excellent attendance.** Every single day in the classroom matters. **We ask for your full support in ensuring your child attends school every day and arrives on time. Consistent attendance is the key to success.**

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Dates for the Diary

W/C 12/01– Afterschool club start

W/C 19/01– Geography show it week

06/02– NSPCC Number day

W/C 09/02– Children's Mental Health week

10/02– Safer internet day

**13/02– School closes for half term
3:20pm**



Talk and tales

Talk and tales year 1 and 2, this is an opportunity for parents/carers of children in year 1 and 2 to come into their child's classroom and enjoy the class story with them. A time to see oracy in action and engage with your child's reading. The sessions will be Tuesday 20th January and Tuesday 10th February at 3pm.

Goodbye Mr Rooney,

After nearly 26 years of service, Mr Rooney has left his post as site supervisor. We thank him for his commitment to St Aidan's since the year of 2000 and wish him well in his next chapter. We are currently making interim arrangements to ensure the school site continues to run smoothly.

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Admissions to Reception Class 2025

The online admission form for admission to Reception class 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 of September 2021 and 31st of August 2022), please ensure you complete the online admission form. The closing date is:-

Primary School - 15th January 2025

It is extremely important that the deadline is met as it can affect your chance of being offered your first choice school.





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Meet Nadia Jones, our Family Support Worker

We are very pleased to welcome Nadia Jones to our school family. Nadia is available to support parents and carers with any challenges you may be facing outside of the classroom. You can book a meeting with her regarding issues such as:

- Establishing positive home routines and behavior
 - Attendance and punctuality support
 - Housing or financial concerns
 - General family wellbeing

Please come and say hello to Nadia when you see her on the school playground!





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After school clubs

After school clubs start next week, 12th January. Please see below for more information on the clubs we are running this term. Please remember that after school club finishes at 4:15pm and children will need to be collected from school unless agreed otherwise. Limited places available.



Club	Day	Starts	Finishes
Dodgeball	Tuesday	Tuesday 13th Jan	Tuesday 10th Feb
3D Printing	Tuesday	Tuesday 13th Jan	Tuesday 17th March
Lego club	Thursday	Thursday 15th Jan	Thursday 19th March



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Christmas Pantomime

Our yearly trip to Blackburn Empire Theatre to watch the Peter Pan Pantomime is on Monday 7th December. The cost of this trip is **£7.00** per pupil.

It's great to see that some parents have already paid—thank you.

We appreciate that Christmas has only just been and gone and we know that you don't want to be thinking about next Christmas or you don't want to make any payment(s) until closer to December, when this is already a busy and expensive time for everyone, so with this in mind we have added the payment to Schoolmoney now to give you the opportunity to spread the cost into affordable weekly/monthly payments or alternatively, if you wish, you can pay the amount in full.



House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week.



HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
98%	98%	98%	98%



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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 is **92.66%**



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



Weekly Attendance

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
93.1%	95.83%	93.18%	94.25%	89.88%	91.14%	92.53%

Weekly Lates

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
4	1	2	4	6	3	3



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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.P's)
Reception (Miss Abbott)	Hugo&Karson	Harris
Year 1 (Miss Kay)	Ronnie&Athena	Pixie-lou
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	Esme&Hayley	Alfie-george
Year 3 (Mr Eccles)	Tommy&Aliza	Amelia
Year 4 (Mrs Hargreaves)	Lexi-lou&Eliyah	Oliver
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Cole&Jessica	Elise
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Bruno&Eric	Inaya

Kind Regards,

K. Harrison

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St Aidan's Tots

A group for 0-4s and their grown-ups
@ St Aidan's Church, Mill Hill



Monday's in term time
10am til 11.30am
Toys, snack time, songs and
a story from the Bible
Suggested donation - £1.50 per family



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