



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 23rd October 2025

Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Hayley Hargreaves

A Whirlwind Start to the Term!

What a truly busy and brilliant start we've had to the new school year! We've been focused on inspiring our children and providing unique opportunities. It was fantastic to welcome Olympic gymnast Beth Tweddle for a special assembly aimed at raising aspirations and encouraging our students to aim high. A group of our students also had the incredible opportunity to meet and chat with the celebrated children's author and poet, Michael Rosen and we've launched our very first group of St Aidan's Digital Leaders, empowering students to help lead the way in using technology safely across school and at home.

Learning has been happening both inside and outside the classroom. We had an important visit from the dentist to speak to the children about oral health and our Year 5 and Year 1 children have already enjoyed exciting and informative school trips. Our annual Harvest Festival celebration in school was a beautiful service, and thank you all for your kind donations. And finally, a huge shout-out to our girls' football team for their fantastic efforts in last night's matches!

We also recently had our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection. We are very pleased with how the day went and I am pleased to now share the findings of the SIAMS report, please follow the below link to read this report.

<https://staidansblackburn.co.uk/church-distinctiveness/siams>

Two significant events that truly stood out from the last 8 weeks was the visit from the Archbishop of York. We were incredibly honored to be one of only two primary schools in the whole of the North of England to host the Archbishop.

As we look towards the next half term and the lead-up to Christmas, please be warned—it's going to be just as busy! Make sure you check the 'Dates for your Diary' section of the newsletter for all the festive performances and events.

A gentle reminder: The payment for the Pantomime trip is due—oh yes, it is! Please ensure this is paid promptly to secure your child's place.

Finally, we have some wonderful news to share. We would like to congratulate Miss Keegan, who will be starting her maternity leave at Christmas. We wish her all the very best and a truly joyful time as she prepares for her new arrival. We are also pleased to confirm that Miss Abbotts will be returning to school to cover her class from the start of the Spring term in January; after teaching alongside Miss Keegan last year.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I wish you all a restful and safe half term,

Mrs Harrison



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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

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.

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Education is the key
to unlocking the
world, a passport to
freedom.

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BLACKBURN with DARWEN
BOROUGH COUNCIL

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



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2026
School
ADMISSION

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

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Dates for the Diary

w/c Monday 10th November:-

Anti Bullying week, Odd sock day.

Tuesday 11th November-

Remembrance worship-Year 6

Friday 14th November-

Children in need day

w/c Monday 24th November:-

Assessment week, inc phonics and know it week

w/c Monday 1st December:-

Last week for after school clubs

Friday 12th December:-

Snowball Disco

Wednesday 10th December:-

Infant nativity

Thursday 11th December:-

Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day

Thursday 18th December:-

Christmas parties

Friday 19th December:-

Christmas carols in church am, school closes at 13:15pm



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Admission to Reception Class & Secondary School 2026

The online admission form for admission to Reception Class and Secondary schools in September 2026 is now 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 2025

Primary School – 15th January 2026

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. If you do not have access to the internet please contact the school office to arrange an appointment to complete the application online.

House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week.



HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
100%	98%	98%	98%



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OCTOBER 2025 HALF TERM SPORT COURSE

MONDAY 27TH - FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER



 **THE REDEEMER PRIMARY SCHOOL**
BB2 4JJ

 **£20 PER DAY & £90 FULL WEEK BOOKINGS**
10% OFF FOR SIBLING BOOKINGS

 **DROP OFF: 8.30-9AM & PICK UP: 3-3.30PM**

 **TO BOOK:**
info@foxfoundationfootball.co.uk

- DAILY AWARDS, CERTIFICATES & TROPHIES
- ACTION PACKED DAYS OF SPORTS & ACTIVITIES
- SOCIAL, PHYSICAL & TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT
- EXPERIENCED, QUALIFIED & DBS CERTIFIED STAFF
- ESTABLISHED IN 2021





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PATH CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Peer Advice to Transform Health & wellbeing

**Are you a parent/carer living in
Blackburn with Darwen?**

**We are here to help you understand and
respond to your child's emotional and mental
health, through peer support, workshops,
guest speakers, and direct, virtual and
in-person support.**



Anxiety

Low mood & depression

Self-harm

Eating disorders

Sleep problems

Suicidal thoughts

Obsessions/compulsions

**Livsey Family hub
(9:30am - 12:45pm)**



**Shadsworth Family hub
(9:30am - 12:45pm)**



**Darwen Family hub
(9:30am - 12:45pm)**



**Hancock Street
(9:30am-12:45pm)**



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Christmas Pantomime 2025—Snow White

Our yearly trip to Blackburn Empire Theatre to watch the Snow White Pantomime is on Monday 1st 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.



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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 95%



Well done to **Year 3** who had the best attendance in the school last week!



Weekly Attendance

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
94.72%	96.35%	91.67%	98.33%	95.69%	94.14%	91.67%

Weekly Lates

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
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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)
	23rd October	23rd October
Reception ((Miss Keegan))	Merab&Tulisa	Ariana
Year 1 (Miss Kay)	Odea&Abdul	Athena
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	Charlotte&Esme	Nana
Year 3 (Mr Eccles)	Zayan&Aliza	Texas-Rae
Year 4 (Miss Bateson)	Lily-Ann&Oliver	Lena
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Cole&Emily	Noor
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Abbie&Bailey	Batool

Kind Regards,

K. Harrison

Mrs. K Harrison

Headteacher