



St Aidan's

Church of England Primary Academy
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full' John 10.10*



to the
Friday 21st November

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St Aidan's primary academy newsletter 7 Friday 21st November 2025



Polite reminder:

Please be mindful of residents when parking during school drop off/collection. Please try to avoid blocking drive ways or access. We are aware that there is very limited parking near school and understand this can cause difficulties, Thank you.



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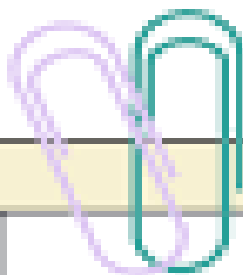
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Dates for the Diary

w/c Monday 24th November:- Assessment week, inc phonics and know it week

w/c Monday 1st December:- Last week for after school clubs

Monday 1st December:- School Christmas panto trip

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 1:15pm



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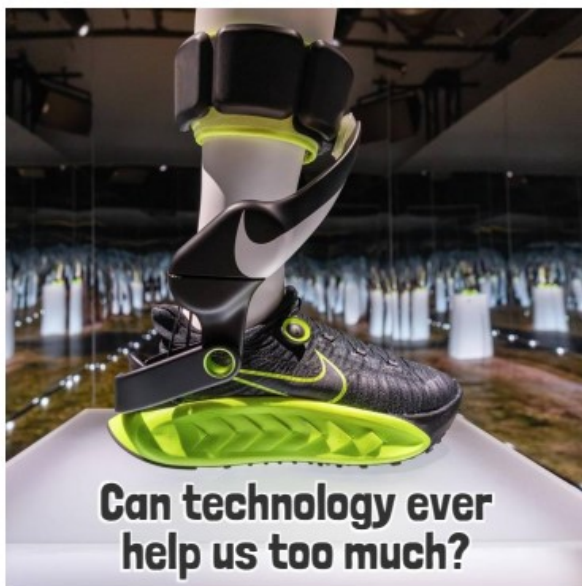
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LET'S GET TALKING

Talking together helps your child develop communication and relationship skills with others and builds on their vocabulary



In the news this week

Nike has revealed a new type of powered shoe, called Project Amplify, which uses small motors to boost a person's walking and running movement. The shoes are designed to reduce tiredness and make everyday movement easier, especially for those who need extra support. Nike says the aim is to help people stay active, independent and mobile in their daily lives.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Explain and share your thoughts with someone at home about the new shoe design.
- > Do you believe everyone should be allowed to use the same technology, or should some things be only for people who really need them?
- > Can you think of other technologies designed to make life easier? Which do you use?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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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.



Digital leaders

Please can all digital leaders ensure they have practiced their lines ready for Worship on Monday 24th November.

Water bottles

Reminder that children do not need to bring a water bottle into school, each child has their own labelled cup and can hydrate throughout the day.





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Aidan's Ambassadors had an amazing time yesterday enjoying spending time in the local community. Everyone really enjoyed themselves and the residents have already requested that we visit again and sign some of Christmas carols. Mrs Moss & Mrs Hargreaves are looking at making this happen.



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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%	92%	98%	98%



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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)	
	13th November	20th November	13th November	20th November
Reception ((Miss Keegan))	Adam&Usman	Natalia&Maja	Hayyahtulah	Hannah
Year 1 (Miss Kay)	Ibrahim&Carson	Athena&Alia-Mae	Boris	Irtaza
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	Lou-Lou&Ella	Somma&Benjamin	Laiyla	Lochlan
Year 3 (Mr Eccles)	Benjamin&Rai	Charlie&Rai	Olivia	Zayan
Year 4 (Miss Bateson)	Ikhlas&Ethan	Lexi-Lou&Diana	Ashleigh	Szebastian
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Elise&Killian	Junior&willow	Balaj	Sampson
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Harry&Inaya	Batool&Reema	Noor	Inaya



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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%



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



Weekly Attendance

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
95%	95.88%	93.33%	99.89%	96.26%	89.51%	91.95%

Weekly Lates

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
9	0	4	4	6	2	7



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Christmas Pantomime 2025—Snow White

Only 2 weeks away!

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. Can all outstanding payments please be made by 21/11/25.

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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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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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)**



**Join
our drop in
sessions**

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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