



Spring Term 2026 Newsletter No.11



Justice

Certificate Awards for Children's Work and Efforts. Well Done this week to:

Year	Justice Award	Worker of the Week	Star Reader	Handwriting	Star Writer
R	Julian	Madison	Archie	Rugayyah	Elsie
1	Isabella	Maks	Essa	Abdul	Sahil
2	Lucia	Sayhan	Aryan	All Y2	Harrison
3	Liyana	Aahil	Subhan	Hope	Tilly
4	Tameka	Anita	Zainab	Joseph	Dua
5	Yalda	Malaika	Aleem	Sara	Marwah
6	Sarmad	Halima	Rayah-Mae	Violet	Shayan

Lateness

Children coming in late causes disruption to their learning and disrupts the children already learning in their class and their teacher too. It also takes time up for staff letting the late children into school and potentially having to walk them down to class. The odd emergency causing delay is understandable but, due to the disruption it causes, regular lateness due to similar reasons each time is not acceptable. Please try to get your children into school on-time.

Earrings

As per the school policy earrings are not allowed to be worn in school. The school staff are not allowed to put plasters over the earrings to allow them to take part in sports activities. PE is part of the national curriculum and children have to take part in these lessons. If earrings are worn the child will not be allowed to do PE lessons.

Information on activities outside school:

- Please see details below of milk provision from April 2026
- Engagement & Wellbeing Buffet Lunch 27th March. See Poster Below
- Easter Holiday Clubs. See Poster Below
- Family Hub activities. See Poster Below

Easter Holiday

Please have a fabulous Easter Break and we look forward to having the children back on Monday 13th April.

Diary 2026

- Friday 27th March, school closes for Easter Holidays at 3:15pm.
- School re-opens for the Summer Term on Monday 13th April

Attendance.

Well done to Year R who received the Attendance Award week. They had the best attendance in the school with 97.8%

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97.8%	89.3%	97.3%	92.9%	95.6%	91.9%	93.3%

Milk

From 13th April, school will offer to provide milk to all children in the school, which will be administered by Cool Milk. The Nursery and Reception children will receive milk automatically and I have registered the YR & N children to receive milk on our new administrator's website,

If you would like the school to provide milk to your child or children in any of the other classes, you can register this on Cool Milks website. www.coolmilk.com. If you change your mind, you can deregister them later.

When registering, there will be the opportunity to state that you are eligible for Free School Meals.

Once registered with Cool Milk, you will deal with them directly including payments for Years 1-6.

Please see the letter below giving more details.

Mrs C. Speakman & Mrs D. Boardman





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In the light of Jesus we love together, hope together and learn together.

17.03.26

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Blackburn with Darwen maintained schools are moving to a milk scheme, administered by Cool Milk, from Monday 13th April 2026.

Mid-morning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch. Children receive free milk up to the age of 5. After that, they can continue to reap the benefits of fresh mid-morning milk at a subsidised cost.

Legally all schools in England have to offer milk to all children in their school. From 13th April the St Alban's Governors have decided that the school will pay for the Nursery and Reception class children only and give parents the option to register their children for school milk at a small cost to parents. If you'd like to opt in, simply register your child at www.coolmilk.com/parents. Once registered you will deal with Cool Milk directly including payments.

Your child will continue to receive free milk whilst under the age of 5 and Cool Milk will get in touch with further information by email shortly before their 5th birthday.

For children who are already over 5, it's not too late- this scheme is flexible! As well as being able to register and make payment straight away, you can join and cancel the scheme at any time. Cool Milk offer yearly, termly and half termly payment periods and a recurring payment option to give you one less thing to remember.



If you already have an online Cool Milk account for a sibling, you can manage your account, make payment and add an extra child by logging on at www.coolmilk.com/parents. Should you have any questions or need any help, send us a message at www.coolmilk.com/contact.

Kind Regards

Mrs Speakman & Mrs Boardman



Blackburn with Darwen

PARENT CARER FORUM & SENDIASS

Engagement & Wellbeing Event!



BUFFET LUNCH PROVIDED!
Vegetarian options & cake!

27th March 2026
11am – 1pm

COMMUNITY CVS,
45 Railway Road, Blackburn

FREE GOODY BAGS FOR ALL ATTENDEES!

For any accessibility, dietary or other
requirements, please contact us:

bwdparentcarerforum@gmail.com



**BOOK
NOW**

GET stuck **IN**

Easter

HOLIDAY CLUBS

YOUR FSM CODE IS:

Please contact
schools office

St Albans Rc Primary (Blackburn)

WWW.GETSTUCKIN.ORG.UK



**Family
Hub**



Darwen | Little Harwood | Livesey | Shadsworth

Free Easter half term activities available at the

Family Hub's, Children's Centre's & Community spaces (0-8 years)

Free Meals Available for children Tuesday 7th April-Friday 10th April at the Family Hubs and Hancock Street Children's Centre
Please contact 01254585000 to book the free meals for children

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Activities</u>
<u>Monday 30th March</u>	10:30am – 11:30am	Hancock St Children's Centre	Spring Time Messy Play
	1:00pm – 2:00 pm	Wensley Fold Children's Centre	Breastfeeding Support Group
	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Highercroft Children's Centre	Step into Spring
	1:00pm – 2:30pm	Family Hub Darwen	Easter Fun
<u>Tuesday 31st March</u>	10:00am – 11:00am	Family Hub Darwen	Watch me grow
	10:00am – 11:30am	Family Hub Little Harwood	Easter Fun
	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Hancock St Children's Centre	Easter crafts
	1:00pm-2:00pm	Family Hub Livesey	Breastfeeding Support Group
<u>Wednesday 1st April</u>	9:30am – 10:30am	Family Hub Shadsworth	Easter Fun
	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Family Hub Shadsworth	Breastfeeding Support Group
	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Hancock St Children's Centre	Step into Spring
	1:00-3:00pm	St Aidans Church	Active Seasons with Refresh, Family Hubs and others
<u>Thursday 2nd April</u>	10:30am – 12:00pm	Family Hub Shadsworth	On the Farm Crafts & Activities
	12:30pm – 1:30pm	Family Hub Little Harwood	Breastfeeding Support Group
	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Family Hub Livesey	Easter Fun
<u>Friday 3rd April</u>	Closed-Good Friday		

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<u>Monday 6th April</u>	Bank Holiday-CLOSED		
<u>Tuesday 7th April</u>	10:00am – 11:30am	Family Hub Darwen	Step into Spring
	10:00am – 11:30am	Family Hub Little Harwood	On the Farm Crafts & Activities
	12:30pm – 1:30pm	Hancock St Children's Centre	Watch me grow
	1:00pm-2:00pm	Family Hub Livesey	Breastfeeding Support Group
	1:00-3:00pm	Corporation Park	Active Spring with Refresh, Family Hubs and others
<u>Wednesday 8th April</u>	10:00am – 11:30am	Family Hub Shadsworth	Spring Time Messy Play
	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Family Hub Shadsworth	Breastfeeding Support Group
	12:30pm – 1:30pm	Hancock St Children's Centre	On the Farm Crafts & Activities
	1:00-3:00pm	Whitehall Park-Darwen	Active Spring with Refresh, Family Hubs and others
<u>Thursday 9th April</u>	10:30am – 12:00pm	Family Hub Shadsworth	Watch me grow
	12:30pm – 1:30pm	Family Hub Little Harwood	Breastfeeding Support Group
	12:30pm – 1:30pm	Family Hub Livesey	On the Farm Crafts & Activities
<u>Friday 10th April</u>	10:00-11:00am	Family Hub Darwen	Breastfeeding Support Group
	10:30-11:30am	Family Hub Livesey	Step into Spring
	12:30-1:30pm	Family Hub Little Harwood	Spring Time Messy Play

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