



Autumn Term 2025 Newsletter No.12



Co-operation

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

Co-operation Award

Reception - Mirha
Year 1 - Hunter
Year 2 - Hira
Year 3 - Subhan
Year 4 - Nancy
Year 5 - Nma
Year 6 - Malaikah

Workers of the week

Reception - Lilah-Mae
Year 1 - Sahil
Year 2 - Lucia
Year 3 - Sultan
Year 4 - Joseph
Year 5 - Marcus
Year 6 - Fazeen

Star Reader Award

Reception- Julian
Year 1 - Myrah
Year 2 - Alex
Year 3 - Eliana
Year 4 - Hoorain
Year 5 - Zara
Year 6 - Kash

Safeguarding Children

There have been recent reports of attempted child abduction in the Blackburn with Darwen area. One of these attempts happened in broad daylight when the child was accompanied by their parent. Even though none of these episodes has affected pupils or parents from St Alban's we are asking you to be extra vigilant when dropping off and picking up your children from school. We would like to reassure you that the school follows robust safeguarding policies and procedures and staff will continue to be vigilant for any signs of safeguarding issues.

Swimming

The first hired swimming pool for the school is open this Wednesday 26th November for two weeks (ending Tuesday 9th December) for children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Letters have been sent out to parents with swimming and timetable information.

In summary the timetable is over three different weeks: (26-28 Nov, 1-5 Dec & 8-9 Dec):

Year 6 - Every school Day

Wed 26th Nov - Tue 9th Dec inclusive (10 sessions)

Year 3 - Every school Day

Wed 26th Nov - Tue 9th Dec inclusive (10 sessions)

Year 5 - Wed, Thur, Fri (weeks 1 & 2) Total 6 sessions/days (3 each week)

Year 4 - Mon, Tue (weeks 2 & 3) Total 4 sessions/days (2 each week)

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is a scheme delivered by local councils, providing healthy food and fun activities to children and young people, with free places available for those on free school meals. Please see the poster below.

There is a variety of fun activities, including sports, music, arts and other exciting opportunities to learn and develop skills like meeting new friends, alongside a nutritious meal each day.

For information on how you & your family can get involved this Winter, or to book your place please visit www.getstuckin.org.uk or call the booking team on 01254 784105 (Option 2)

Information on activities outside school:

- Holiday Activities and Food Programme. See poster below
- Adult Learning Festive Crafts Open Day. See poster below
- Family Autism Service. See poster on fax sheet below

A flu vaccination clinic will be held BY the NHS on 11 December at Shadsworth Children's Centre (Shadsworth Road, BB1 2HR) between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm. If you would like your child to attend, you can either book an appointment by calling 03333 583 397 (option 2, option 2) or use the drop-in service.

Christmas Diary - December 2025

- 5th Friday - Non-Uniform day for either a donation of chocolate or £1 cash (for tombola during school on Dec-11th).
- 16th Tuesday 9:30am - Nursery/Reception class Christmas Performance in class for YN/R Parents and family.
- 17th Wednesday 9:30am or 2:00pm Years 1, 2, 3 Nativity in the Hall. Parents and family of years 1 -3 welcome
- Wednesday 17th Dec - Christmas School Dinner at lunchtime.
- 18th Thursday - party afternoon for all children.

Diary

- Autumn 2 Half-Term ends Friday 19th December. School closed 20/12/25-04/01/26.
- Spring 1 Half Term starts (school re-opens) Monday 5th January 2026.

Absence

For any/all types of absences, including illness, parents/carers need to call into school on every morning of the child's absence. You can speak to the Office staff or leave a message on the answer phone, but this needs to be done on every day of absence, as soon as you know.

School Photographs

The final day for the order form and payment details to be handed back to school, was Wednesday 26th November. Any orders needed after that date cannot be handled by school. Late required photos will need to be ordered directly with Tempest using your unique link that was emailed to you or on their website www.tempest-orders.co.uk.

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 5).

Attendance.

Well done to Year 1 who received the Attendance Award week. They had the best attendance in the school with 97.3%

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.0%	97.3%	86.2%	94.7%	93.7%	90.4%	96.0%

Mrs C. Speakman & Mrs D. Boardman





Winter.

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**FREE PLACES AVAILABLE FOR THOSE
ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS &
VULNERABLE FAMILIES INCLUDING SEND**

YOUR FSM CODE IS:

Ring School for
code

St Albans Rc Primary (Blackburn)

TO FIND OUT MORE:

01254 784105

WWW.GETSTUCKIN.ORG.UK

getstuckin@springnorth.org.uk



Blackburn with Darwen

**ADULT
LEARNING**

Festive Crafts Open Day

BwD Adult Learning is offering FREE festive crafts sessions for parents and children.

Activities Include:

Sock Penguins

Festive Cracker Making

Badge Making

Cake Decorating

Saturday 6th December

10:00 – 11:30am or 12:00 – 1:30pm

Bank Top NLC, BB2 1QP

**BOOK
NOW**



For more information contact us on
adultlearning@blackburn.gov.uk

Family Autism Service (FAS) fact sheet



Child Action Northwest

Supporting families across Pennine Lancashire

The Family Autism Service (FAS) is here to support families across East Lancashire and Blackburn with Darwen who have children or young people diagnosed with, or being assessed for, autism. We offer a range of support from sharing information to providing one-to-one help so you can choose the level that feels right for you.

Welcome to the Family Autism Service

When a referral is received, one of our team will get in touch to offer a friendly welcome call. This call is an opportunity to introduce the service, confirm the level of support you've chosen, and explain how to make the most of what's available. It's also a chance to ask any questions and find out more about how we can support your family. We're here to help you feel confident, connected, and supported as your family moves forward.

Tier 1 - Information & Guidance

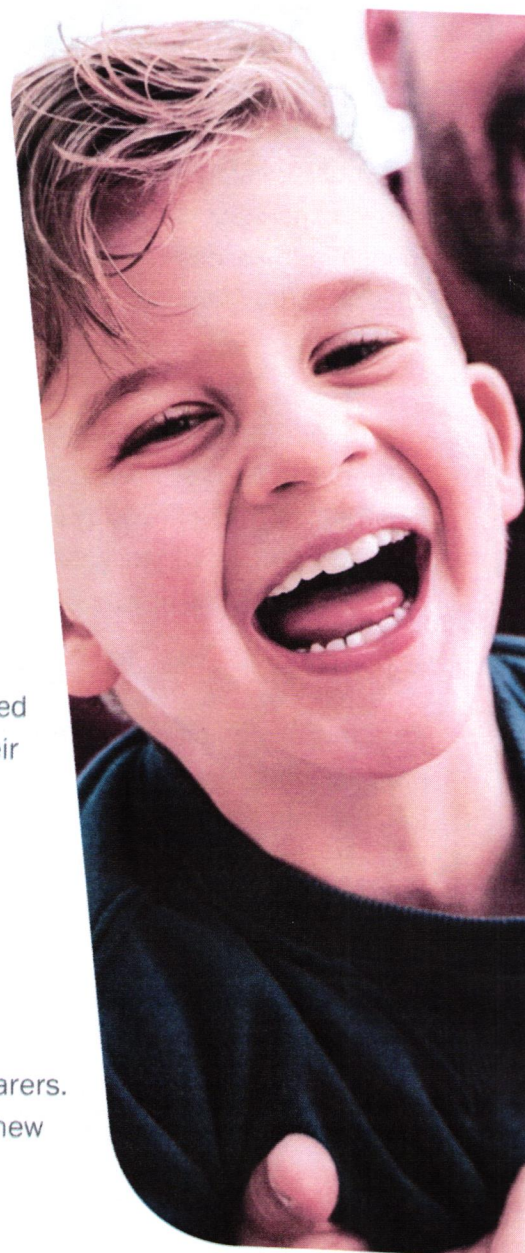
Get helpful information to point you in the right direction when you need it. Good for families who want to stay informed and find support in their own time.

- Monthly email with updates on new offers and workshops
- Signposting opportunities with tips and advice
- Posts on social media with ideas and information for families

Tier 2 - Groups, Workshops & Activities

Join friendly groups and activities to connect with other parents and carers. Good for families who enjoy being part of a community, want to meet new people, and learn alongside others.

- Parent support groups (online and face-to-face)
- Workshops on topics like behaviour, anxiety, and sleep
- Family activity sessions
- Help connect you with other services when needed



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Fact sheet

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Tier 3 - One-to-One Support

This is a responsive form of support, available for families to access as needed rather than a set amount of sessions. Good for families who'd like some extra help to make changes and move forward.

- One-to-one support with a worker who understands your family's needs
- Support to identify strategies and next steps that best meet your family's needs
- Help connect you with other services when needed

Please note we do not offer one-to-one support directly for the child or young person.

Workshops

Join friendly groups and activities to connect with other parents and carers. Workshops are available both online and in person, offering flexibility for busy families.

Sessions cover a variety of topics to help you build confidence and understanding at your own pace.

How to Access Support

Referrals can be made by parents, carers, schools, or professionals.

Once we receive your referral, we'll contact you for a short welcome call to introduce the service, confirm your chosen level of support, and explain what happens next.

Please note we do not offer one-to-one support directly for the child or young person.

SCAN HERE
for more information



**For more information or to
get in touch, please contact
our team.**



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