



Summer 1 Term 2025 Newsletter No.4

Dear Parents/Carers



Hope

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

Hope Award

Reception - Irsah
Year 1 - Sami
Year 2 - Tilly
Year 3 - Olivia
Year 4 - Zara
Year 5 - Raees
Year 6 - Shah

Workers of the week

Reception - All Yr R
Year 1 - Sayhan
Year 2 - Maimoona
Year 3 - Mahek
Year 4 - Hamid
Year 5 - Klivan
Year 6 - Manahil

Star Reader Award

Reception - Abdul
Year 1 - Hira
Year 2 - Sultan
Year 3 - Bobby
Year 4 - Vanisa
Year 5 - Alishba
Year 6 - Anaya

School Holidays

As per the below long-time published schools holiday timetable, including on the school's website, the holiday dates coming up are:

Spring Bank Holiday (2 weeks) - from Monday 26th May to Friday 6th June. School Re-Opens Monday 9th June.

Service of Reconciliation

As part of their First Holy Communion 10 Children took part in a Service of Reconciliation by Father Jude today, 23rd May.

Year of Hope

The children celebrated the Year of Hope Pilgrimage with a Mass by Father Jude in church this week.

Sports Days 2025 - please Note the Changes of Time:

Years 1 & 2 - 9:15am Monday 14th July

Nursery and Reception - 9:30am and 1:30pm Tuesday 15th July

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 1:30pm Wednesday 16th July

Half-Term Holidays

Please see below the BwD Holiday Activities poster.

Enjoy the Spring Bank Holidays and we look forward to seeing the children back in school
8:45am Monday 9th June.

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Attendance.

Well done to **Year 6** who received the Attendance Award this week. They had the best attendance in the school with **97.3%** attendance.

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
83.8%	93.8%	95.6%	89.0%	93.4%	93.3%	97.3%

Mrs C. Speakman & Mrs D. Boardman



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Discover Blackburn this Half Term

Events & activities guide



Events & activities this Half Term

Town Centre

Blackburn Market

The Bureau

Making Rooms

Blackburn Museum

Blackburn Library



Chalk garden Molly Bland

SATURDAY 24 MAY **FREE**

Blackburn Town Centre
11am to 3pm

Grab a piece of chalk and help Molly create a fantastical chalk garden on Blackburn's King William Street.



Big Doodle Drop In Scratch Built Theatre

FRIDAY 30 MAY **FREE**

Blackburn Market
Performance/workshop – 11am, 12pm, 1pm 2pm

Join us for a FREE, hilarious art session where you'll draw a life model fully clothed (thankfully!) in the silliest of outfits. Plus, we'll have a comedy critic to give you constructive feedback on your creations! Whether you're a seasoned Picasso or a doodling newbie, all are welcome. Take your masterpiece home or display it for all to see.



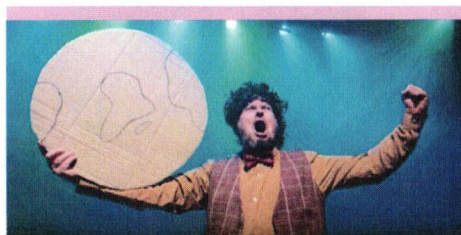
Paper Cup Puppets Alice Rowbottom

WEDNESDAY 28 MAY **FREE**

Blackburn Market
Drop in Workshop – 11am to 3pm

Come and make your very own paper cup puppet. Design, craft and build a puppet in this family-friendly workshop.

You can construct your puppet character to take home using paper cups, wooden sticks, and assorted bits and bobs.



The made-up historical tour of Blackburn Rubbish Shakespeare Company

SATURDAY 31 MAY **FREE**

Blackburn Town Centre
This guided tour lasts about 45 minutes, starting at the clock tower on King William Street. The tour departs at 11.30am and 2pm.

Join Professor Lee Hithersay and his trusty assistant as they take you on a fantastical heritage tour of Blackburn Town Centre. Learn some (dodgy) historical facts and contribute your ideas of what might have happened on the second floor of Marks and Spencer or what lies beneath the bus station.



Penny and the Far-Thing Lempen Puppet Theatre

SATURDAY, 31 MAY **FREE**

Blackburn Market
A 20-minute show at 11am, 12.30pm, 2pm

Visual puppet theatre with beautiful music, set on a penny-farthing. Join Penny for a charming nature story about growing up and becoming ready to find your path and live your best life.



Circus skills workshops Blackburn Festival of Light with The Travelling Light Circus

SATURDAY 24 & 31 MAY / 7 & 14 JUNE

The Bureau Centre for the Arts
Booking required — 1.30pm to 3pm **FREE**

Come and learn how to juggle, dance with hoops, poi and fans with Dan and Shona from The Travelling Light Circus! Have fun, meet new friends and try new skills, and if you love it, you be part of the Blackburn Festival of Light Event!

Scan QR code to book



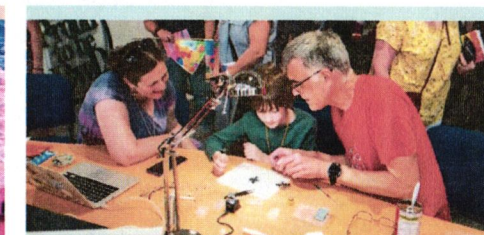
Shared Sounds Imaginarium

SATURDAY 24 & 31 MAY

The Bureau Centre for the Arts
9.30am–11am : recommended for ages 2–4 years (younger children welcome)
10.30am–12pm : Baby Session recommended for ages 0–2.5 years (older children welcome)

The programme incorporates elements of music, art, and craft, along with opportunities for sensory play and stories, allowing children from 0–4 to explore new creative worlds. Come and explore with us!

Scan QR code for tickets



Fab Lab The Making Rooms

EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY **FREE**

The Making Rooms
Drop in — 10am to 6pm

Open-access Fab Lab, inspiring, encouraging and supporting people of all ages and backgrounds to learn to use our wide range of digital and traditional making equipment, such as 3d printing, laser cutting, CNC machining, electronics and wheel-thrown ceramics.



The Giant Wheel

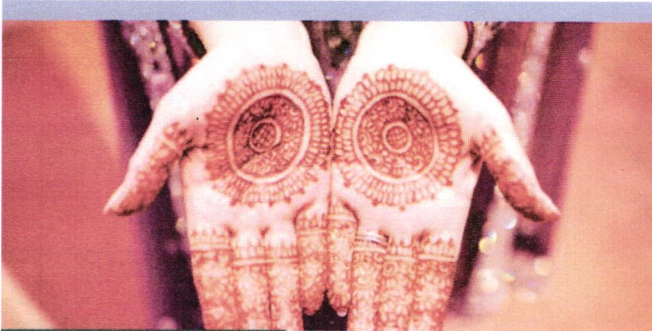
TILL SUNDAY 8 JUNE

Cathedral Square

Open daily 12pm to 10pm (Saturday from 11am)

Don't miss the UK's tallest transportable wheel in Cathedral Square to Sunday 8th June! Soaring 50 metres high with stunning panoramic views, the Giant Wheel features 36 enclosed gondolas (including wheelchair access) and is perfectly placed near Blackburn Cathedral.

Tickets: Adults £8, Children (under 1.4m) £6, Family (2+2) £23



Workshops

Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery

TUESDAY 27 MAY

Arabic Calligraphy with Farzana – Book Online

WEDNESDAY 28 MAY FREE

Textile totes inspired by Islamic tile art' with Fawziyah

THURSDAY 29TH MAY FREE

Mandala Painting — Saima

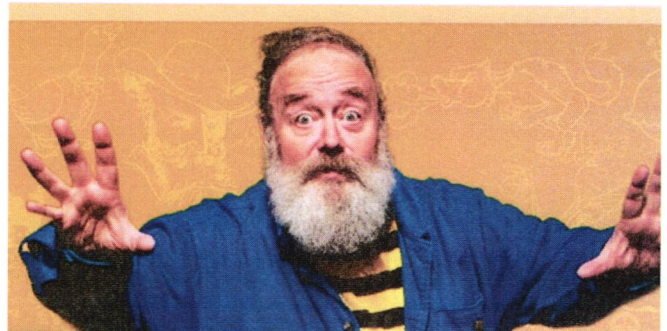
SATURDAY 31ST MAY FREE

Henna Drop In — Samina

The programme links to the Muslim Arts and Culture Festival 2025

TUESDAY—SATURDAY 11am to 4pm FREE

A range of free, family-friendly activities including: "Get Crafty sessions", still life drawing, trails, and quizzes. Inspired by our collections and the ROVERS 150 exhibition.



Tell Tale Twit

Gav Cross

SATURDAY 14 JUNE

Blackburn Central Library

A 45-minute show at 11am & 2pm

Part of the Children's Literature Festival

Join Gav for laughter and surprises, in a storytelling show designed to make you laugh, think carefully and approach that children's library with caution!

Nominated for 'Best Kids Show' at the Leicester Comedy Festival 2023.

Book seats at:
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or scan the QR code



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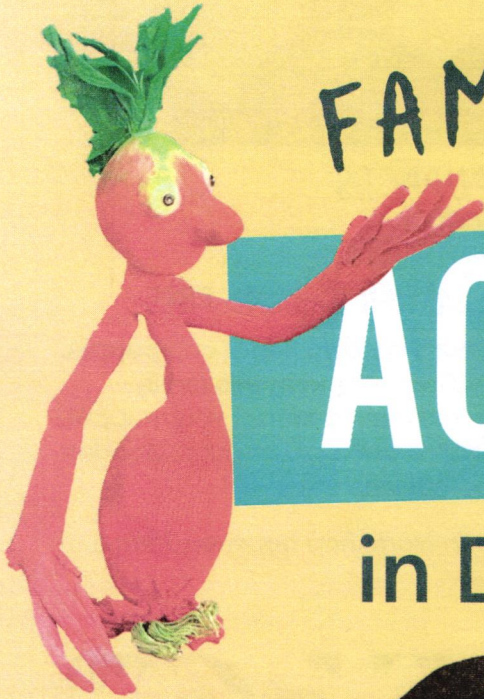
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FAMILY-FRIENDLY

ACTIVITIES

in Darwen this May

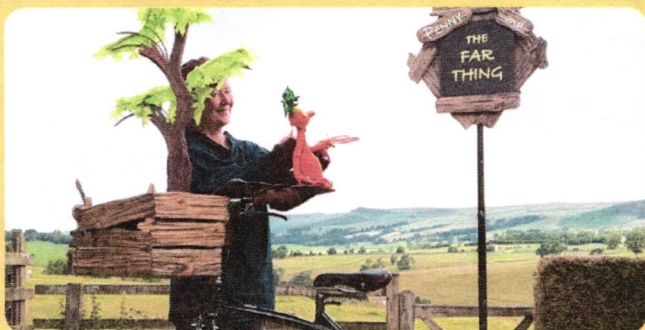


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THEATRE



WORKSHOPS & EVENTS



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THREE LITTLE VIKINGS WRONGSEMBLE

**SATURDAY 21ST JUNE
AT DARWEN LIBRARY THEATRE** **FREE**

Three brave little Viking girls save the day in this bold and funny adventure story for little rebels, by the creator of the New York Times Best Illustrated Book, 'Little Red' and 'I Can Catch a Monster', Bethan Woolvin.

Three Little Vikings is all about cooperation, bravery, and getting your voice heard!

A 45-minute show at 11am & 2pm

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