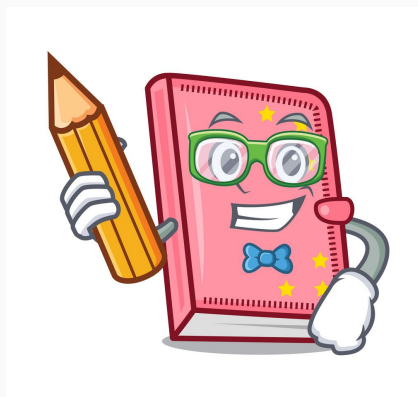




St Silas Newsletter 10/10/2025



Upcoming Events

20th October	Year 4 trip to Outdoor Elements
22nd October	Year 3 trip to Outdoor Elements
23rd October	School closes for half term
24th October	INSET day
3rd November	School reopens
4th November	Fire Safety talk - Y2 and Y6
7th November	Year 5 trip to Outdoor Elements
11th November	Remembrance Assembly
13th November	Anti Bullying and Online Safety Day
14th November	School Photos
14th November	Interfaith service with Bishop Philip
19th December	Christmas Assembly in church 10:45
19th December	School closes for Christmas



Harvest Collection

Collections are taking place in school for the Harvest Appeal. The Blackburn Foodbank have asked that our school collects **tinned fruit** only, as other schools will be collecting different items. Please bring your donations to the school office.



Poppy Appeal



Poppies are on sale in the school office for 50p each. There are also other items for sale such as

- slap band £2
- Silk bracelet £1
- Poppy key ring £1

You can send the money in with your child to purchase at break and lunch times



Easy Fundraising



Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising free donations for St Silas CE Primary School with easyfundraising? There are over 8,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation - including eBay, Argos, John Lewis & Partners, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S - and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds. All you need to do is:

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-silas-ce-primary-school/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to St Silas CE Primary School at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and St Silas CE Primary School will be really grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support.

Free Adult Learning Course

Looking to work in a school, that fits in around your family?

Join Aspire Education Academy's Fully Funded (FREE) Education Support Course.

Starting on **Monday 20th October!**

Online ONLY Education Support Course with live webinars
Available in Levels 1, 2 & Level 3 progression

Level 1

NCFE CACHE Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools

NCFE CACHE Level 1 Award in Safeguarding in a Learning Environment

NCFE CACHE Level 1 Certificate in Wellbeing

Level 1 Occupational Studies for the Workplace

Level 2

- NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent
- NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours

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Level 3

- NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Special Educational Needs

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You'll receive guided support from our friendly tutors throughout the course of your choice.

Simply go to the 'Education Support Course' tab on our website:

www.studysmartuk.online

We run within school hours and **ONLY** in term time and not during half term/end of term periods.



Friday Celebration Assemblies

Friday Celebration
Assemblies
8.50am in the
school hall
Drinks in the dining room
afterwards
Assemblies

It is always lovely to welcome parents and carers to our Friday celebration assemblies.

If your child is receiving a Star Learner Award you should receive a text message the day before inviting you.

All parents are welcome to the assembly whether their child is winning an award or not.

There will coffee/tea/juice in the dining hall afterwards for parents. If your child has been awarded the Star Learner Award they can join you for a drink. If we are in church there is no assembly in school but you are welcome to church.



School Admissions 2026

The deadline for submitting your applications for Secondary School is 31st October 2025.

The deadline for Primary School applications is 15th January 2026.

You must apply through Blackburn with Darwen council. Please copy and paste this link into your browser.

<https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions>



School Uniform Reminder

School uniform is a white polo shirt, grey skirt or trousers and purple sweatshirt or cardigan with black shoes/black trainers.

Girls can start to wear the summer gingham dresses if they like.

We have plenty of pre-loved uniform in school if you need any



Holidays and Attendance

A reminder that **holidays will not be authorised** if taken during term time.

Any holidays taken for five or more days **will** incur a fine from the Local Authority. Please note that this money does not come to school

Please come and see Mrs Rehana Patel to discuss any holidays **before** you book a holiday.

We are finding that a lot of children are arriving late and/or are not being picked up on time at the end of the day.

School starts at **8:40am** - the school gates open at 8:30 to allow time for your child to make their way into class. School finishes at **3:10**

A reminder that we have breakfast club from 7:45 if needed.



St Silas News

Latest News



Year 4 Gymnastics

Look at our amazing Year 4 gymnasts.



Science in Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about solid objects. We learnt the properties; twist, bend, stretch and bend. We use visuals to help us learn scientific words.



Care Home Tea Party

Alder class have a class campaign about loneliness in the elderly. A part of their campaign they invited our local care home for afternoon tea. Our children enjoyed talking to our visitors, playing games with them and reading them a story.

Our website has lots of news from across our school. Your child's teachers regularly add photographs of trips and lessons.

These news items can be found on our website:

<https://stsilasprimary.co.uk/news>

Please do look and enjoy.



Stay and Play



Our stay and play sessions have started again every Tuesday morning from 9 am to 10 am. We look to seeing you And your child For some fun play activities





Children's University



CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY MEMBERSHIP – NEW PASSPORTS

If you have signed your child up to Blackburn Children's University please note all CU passports will be issued to new members **by THIS Monday 13th October**. These will be sent to classes for children to bring home.

Please do look out for this if you have signed your child up.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS – TO BE RETURNED

If you have handed your child's Children's University passport in for any holiday activities or challenges please note these will all be returned by next Tuesday 14th October. Please do look out for it as no responsibility will be held by the school one it has been returned.

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

A letter has been sent out about the October half term holiday activities which includes cooking, martial arts, a creative day as well as a visit to Accrington Train Station. Sign up is available on ParentPay now . Places are limited and will be offered on a first come first serve basis. Please check the letter sent for all the details on the activities.

WOMEN'S ONLY FITNESS CLASS

Please see the letter (<https://bit.ly/LetterNovFitness25>) for details about a women only fitness class for adults which will start after the half term holidays. You can register your interest via this form: <https://bit.ly/WomensFitnessNovDec25>. Places are limited and are offered on a first come first serve basis. You will be sent further details next week if you register.

Childrens University



BLACKBURN ROVERS FOOTBALL MATCH

Please look out for further details about a Blackburn Rovers football match which will be sent out next week.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Please see below details for some events that are coming up at the local libraries. Entry for all these events is by FREE ticket, available from Blackburn Library up to two weeks before each event. Please remember CU members can collect stamps in their passport for attending these activities. Please remember to pick up a slip at the activity and hand this in with their CU passport to school after the holidays so it can be stamped.

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Wordsworth Tea Party, Sat 18th Oct, 2 - 3pm.

Families can come and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Blackburn Library building with Wordsworth, refreshments and some party games.

Green Libraries Week / Half-term

There's lots going on in Blackburn with Darwen Libraries for Green Libraries Week, which falls in half-term:

Tote bag decorating - Sat 25th Oct, 11am - 12.30pm and 1.30 - 3pm, Blackburn Library (this is part of a **family fun day** which also includes a **nature themed craft activity**).

Style your own bag at these family session

Childrens University



Beach Guardian workshops - Mon 27th Oct, 2 - 4.30pm, Blackburn Library. Age 5 and over. What happens when plastic ends up in the sea? Identify different plastics with a scanner and a microscope, and learn how to keep our oceans clean. **Suitable for age 5 and over.**

Family book folding craft (various locations)

An opportunity to upcycle old, withdrawn books into works of art for all the family. Entry by FREE ticket available from the relevant library.

- Mon 27th Oct, 10.30 - 11.30am, Roman Road Library
- Tue 28th Oct, 2.30 - 3.30pm, Mill Hill Library
- Wed 29th Oct, 2.30 - 3.30pm, Cherry Tree Library
- Fri 31st Oct, 2 - 3.30pm, Blackburn Library

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Spooky seasonal ReUse Crafts - at Blackburn

Library on Wednesday 29th October at 2pm

Age 5 and over. Come and make a ghost from recycled material



SAM Star Learners

Hawthorn: **Rayyan**

Hornbeam: **Yusuf**

Alder: **Noor Fatima**

Beech: **Amaan**

Rowan: **Farhan**

Hazel: **Abdullah** Sports Star Aisha

Birch: **Salwa**

Willow: **Aqsa**

Cherry: **Hanzalah**

Oak: **Mariam**

Beehive **Hajrah**



Attendance week ending 10/10/25

This Week's Attendance

Congratulations to **Hornbeam class** with 99.35% attendance!

Hawthorn had 98.66% attendance

Rowan had 98.62% attendance



If your child is absent from school you **MUST** ring the school office to let them know.
It is important that your child is in school by 8.40 am and they must be picked up at 3.10 pm every day.

Please note holidays are not authorised. If your child misses more than 5 days in school due to a holiday you are likely to be fined. If you are considering taking a holiday please book a meeting with the headteacher

Family Point Winners week ending 10/10/25

Family Point Winners

The winning family this week is **LOVE** with 453 points.

Thankfulness had 441 points

Service had 431 points,

Belonging had 424 points





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Website - please copy this link into your browser

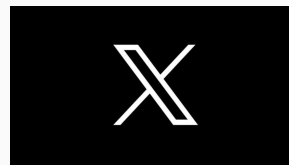
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St Silas has an Instagram account. Please follow us on:

<https://www.instagram.com/stsilasblackburn/>

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Please follow our Twitter account.

<https://twitter.com/> to keep up to date with events in our school.