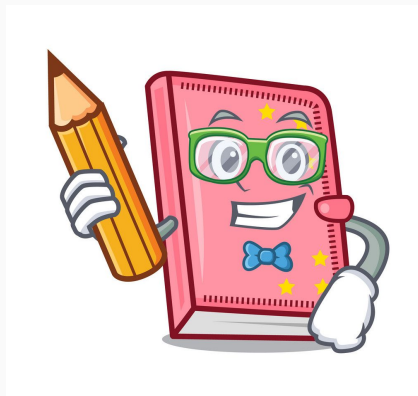




St Silas Newsletter 11/7/2025



Upcoming Events

14th July	Year 6 Fire Safety Talk
16th July	Year 6 Graduation - St Silas Church (4pm)
18th July	School Closes for Summer
3rd September	School Re-opens
12th September	Year 4 trip to Brockholes
1st October	Harvest assembly at church
23rd October	School closes for half term
3rd November	School re-opens

New Head Teacher

The governors are delighted to announce that Ms Kathryn Haczycki has been appointed as head Teacher!

Ms Haczycki has been acting head since April and was previously deputy head. She therefore assumes her role with a great deal of knowledge of the school, its pupils and staff. She will be continuing to work to uphold our school vision that Loving God and Each Other We Work Together to be the Best We Can Be



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.

Free Debt Advice

Debt Support:

Need help managing your debts? Are you struggling with welfare benefit problems? Take that first step and contact Shelter, or the Oaks Money Advice Centre for free and confidential debt and benefit advice.

Shelter

Contact Information:

Telephone: 0344 515 1882

Visit: Blackburn Central Library, Town Hall Street, Blackburn, BB2 1AG

Mon – Fri 10am – 5pm

Email: lancashire@shelter.org.uk

The Oaks

Contact Information:

Telephone: 07803513767

Email: oaksreferrals@blackburn.foodbank.org.uk

School Uniform Reminder

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

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 **no holidays will 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.

Community Day

A big thank you to all the parents and children who attended this year's community event. So far we have raised £1,040, which will go towards the refurbishment of our sensory room



Warm Weather Suggestions

Now that the warmer weather is with us it is important that your child brings a water bottle with them to be able to hydrate as much as possible. They can top up their bottles in the classroom. Please also make sure that your child has sunscreen and a hat with them for protection from the sun.





Stay and Play



Our stay and play sessions have now ended for the summer. We will be running the sessions again in September





Children's University



SCRUMPTIOUS! FAMILY SHOW

This is now full. All families who have signed up have been informed. A reminder will be sent out before the show, however please ensure it is in your diary if you have signed your family up!

SUMMER HOLIDAY CHALLENGES FROM BLACKBURN CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

There will be a number of challenges that CU members can complete over the holidays to collect extra hours in their passports. Further details will be emailed next week, so please look out for this.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE – BLACKBURN LIBRARY

Details will be sent out about the Summer Reading Challenge early next week. This is taking place over the summer at Blackburn Library. If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University and completes this challenge please remember to bring their certificate and their passport to school in September so it can be stamped with 6 hours for completing. The challenge started on 1st July 2025 and runs until 30th September 2025.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT BLACKBURN LIBRARY

Over the holidays Blackburn Library have a number of activities taking place. Please check with the library for all the details, however please see below a rough idea of what is happening. If your child does attend any activities at the library and they are a member of Blackburn Children's University please remember to pick up a slip from the activity to show you have attended and hand this in together with your child's CU passport after the holidays.

SWIMTIME LANCASHIRE

Please note Swimtime Lancashire are now part of Blackburn Children's University! This means if your child attends any swimming lessons with them they can collect hours in their Children's University passport. They have lessons running on the following days:

- Everlast Blackburn, BB1 2EE
Monday to Thursday 4pm onward
Saturdays 8.30am - 2.30pm
Sunday 9am - 12 noon
- Westholme BB2 6QA:
Tuesday 5pm till 8pm
Thursday 5pm - 8pm

Spaces are currently available in both venues. See their website for further details:
www.swimtime.org/finder



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Activities:

- Weekly craft sessions – 2.30pm every Thursday during the holidays
- Wed July 23rd 2- 4pm LEGO Club
- Thurs July 24th 2- 3pm Story
- Garden Craft*
- Tues July 29th 2- 3pm Jack and the Beanstalk**
- Wed July 30th 2- 4pm Digiplay
- Thurs Aug 1st 2- 3pm Story
- Catchers Craft*
- Tues Aug 5th 2- 3pm Zoolab **
- Wed Aug 6th 2- 4pm Board Games
- Thurs Aug 7th 2- 3pm Minibeast Craft *

- Tues Aug 12th 2- 3pm Storytime and Craft
- Wed Aug 13th 2- 4pm Digiplay
- Thurs Aug 14th 2- 3pm Space themed Craft *
- Tues Aug 19th 2- 3pm Storytime and Craft
- Wed Aug 20th 2- 4pm LEGO Club
- Thurs Aug 21st 2- 3pm Mythical creature Craft *
- Tues Aug 26th 2- 3pm Storytime and Craft
- Wed Aug 27th 2- 4pm Digiplay
- Thurs Aug 28th 2- 3pm Animal Craft *

*Booking required. Please ask at the Enquiry desk for tickets

** £1 for children, £3 for accompanying adults. Please ask at the Enquiry desk for tickets

Please contact the library for further details and bookings.



Children's University



SCHOOL CLUBS AND CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS

Please note all school clubs have now finished. If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University and you have handed in their passport to be stamped for clubs, please note all passports will be returned **before the end of term**, so please do look out for them. No responsibility will be held by the school once they have been returned.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATION

If your child is down to attend the Children's University graduation please remember it is taking place on Saturday. A reminder letter was sent out earlier this week. Please ensure you check this as it includes the number of tickets you have been allocated. You must bring this letter with you on the day on the graduation – it is your ticker. If you have not received this and you think your child is due to attend please do contact Sara Burton **straight away**.

If you do have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Sara Burton on either s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

Children who cannot attend graduation or have received a bronze or silver award have been presented with their certificates in assembly today.

SUMMER HOLIDAY FAMILY TRIPS

If you have signed your family up to any of the family trips please look out for a confirmation email that has been sent from s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk giving further details and also has a link to an online consent form which must be completed by THIS Monday 14th July.

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Confirmation emails were sent out yesterday to ALL children who have signed up to any of the holiday activities (from s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk). This email has all the details of which activities you have signed your child up to, together with a link to the online consent form which must be completed by THIS Monday 14th July. Failure to complete this consent form will mean your child cannot attend. If you have not received this email and you have signed your child up to any activities you must contact Sara Burton straight away on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

If you have signed your child up to any activities please ensure you put them in your diary, as reminders are not always sent before each activity. Please refer to your confirmation email for all the details.



SAM Star Learners

Hawthorn: **Fatima**

Hornbeam: **Layla**

Alder: **Simrah**

Beech: **Whole Class**

Elder: **Hashir**

Rowan: **Umar and Fatima**

Hazel: **Zane and Hameed**

Birch: **Abdhullah**

Willow: **Aayat**

Cherry: **Zakariyah**

Oak: **Zaiyan**

Beehive:



Attendance week ending 11/7/25

This Week's Attendance

Congratulations to **Oak class** with 98.4% attendance!

Birch had 98.28% attendance

Rowan had 97% 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 11/7/25

Family Point Winners

The winning family this week is **Thankfulness**
with 184 points.

Belonging had 125 points,

Love had 123 points

Service had 114 points





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Website - please copy this link into your browser

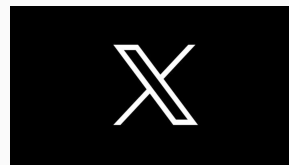
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