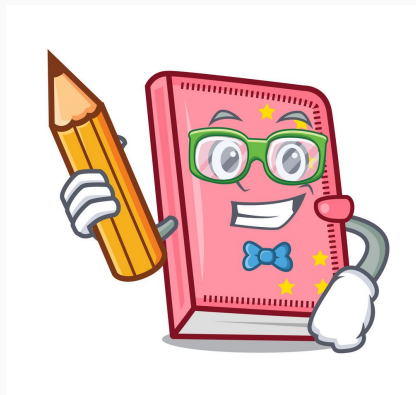




St Silas Newsletter 11/9/2025



Upcoming Events

12th September	Y5 Trip to Brockholes
16th September	Debt Awareness visit to KS2
1st October	Harvest assembly at church
3rd October	Eco event for Rainbow children
6th October	Flu vaccinations
23rd October	School closes for half term
3rd November	School reopens
4th November	Fire Safety talk - Y2 and Y6
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	School closes for Christmas



Welcome Back Everyone

At the start of the new school year we are delighted to welcome you all back. We have lots of fun learning, school visits and trips, and after school activities for your children to get involved in. We have also started a new after school club which will be open until 5.45 pm every day, to help those families who have work commitments. If you would like more information please contact the school office.





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.

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.



Stay and Play



Our stay and play sessions will start again on Tuesday 23rd September. We look forward to

Seeing you then





Children's University



SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note the club sign up will be THIS Tuesday 16th September at 8am on ParentPay. Information on all the clubs which are available has been sent out next via email and text. Please read all the information that has been sent. If you have any questions please contact Sara Burton on s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

SUMMER HOLIDAY CHALLENGES AND ACTIVITIES

If your child has completed any of the CU Challenges or any activities at the library (including the summer reading challenge) over the holidays please ensure you send the evidence to Sara Burton via s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965. You must still remember to send your child's CU passport in to school so it can be updated. If you prefer you can send the evidence of the challenges into school together with your child's CU passport so it can be checked and updated.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

There is still time to complete the summer reading challenge at the library if you have not already done so. The deadline for the challenge is 30th September.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY MEMBERSHIP

If your child is NOT already a member of Blackburn Children's University and you would like to sign them up, you can do so now on ParentPay. Membership is £4 and is open to all children in years 1 – 6. Please see the email sent out with more information on. Please only sign them up if you have not done so previously. The deadline for signing up is Wednesday 24th September. All CU passports will be issued to new members **after this date**.

WEST PENINE NETBALL CLUB

Does your child want to try or develop her netball skills? Why not take them down to this taster day with West Pennine Netball club THIS Saturday 13th September? This is for girls in primary school. Please see the poster for more details: <https://bit.ly/WPNetballTaster25>



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Knotted Hawk presents The Quest for Planet P

Follow Ozmo & Orbi, two brave little aliens, as they set off on an amazing journey to find the perfect planet!

When cracks start appearing and chaos hits their world, the grown-up aliens can't agree on how to fix things. So, it's up to Ozmo & Orbi to lead the way and find a new, perfect planet to live on. Along the way, they discover that the solution might be closer to home than they think.

A heartfelt, dynamic and inspiring story about fighting for the planet we love and showing how even the smallest voices can make a BIG impact.

This is a brand new, interactive dance theatre show by Knotted Hawk for children under 10 & their grownups.

- Roman Road Library, Thursday 30th October, 10 am
- Tickets: £3.00
- Online booking at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/spot-on-rural-touring/t-krvpri>

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Please see below details for a couple of events that are coming up in October. Please note the locations for these:

Suitcase Stories - The Seven Ravens

A Raven visits a young girl. Why are the birds gathering? And what is the secret that Ada learns about her past? Inspired by the Brothers Grimm fairy tale, this tells the story of Ada who is visited by a Raven and thrust into a dream world of quests, feathers and a Glass Mountain.

Join us on a tiny world adventure over an extraordinary, felted landscape as Ada unlocks the secret the Raven is trying to tell her.

The Seven Ravens is a tiny show for age 6+. The entire story takes place within a suitcase.

- Mill Hill Library, Wednesday 29th October, 10.30 am
- Tickets free, but please book in advance due to limited space. Voluntary donations to the Rekindle project will be welcome at this performance
- Online booking at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/spot-on-rural-touring/t-krvppeg>



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WOMEN'S ONLY FITNESS CLASS

Please see the letter for details about a women only fitness class for adults: <https://bit.ly/LetterSeptWFitness25>. You can register your interest via this form:

<https://bit.ly/WomensFitnessSeptOct25>. Places are limited and are offered on a first come first serve basis. You will be sent further details next week if you register.



SAM Star Learners

Hawthorn: **Ali**

Hornbeam: **Zaviyar**

Alder: **School Trip**

Beech: **School Trip**

Rowan: **Arianna**

Hazel: **Minal**

Birch: **Dianna**

Willow: **Muhammad Ibrahim**

Cherry: **Taibah and Inabiya**

Oak: **Ayesha**

Beehive: **Yahya**



Attendance week ending 11/9/25

This Week's Attendance

Congratulations to **Beech class** with 98.63% attendance!

Birch had 98.54% attendance

Cherry had 97.3% 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 11/9/25

Family Point Winners

The winning family this week is **Service** with 480 points.

Thankfulness had 299 points,

Love had 267 points

Belonging had 146 points





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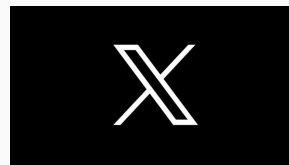
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<https://www.instagram.com/stsilasblackburn/>

Twitter X



Please follow our Twitter account.

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