



St Silas Newsletter 11/9/26



Upcoming Events

17th September
24th September
28th September
2nd October
5th October
Assembly)
6th October
9th October
14th October
21st October
23rd October
24th October
2nd November

Ash Class Meet the Teacher
Yr 2 & Yr 4 Recycling Workshops
Flu Vaccinations
Yr 1 & Yr 2 Road Safety
Harvest in Church (Cherry Class)

Rowan Monthly Mission
Yr 3 & Yr 4 Road Safety
Hornbeam Class Assembly
School Photos
INSET day
School closes for half term
School Re-opens

Communications from School

We are now using Arbor to communicate with parents and will stop using Teachers to Parents to send text messages at the end of this month.

You will have received a message from Arbor to set up your account so that you can view information about your child and receive messages from the school.

If you miss doing this you will miss out on important messages and updates in the future



School Uniform Reminder

School uniform is a white polo shirt, grey skirt or trousers and purple sweatshirt or cardigan with black shoes/black trainers. PE kit is white t-shirt, black joggers, or shorts and trainers or plimsolls/pumps. We do not allow earrings, however ear studs are permitted.

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.



School Admissions

The deadline for submitting your applications for Secondary School is 31st October 2026.

The deadline for Primary School applications is 15th January 2027.

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>



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. Failure to pick your child up on time will result in your child being enrolled onto our after school club and a charge will be applied.

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 is constantly being updated and 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.

Don't forget our Instagram page



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SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note the club sign up will be next Tuesday 15th September at 8am on ParentPay. Information on all the clubs which are available has been sent out (<https://tinyurl.com/SSClubsAutumn26>). Please note there are less clubs available this term, however we plan on having more again in the spring term. 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).

YEAR 5 AND 6 FOOTBALL TRIALS

Please note if you have signed your child up to the boys' football trials that they will be taking place NEXT Tuesday 15th September after school. Please make sure your child brings their PE into school for these.

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 £5 and is open to all children in years 1 – 6. Membership includes the CU passport which children will keep with them throughout their time in school. Please see the email sent out with more information on, or see the letter here: <https://tinyurl.com/NewCUSSWF26>. **Please only sign them up if you have not done so previously.** The deadline for signing up is Friday 2nd October. All CU passports will be issued to new members **after this date**.

WOMEN'S FITNESS CLASSES

Please see the letter that has been sent out about some women's only fitness classes that will be starting up again in November on a Monday morning at Wensley Fold Primary Academy (<https://tinyurl.com/LetterNov26Fitness>). This is open to both parents / carers and well as members of the community, so please feel free to share. If you would like to register for these classes please do so via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/womensfitnessNov26>.

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SUMMER HOLIDAY CHALLENGES

If your child has completed any of the summer holidays challenges 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.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE – BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN LIBRARIES

If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University and completes the Summer Reading challenge please remember to bring their certificate and their passport to school so it can be stamped with 6 hours for completing. Alternatively you can send a photo of the certificate to Sara Burton via s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965.

There is still time to sign up to the reading challenge, which runs until the end of September. This is a **FREE** national library reading challenge, which will reward your child with stickers and prizes for the library books they read or listen to. Once enrolled each member reads 6 library books (or eBooks / eAudio), with stickers or a prize awarded for each book that is read and returned. Those who complete the scheme will receive a medal and a certificate. An special certificate will be rewarded to children who completed the challenge twice! To enrol, simply come to your nearest Blackburn with Darwen library and complete an application form.

ACTIVE PASSPORT

If anyone signed up for the Active Passport and have completed any of the activities over the summer holidays please remember CU members can also collect stamps in their CU passports for attending these. You will need to hand in your child's CU Passport, together with the completed 'Active Passport'. Please note only organised activities through the Active Summer qualify for hours in your child's CU passport. Any questions please contact Sara Burton via s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965

SAM Star

Hawthorn:	Alexandra	Birch:	Asfiya
Hornbeam:	Nur-Zahra	Willow:	Adan
Alder	Homam	Cherry:	Ayaan
Beech	Hania	Oak:	Bilal
Rowan:	Ameena	Beehive:	Homam
Hazel:	Radman Sports Star Ayman		

Attendance

Week ending 11/9/26

This Week's Attendance

Congratulations to **Oak class** with 100% attendance!

Alder had 99.62%

Beech had 99.61%



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 5 days or more 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 11/9/26

Family Point Winners

The winning family this week is **LOVE** with 758 points.

Belonging had 631 points

Service had 609 points,

Thankfulness had 499 points



Family Point Winners This Term

Family	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	Wk 7	Totals
Belonging	631							631
Love	758							758
Service	609							609
Thankfulness	499							499

