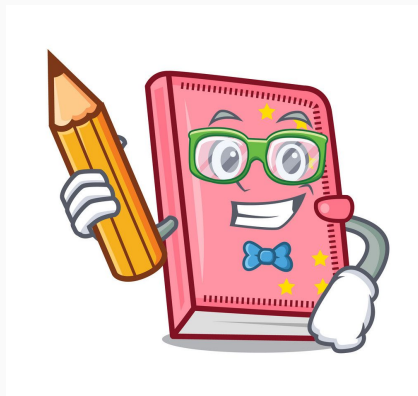




# St Silas Newsletter 12/12/2025



## Upcoming Events

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| 16th December | EYFS Nativity Performance  |
| 17th December | Cherry class Christmas Assembly<br>Parents are welcome to attend.<br>Christmas Lunch and Christmas parties |
| 18th December | School Visit to Nursing Home   |
| 19th December | Christmas Assembly in church at 10:45  |
| 19th December | School closes for Christmas  |
| 5th January   | School Re-opens  |



# 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.

# Clothes Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated their unwanted clothes. Your donations have raised a total of £77.40 for the school, as well as donating money to the Leukaemia and Myeloma Research Charity. We will be organising another collection next term, so look out for the bags coming home again.



# RAISE FUNDS BY COLLECTING REUSABLE CLOTHES

JOIN THE PROJECT  
TO ENTER

● ITEMS THAT CAN GO IN THE BAGS

- 1 ADULT'S CLOTHES AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHES
- 2 PAIRED SHOES AND FOOTWEAR
- 3 SOFT TOYS AND UNWANTED GIFTS
- 4 BATH AND HAND TOWELS
- 5 BELTS AND HANDBAGS
- 6 JEWELLERY AND ACCESSORIES
- 7 BEDDING AND HOUSEHOLD LINEN

● ITEMS THAT CAN'T GO IN THE BAGS

- 1 SCHOOL UNIFORM
- 2 SCHOOL SPORTS KIT
- 3 CURTAINS, PULLOVS OR DUVETS
- 4 BRIC-A-BRAC
- 5 BOOKS

IF YOU ARE UNSURE WHAT TO PUT IN THE BAGS

STOP AND THINK

WOULD YOU WEAR IT ?

PLEASE USE THE CLOTHING BAG PROVIDED.  
YOU CAN ALSO USE ANY ADDITIONAL BAG IF REQUIRED.

COLLECTOR NAME:

1 KEEP MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL - IT COMES BACK WITH A NOTE FROM AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ON MONDAY

2 KEEP FOR PARENT BY GIVING PULLING CLOTHES SECOND HAND

3 COLLECT MONEY FOR OUR CHARITY TO HELP PEOPLE

4 BUCKLE UP! CLOTHES TOGETHER

5 PLEASE, PLEASE BE PRACTISING THE ENVIRONMENT

6 MAKE IT ALL INTO NEW CLOTHES AND GIFTS

7 DON'T LOSE IT

8 DON'T MISS MONEY

To learn more about the Sammy's project and good causes he does, please go to [www.donateclothes4sammy.org](http://www.donateclothes4sammy.org)



is launched by

**Leukaemia Myeloma Research**

Supporting the battle against Leukaemia and Myeloma

# Rainbow Day

**Rowan Class** would like to say a **big thank** you to everyone who donated on **Rainbow Day**. We were able to raise **£275** for the **Rainbow Hub** children's charity.

Please check out all the **photographs** on our school **website**!



# EYFS Nativity



Our EYFS children in reception class will be performing their nativity on Tuesday 16th December at 9.30 am. Parents are welcome to come along



# The After School Club @ St Silas

Our After School Club is open  
Every day until 5.45 pm. If you  
Want to make a booking please  
Contact the school office



at St Silas

Fun activities for your child with  
our experienced and friendly staff

From 3.15 pm - 5.45 pm daily  
£7 per child per session



To book please contact the school office on **01254 698447** or email: [stsoffice@cidari.co.uk](mailto:stsoffice@cidari.co.uk)



# Friday Celebration Assemblies

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

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 time to apply for a Secondary place for your year 6 child has now passed, the deadline was 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. 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.



# 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.

# Childrens University



## **CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS**

Please note if you have handed in your child's CU passport to be stamped for the clubs this term please note they will all be returned before the end of term, but no later than next Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Please do look out for them as no responsibility will be held by the school once they are returned.

## **CHRISTMAS CRAFT PACKS**

If you have ordered a Christmas craft pack for your child please note these will be sent out early next week. Please do look out for it. If you do not receive the pack by Tuesday you have ordered one, please contact Sara Burton straight away on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

## **CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY WINTER CHALLENGES**

Details will be sent out next week for the Children's University winter holiday challenges. Children's University members can collect stamps in their passport for completing these. If your child completes any of the CU Challenges please ensure you send the evidence to Sara Burton via [s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk) or 07805929965. You must still remember to send your child's CU passport into school after the holidays 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.

# Childrens University



## **WOMEN'S ONLY FITNESS CLASSES – LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP**

There will be a new block of women's only fitness classes starting after the holidays at Wensley Fold.

Please see the letter for details

(<https://bit.ly/LetterJanFitness26>). To sign up please register via this link:

<https://bit.ly/WomensFitnessJanFeb26>. Places are limited and offered on a first come first serve basis. The deadline for signing up (if there are still places) is this Sunday.

## **BLACKBURN UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB – NEW CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY LEARNING DESTINATION!**

Blackburn United are now registered as a learning destination for Blackburn Children's University. This means if your child is a member of Blackburn CU and they attend any of their football sessions they can collect stamps in their CU passport. Please speak to the club about having their passport stamped.

If you would like your child to join, Blackburn United have football sessions for children aged 5 and above, including a girls only session. These all take place on a Saturday morning. For further details please contact Iqbal Bhai on 07970216334 or email on [Iqbal.bhai@blackburnunitedfc.co.uk](mailto:Iqbal.bhai@blackburnunitedfc.co.uk).

# Children's University



## **LIBRARY ACTIVITIES**

Blackburn with Darwen Libraries are running a free family star themed craft activity over the holidays at a number of their libraries. Remember if your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University and they attend one of these sessions to pick up a slip at the activity. Please then send that in with your child's CU passport after the holidays. You must contact the relevant library for FREE tickets up to 2 weeks before the event. The dates are:

- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2.30pm – Cherry Tree Library
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2pm – Blackburn Central Library
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 10.30am – Roman Road Library
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 1pm – Darwen Library





# SAM Star Learners

Hawthorn: **Ayaat**

Hornbeam: **Kiarad**

Alder: **Yousuf**

Beech: **Mahira**

Rowan: **Zheedan**

Hazel: **Inaaya**

Birch: **Mahir**

Willow: **Tanila**

Cherry: **Hasnain**

Oak: **Aiman**

Ash: **Junaid**

Beehive: **Sarah**



# Attendance week ending 12/12/25

## This Week's Attendance

Congratulations to **Hornbeam** class with  
96.65% attendance

Beech had 96.17%

Hazel had 96.14%



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 12/12/25

## Family Point Winners

The winning family this week is **Thankfulness** with 149 points.

Service had 139 points

Belonging had 131 points,

Love had 105 points





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Website - please copy this link into your browser

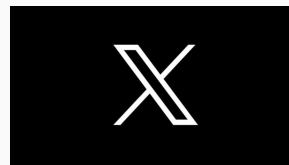
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Please follow our X (formerly Twitter) account.  
<https://x.com/> to keep up to date with events in our school.