



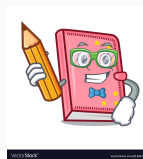
St Silas Newsletter 13.12.24

After a busy week of assessments across the school the children are now looking forward to the Christmas festivities. Christmas jumpers, party clothes etc can be worn on 18th December. Please note school finishes at 1.30pm on Friday 20th December.

Upcoming Events

17th December
18th December
18th December
20th December
20th December
6th January

EYFS Nativity
Christmas Lunches
Class Christmas Parties
Christmas Church Assembly
School closes for Christmas
School re-opens





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 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.



Nativity

EYFS Nativity Performance



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The reception class nativity performance takes place on Tuesday 17th December at 9.15 am. All parents are welcome to attend and there will be tea and coffee available afterwards



Admissions

There is still time to apply for a reception place at St Silas for September 2025

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, they are due to start primary school in September 2025.

The deadline to apply is 15 January 2025.

This is the link to apply online:

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

If you need any help please ask the school office. We are more than happy to help.



St Silas News

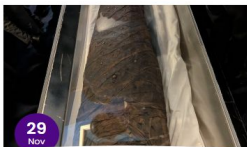
Latest News



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Dec

Year 2 RE and PSHE

Year 2 have really enjoyed learning all about angels and how they bring us good news. We have learnt about Elizabeth and Zechariah and Mary and Joseph. We role played the story to see how Mary and Joseph would feel hearing the news they were going to have a baby! In PSHE Year 2 have been looking at belonging and how we all belong to different groups. We have been comparing our families and how they are all different but all filled with love! Look at our wonderful houses we made with our families inside.



29
Nov

Lower KS2 Blackburn Museum Ancient Egyptians

Lower Key Stage 2 have been learning about Ancient civilisations, focusing on Ancient Egyptians, this term. They have visited Blackburn museum. They were able to look at and hold artefacts to help them learn more.



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Nov

RE in Year 1

Year 1 children did some role play in RE today. They acted out when Angel Gabriel came to visit Mary. They used Widgets to help them sequence their acting.

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.

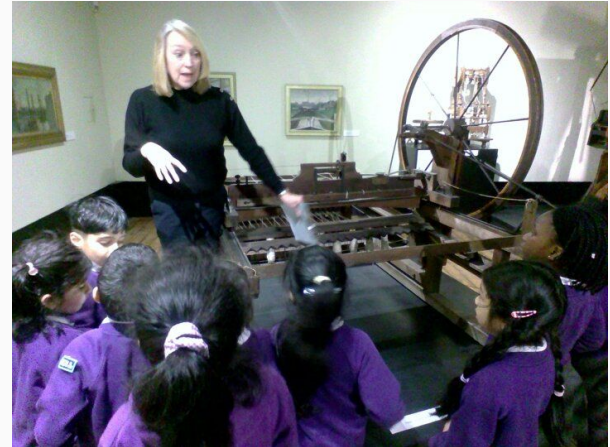
Northwood Care Home

On Friday 13th December some of our pupils paid a visit to Northwood Care Home to deliver some Christmas gifts. The residents and staff were so happy to see our children and loved the gifts!



KS1 Trip to Blackburn Museum

Key Stage 1 had a great time at the Museum this week!



Poetry Competition

The school is taking part in a Blackburn with Darwen Poetry competition on 26th March 2025 in the Library Theatre. To decide who is representing our school on Monday 3rd February each year group will have a competition, and on Monday 10th February our whole school competition will decide who is selected. All parents are invited to attend on Monday 3rd and Monday 10th February. Further details will follow. If your child is selected you will get tickets for the Library Theatre.

POETRY BY
HEART



Stay and Play



Come along to our free Stay and Play sessions every Tuesday morning from 9 am to 10 am in term time. There are lots of fun activities for you and your child.





Children's University



SCHOOL CLUBS AND CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS

Please note all school clubs have now finished. If you have handed in your child's Children's University passport for clubs please note that these will be returned before the end of term. Please do look out for them next week as once they have been returned no responsibility will be held by the school.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT PACKS

All craft packs which have been ordered will be sent out during the last week of term, but no later than Wednesday 18th December. Please do look out for this if you have ordered one for your child.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY FESTIVE CHALLENGES

A copy of the Children's University holiday challenges will be sent next week. If your child completes any of these CU Challenges over the holidays please ensure you send the evidence to Sara Burton on 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.

BLACKBURN LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Please see below details of some activities which are happening at Blackburn Central Library. If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University do not forget to pick up a slip so their CU passport can be stamped when they are back at school.

BLACKBURN LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

- Going to the moon is SO last century, so hard can it be for a 10-year old to follow in the steps of Neil Armstrong? Meet Matilda, the girl who'll give it her best shot to learn everything she needs to learn to get there herself. This is science for the curious! It's full of easy-to-understand facts about air pressure, escape velocities, coding and falling around the Earth in a way that will inspire the next generation of moon walkers. FREE tickets available from Blackburn Library or via the discover Blackburn website: www.discoverblackburn.co.uk
- **Cosmic Clockwork - Saturday Dec 21st 11:30am - 3:30pm**
Build and customise your very own miniature solar system, complete with a working model of the Sun, Earth and Moon, all brought to life with the precision of laser cutting technology. £2 donation for materials.
- **Winter Crafts – Thursday 2nd January 1.30pm – 2.30pm**
Suitable for children aged 5+. Entry by free ticket, available from the library.

Please note that library staff and volunteers are unable to supervise unaccompanied children at their events. Children under 8 years of age should never be left without adult supervision under any circumstances.



SAM Star Learners

CHILDRENS CHOICE

Hawthorn: **Zainab and Nasreen**

Hornbeam: **Ammar**

Alder: **Eyad**

Beech: **M Suliman**

Elder: **Ebrahim**

Rowan: **Humaira**

Beehive: **Zeyad**

Hazel:

Birch: **Hamaas**

Willow: **Dua F**

Cherry: **Zakariyah**

Oak: **Ibrahim Z**

Elm: **Abdul**

Ash: **Ani**



Attendance

This Week's Attendance

Congratulations to **Elder class** with 98.33% attendance.

Alder had 97.1% attendance and Hornbeam had 96.67% 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

The winning family this week is **Thankfulness**
with **287** points

Service had 268 points

Belonging had 178 points and

Love had 171 points

Well done to Thankfulness!





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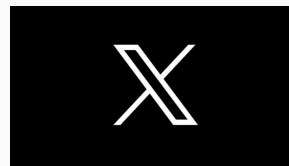
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[http s://twitter.com/](http://twitter.com/) to keep up to date with events in our school.