St Silas Newsletter 13/11/26



Upcoming Events

17th November	Super Learning Day - Anti Bullying
17th November	EYFS Vision Screening
23rd November	School Panto - Aladdin
30th November	NFER Assessments all week
10th December	Messy Church with Fr David
11th December	Christmas Jumper Day
15th December	EYFS Nativity 9 am
16th December	Christmas lunch and parties
18th December	KS2 Carol Service in Church
18th December	School Closes at 3.10 pm

Communications from School

We are now using Arbor to communicate with parents through the App. If you have not yet downloaded the app you will be receiving email communications from us so please check your inbox and junk/spam.

You will have received an email from Arbor to set up your account so that you can view information about your child and receive messages from the school. Please check your spam folder if you can't see the email.

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



Odd Socks Day Tuesday 17th November

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, we are celebrating what makes each of us unique with **Odd Socks Day** on **Tuesday 17th November**!

To take part, children simply need to wear their brightest, silliest, or most mismatched odd socks alongside their normal full school uniform. No donations are needed—we just want everyone to join in!

- **Theme:** This year's Anti-Bullying Week theme is **"Break the Silence,"** encouraging children to talk openly, speak up when something doesn't feel right, and support one another.
- **Activities:** Tuesday will also feature our special **Super Learning afternoon**.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us build a kind, inclusive, and respectful school community. We can't wait to see everyone's wonderful odd socks on Tuesday!



EYFS Vision Screening

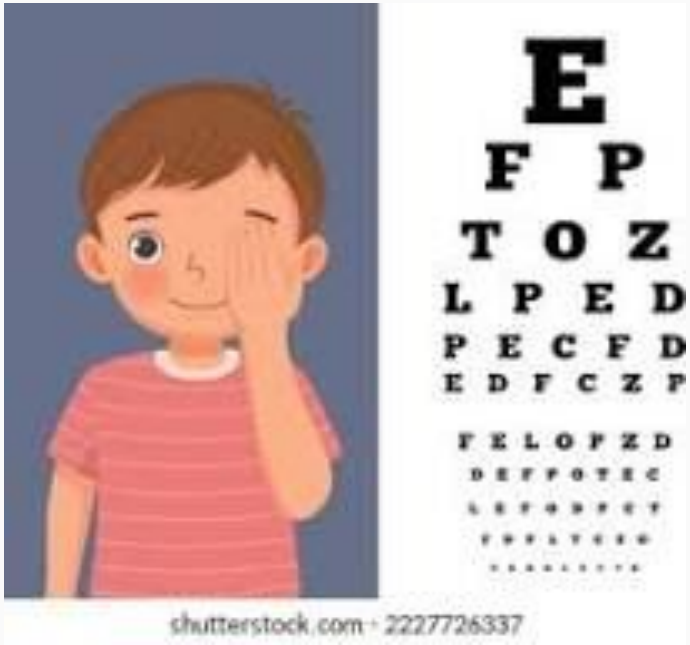
Vision Screening in Lancashire

Vision screening is an integral part of the universal delivery of the national Healthy Child Programme.

Every child in the Reception class will receive an invitation to have their vision tested in school on

17th November 2026

A detailed letter will be sent home with your child this week



School Uniform Reminder

School uniform is

- white polo shirt,
- grey skirt or trousers (grey tights may be worn)
- purple sweatshirt or cardigan
- black shoes/black trainers.

PE kit is

- white t-shirt,
- black joggers or shorts
- trainers or plimsolls/pumps.

We have plenty of pre-loved uniform in school, if you need any.





School Admissions

The deadline for submitting your applications for Secondary School was 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.
- If your child is late, then a parent must accompany them to school and sign a slip at the main entrance.
- School finishes at 3:10. A prompt pick up please as teachers often have after school clubs and/or meetings to attend.
- We have breakfast club from 7:45 if needed. Please see Mrs Patel if you would like to attend.

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.

@STSILASBLACKBURN

Don't forget our Instagram page where you can catch up with the latest activity in school.

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BLACKBURN CU HARRY POTTER ACTIVITY – YEAR 2 - 6

If you have signed your child up to this please remember it is taking place THIS Sunday. Please check your confirmation email for all the details. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Sara Burton on 0780929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer) or s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk.

HARRY POTTER WAITING LIST

If your child missed out on the Harry Potter day and they are in year 2 – 6 we have started a waiting list. The hope is to run another day in 2027 and those on this list will be given priority. To register your child please complete this short form: https://tinyurl.com/WaitingListHP.

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CHALLENGES

If your child has completed any of the October half term 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. The deadline for this is next **Friday 20th November**. Please note if you have already sent your child's passport in to be updated these have now been returned. Please look out for this as no responsibility will be held by the school now they have been returned.

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CHRISTMAS CRAFT PACKS

Please look out for an email soon about a Christmas Craft pack you can order for your child.

FOUR SEASONS – NATURES LITTLE THINGS

If you have signed up to this please remember this will be taking place on Tuesday at 1.30pm at Wensley Fold. Please meet at the dining hall at school. If for any reason you cannot attend please contact Uzma at Four Seasons on admin@fourseasonscic.co.uk or 07445788166 so your places can be offered to someone else.

There are still a few places for future weeks if you would like to register your family. During November and December, they are running some family sessions with younger children who have not yet started school all about exploring the outdoors, and these are free! This FREE project combines a gentle walk with creative activities inspired by the natural world. Each week, you will have the opportunity to step outside, slow down and notice the little things around us. Please see further details below:

- **Where?** Meeting at Wensley Fold Primary Academy
- **Little ones are welcome!** If you're bringing a baby or young child, please bring a **pram or buggy** as part of the session will take place outdoors.
- **Every Tuesday** - 17th, 24th November, 1st, 8th and 15th December from 1.30pm – 3pm each week.
- **Spaces are limited, so booking is recommended. Please visit the website (**https://fourseasonscic.co.uk/four-seasons-events/) to sign up! You must book each session individually.

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FAMILY FUN AT BLACKBURN LIBRARY

On Saturday 14th November Blackburn Library will be hosting a family fun day. Activities will be taking place from 11am – 12pm and 1.30pm – 3pm. There will also be a Storytime at 12pm – 12.30pm. Remember if your child attends any activities and they are a member of Blackburn Children's University to collect a slip. Please remember to hand this slip into school next week together with your child's CU passport.

WOMEN'S FITNESS CLASSES

Please see the letter that has been sent out about some women's only fitness classes. There will be a new block of sessions in January, taking place on a Monday morning at Wensley Fold Primary Academy (https://tinyurl.com/LetterJan27Fitness). 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/womensfitnessJan27



Star Learners

Hawthorn:	**Safaa**
Hornbeam:	**Hassan**
Alder:	**Ummul Khair**
Beech:	**Rayhan**
Rowan:	**Amina**
Hazel:	**Ibrahim**
Birch:	**Tatheer**
Willow:	**Saad**
Cherry:	**Hamza**
Ash	**Abdul**
Oak:	**Hadiqa**
Beehive:	**Mariam**

Attendance
Week ending 13/11/26

This Week's Attendance

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

Willow had 99.34%

Hawthorn had 98.98%



Family Point Winners week ending 13/11/26

Family Point Winners

The winning family this week is **THANKFULNESS** with 512 points.

Love had 502 points,

Belonging had 482 points

Service had 419 points





Family Point Winners This Term

Family	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	Wk 7	Totals
Belonging	603	482						1085
Love	701	502						1203
Service	756	419						1175
Thankfulness	718	512						1230







