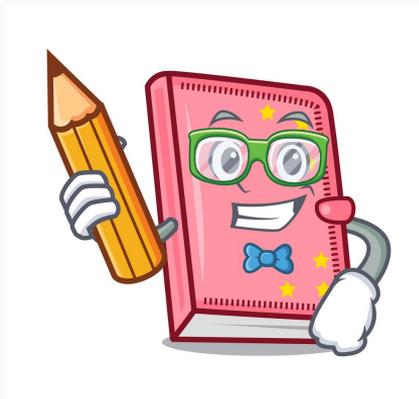




St Silas Newsletter 13/2/26



Upcoming Events

13th February	School Closes for half term
23rd February	School re-opens
26th February	Poetry Assembly
4th March	Y3/4 GULP session
5th March	World book day school celebrations!
11th March	Y3/4 GULP session
12th March	EYFS Sports Cluster Day
16-27th March	Science Weeks
25th March	Poetry By Heart Competition
25th March	GULP session
27th March	School Closes 3.10 pm for Easter
13th April	School re-opens

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who bought Books at our book fair. With the Money raised we were able to buy £95 worth of books for the library.

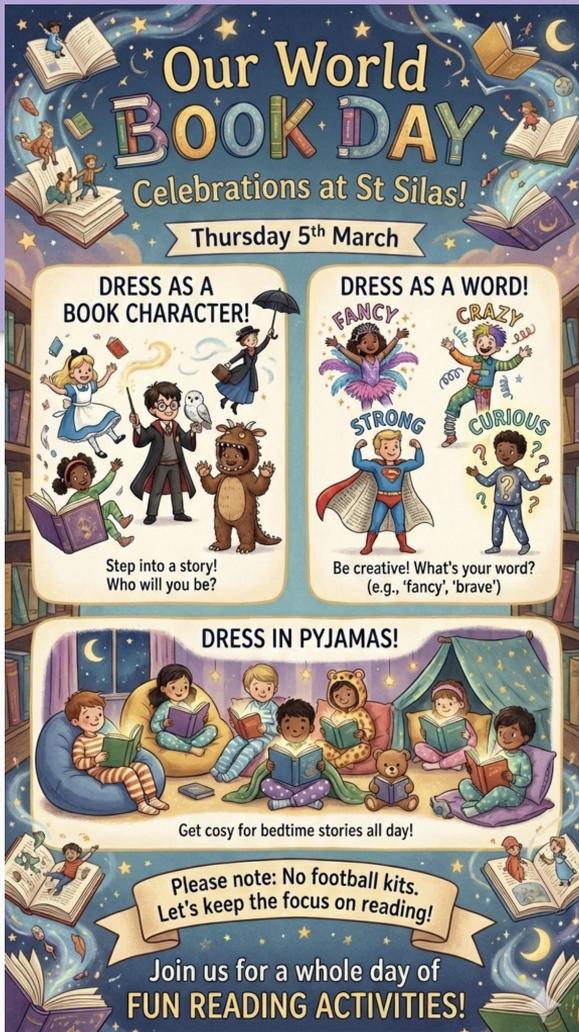


February Half Term

School Closes today at 3.10 pm for the half term break. School re-opens at 8.30 am on Monday 23rd February.

Wishing you all a lovely holiday.





Our world book day celebrations are on Thursday 5th March!

Children are invited to dress as a book character, a word (eg fancy, crazy) or in their pyjamas for a day of reading celebrations!

A special author will be coming in to lead some workshops, an order form for her book has been sent home incase you would like to participate in a book signing!



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.

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



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

Healthy Young Minds

Please find below the links to The Healthy Young Minds Website from NHS Lancashire & South Cumbria ICB.

<https://www.healthyyoungmindslsc.co.uk/information/children-and-young-people>

<https://www.healthyyoungmindslsc.co.uk/our-work/mental-health-support-teams>



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.

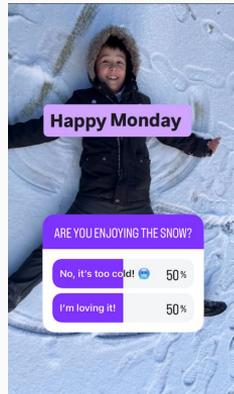
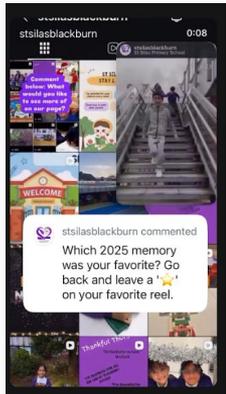
There will coffee/tea/juice in the dining hall afterwards for parents. If your child has been awarded the Star Learner Award they can join you for a drink. If we are in church there is no assembly in school but you are welcome to church.

Instagram



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Follow us on Instagram to keep up to date school news and events. You can also see weekly posts showing what we have been doing that week.



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 uniform
girls may wear trousers



PE kit

ear studs
allowed

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



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Jan

Year 4 Gymnastics

Look at our amazing Year 4 gymnasts.



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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.



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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.

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FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

If you have signed your child up to any of the half term holiday activities please ensure you check the email confirmation for further details on when and where the activity is taking place. No further reminders will be sent. If you have any questions please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FESTIVALS BOOK AWARDS 2026

If you have signed your child up to this please remember to return the book, together with the review as soon as your child has finished it. This ensures we can have books available for other children. Also your child can be sent more books to review too if they want to. We will swap books as quickly as we can, but please note this may take 2 or 3 days once a book is returned. We still have a few spaces available for this. If you have not already done so and your child would like to sign up please complete this short online form: <https://bit.ly/CLFBookAwards26>. Please see the letter for further details (<https://bit.ly/LetterChildrenLitFest26>)

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BLACKBURN CU FEBRIARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CHALLENGES

Please see the link for the Blackburn CU Half Term holiday challenges: <https://bit.ly/BCUFebChallenges26>. If your child completes any 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 after the holidays together with your child's CU passport so it can be checked and updated.

RE:FRESH HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Please see the poster (<https://bit.ly/ReFreshFeb26>) with details of a variety of activities happening over half term. Some activities require booking, this is indicated on the timetable. Bookings can be made via this link

<https://refreshbwd.com/events/active-seasons/>.

If your child attends any of these activities and they are a member of Blackburn Children's University to pick up a slip and hand it in after the holidays with your child's Children's University passport

CU RAINFOREST ACTIVITY – YEAR 3 – 6

A letter has been sent out about an activity on Saturday 28th February for children in year 3 – 6. Sign up is available now on ParentPay. Places are limited and are offered on a first come first serve basis.

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LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

For further information on all the events at Blackburn with Darwen Libraries please see this link:

<https://bit.ly/FebHalfTermLibrary26>. Please remember if your child attends any of these library activities and they are a member of Blackburn Children's University to pick up a slip and hand it in after the holidays with your child's Children's University passport.

Booster Cushion Theatre presents: Hansel, Gretal and You...Who?
Blackburn Central Library, Saturday 14th February, 1.30 - 2.30 pm

A hilarious retelling of this classic tale, perfect for all the family at February half-term. Hansel and Gretal have been turned into oven gloves and don't know what to do! They decide to go on a journey around the world looking for food and some friends. They bump into some woodland animals who just want to play sports all the time, luckily they know the best way out of the forest is with an audience wide relay race. But while taking part, the siblings get trapped by the Witch. Luckily, the Gingerbread Man has a great idea to save them, he'll just need some help... This is a fast funny show with lots of opportunities to help, perfect for families. Tickets available from the library, price £1 children, £3 adults.

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Make a pop-up card

All the family can get together to make pop-up cards in our libraries during half-term. Tickets are free of charge, available from the relevant library up to 2 weeks before each event:

Blackburn Central Library, Mon 16th Feb, 2 - 3 pm

Mill Hill Library, Tue 17th Feb, 2.30 - 3.30 pm

Scratch Code Club

Scratch Code Club for 8 - 11 year old children will return at Blackburn Library during half-term. The club will run a little differently this time, so there will be a series of four, daily sessions starting on 17th February, 2.30 - 4 pm and finishing on 20th February. The club is aimed at complete beginners, starting with a very basic exercise on Scratch and gradually building on skills learned day by day. To gain maximum benefit from the programme we encourage children to sign up to the full four days of the course rather than dipping in and out. Places are limited, so to be sure of gaining a place, please contact andrew.orr@blackburn.gov.uk or phone (01254) 587941 as soon as possible. If we receive enough demand, another series of sessions will take place later in the year, so if you miss out on a place this time please keep an eye out for further opportunities.



SAM Star - Children's Choice

Hawthorn:	Muhammud	Willow:	Abdul-Hadi
Hornbeam:	Suliman	Cherry:	Hanzalah
Alder:	Muhammad	Oak:	Hussain
Beech:	Ebrahim & M Amaan	Ash:	Meredith
Rowan:	Aun	Beehive	Ali
Hazel:	Hamaas	Rainbow Room	Bilal
Birch:	Radman		



Attendance week ending 13/2/26

This Week's Attendance

Congratulations to **Beech class** with 98.57% attendance

Birch had 98.33%

Alder had 96.43%



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 13/2/26

Family Point Winners

The winning family this week is **Belonging**
with 268 points.

Service had 146 points

Thankfulness had 137 points,

Love had 92 points





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Website - please copy this link into your browser

<https://www.stsilasprimary.co.uk/>



St Silas has an Instagram account. Please follow us on:

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

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