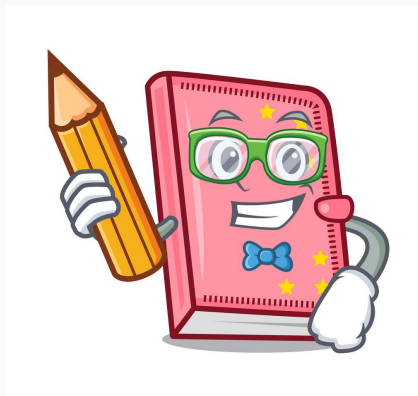




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Upcoming Events

20th November	Road Safety Talk Yr 1 and Yr 2
26th November	Yr 3&4 Blackburn Museum Visit
12th December	Christmas Jumper Day
17th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas parties
19th December	Christmas Assembly in church 10:45
19th December	School closes for Christmas



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.



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, it was 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.

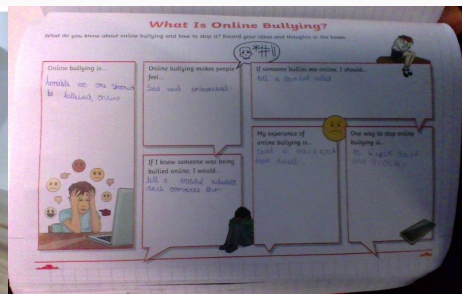
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Super Learning Day Anti - Bullying Week

On Thursday 13th November 2025, our children have truly embraced the message of "Power for Good," through their Super Learning Day, learning vital skills to confidently address bullying, both face-to-face and online. Through engaging sessions and discussions, they have gained the **confidence** and **vocabulary** to recognise unfair behavior and speak out safely, empowering them to become active upstanders for their peers. We are so proud of their growing understanding of how to use their own influence to foster a kinder, more inclusive environment for everyone.





Blackburn Rovers - Football Tournament

St Silas Primary School was proudly represented by its Year 5 and 6 pupils at a football tournament hosted by the Blackburn Rovers Academy.

This event provided a valuable and enriching opportunity for all participating students. The children demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and enthusiasm, thoroughly enjoying the experience.

We extend our congratulations to every pupil involved for their commendable effort and participation.



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.

Reusable Clothes Collection

We will be collecting used clothes
To raise money for the school.
Look out for the collection bags
That will be coming home with
Your child shortly.





Stay and Play



Our stay and play sessions have started again every Tuesday morning from 9 am to 10 am. We look to seeing you And your child For some fun play activities



Childrens University



OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CHALLENGES

If your child has completed any of the CU Challenges 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 together with your child's CU passport so it can be checked and updated. Please note the deadline for all challenges is Monday 24th November.

If you have already handed your child's Children's University passport in for any challenges please note that these have all been return to classes already. Please do look out for this as no responsibility will be held by the school once they have been returned.

Children's University



CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY WIZARD OF OZ ACTIVITY – SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

There are a couple of spaces left on this activity and sign up is on ParentPay.

If you have already signed your child up please look out for a confirmation email (sent via the school email system) which has been sent out. This confirmation will have a link to the online consent form, which must be completed by next Friday 21st November. Failure to complete this consent form will mean your child cannot attend. If you do not receive this email please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).



SAM Star Learners

Hawthorn: Sana

Hornbeam: Zeynab

Alder: Zainab

Beech: Ebrahim

Rowan: Abu Bakar

Hazel: Wasif

Birch: Umar

Willow: Asfiya

Cherry: Zaiyan

Oak: Anayah

Ash: M Faizan

Beehive: Alfie



Attendance week ending 14/11/25

This Week's Attendance

Congratulations to **Hornbeam class** with
99.35% attendance!

Alder and Beech had 98.57% each



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 14/11/25

Family Point Winners

The winning family this week is SERVICE
with 230 points.

Thankfulness had 221 points

Belonging had 217 points,

Love had 172 points





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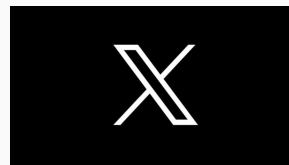
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St Silas has an Instagram account. Please follow us on:

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

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