



St Silas Newsletter 15/5/26



Upcoming Events

20th May	Shakespeare Day
22nd May	School closes for half term
1st June	School re-opens
2nd June	Parent workshop 9 am to 12
9th June	Y4 and Y6 Blackburn Literacy Festival
9th June	Rowan Class singing event
10th June	KS1 Sports Day
12th June	KS2 Sports Day
16th June	EYFS Heights and Weights
22nd June	Y6 Leavers Service at Blackburn Cathedral
24th June	Y1 Singing event at Wensley Fold
8th July	Community Day
9th July	Cricket Cluster tournament
10th July	EYFS Farm Visit
13th July	KS1 trip to Formby beach

Father David's Visit to School



"Did you know it's the 'New Year' for the Church?"

To mark this special milestone, Father David gave our building a traditional blessing to welcome in a season of prosperity and joy. We want our school to be more than just a place of lessons; we want it to be a blessed space where your children feel inspired and supported. Here's to a wonderful year of learning and laughing together!"

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

Parents Courses



The Early Years SEND team have made some courses available to support parents of children with various needs. Please copy and paste this link into your browser for more information.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nXTR_17qqFWl4so46AaWhpP7w3zpjKQY/view?usp=sharing

There is also a free child and baby CPR course available from Blackburn with Darwen. Please follow the link below for more details

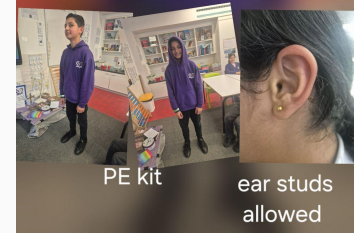
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School Uniform Reminder

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.

Don't forget our Instagram page



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SWIMMING LESSONS AND WATER FUN SESSIONS

If you have registered your child for any of the swimming lessons or water fun sessions please check the confirmation email that was sent last week. You must ensure you complete the consent form and make the payment by this Sunday 17th May. Failure to do this will mean their place will be offered to someone else. If you do not receive anything and you registered your child please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

WOMEN'S ONLY FITNESS CLASSES

There is another block of Women's only fitness classes starting after half term at Wensley Fold Primary Academy. Please see the letter that has been sent out (<https://bit.ly/LetterJune26FitnessWF>). Sign up via this link: <https://bit.ly/WomensFitnessJune26WF>.

TESCO STRONGER STARTS – BLACKBURN CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY VOTE

Blackburn Children's University have been successful for the Tesco Stronger Starts Scheme and have been put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores (Blackburn Superstore, Bank Top, Roe Lee, Livesey and Darwen Express). Voting is now open and will continue until the end of July 2026. The voting is to help fund Blackburn CU holiday activities including cooking as well as a variety of sport and wellbeing activities so children can have fun and learn new skills. Please look out for this if you visit any stores and pick up a token to cast your vote!

MAY HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Please note due to Eid falling during the half term holidays there will be no holiday activities running this holiday.

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LIBRARY HALF TERM ACTIVITY – PAINT, PLANT AND EXPLORE!

Step into a world of natural fun: paint with plants, create your own mini greenhouse, and become a nature detective on our tree themed scavenger hunt! These will be taking place at:
Mill Hill Library – Tuesday 26th May at 3pm
Cherry Tree Library – Wednesday 27th May at 2.30pm
Blackburn Central Library – Thursday 28th May at 2pm
Free tickets are available from each library and must be booked in advance. If your child is a member of Children's University and you attend this event please remember to pick up a slip from the library and bring it into school after the holidays together with their CU passport so it can be stamped.

BLACKBURN CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATION – GRADUATION HOURS

Please note Blackburn Children's University will be holding their annual graduation on Saturday 11th July 2026. If your child attends any external clubs or activities please note the deadline for hours will be the first week back after May half term. Please ensure you get these up to date and hand their Children's University passport in to be updated for these. Further details will then be sent on hours and certificates in early June.



Attendance week ending 15/5/26

This Week's Attendance

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

Hawthorn had 99.65%

Alder had 99.64%



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 5 days or more 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 15/5/26

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The winning family this week is **Belonging** with 2320 points.

Service had 1371 points

Love had 1252 points,

Thankfulness had 1215 points



Family Point Winners week ending 1/5/26

Family	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Total
Belonging	1168	2209	2053	2320	7750
Love	736	1954	1726	1252	5668
Thankfulness	948	1465	1613	1371	5397
Service	1133	1605	1934	1215	5

