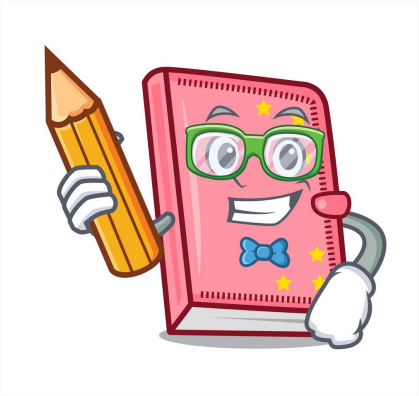
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Upcoming Events

19th January	Year 5 Bounce Forward Session
19th January	Year 6 Heights and Weights
22nd January	Year 6 Friendship Workshops
28th January	Year 5 Bounce Forward Session
4th February	Scholastic Book Fair starts
4th February	Year 5 Bounce Forward Session
10th February	Online Safety Day
11th February	Year 5 Bounce Forward Session
13th February	School Closes for half term
23rd February	School re-opens

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



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

Crosshill Open Day

Tuesday 20th January

9.15 to 10.45



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.

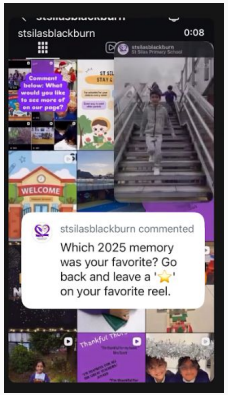
All parents are welcome to the assembly whether their child is winning an award or not.

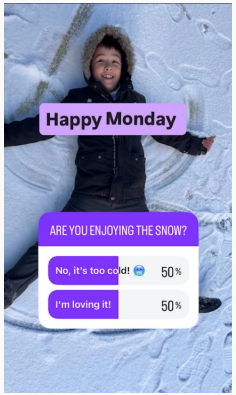
There will coffee/tea/juice in the dining hall afterwards for parents. If your child has been awarded the Star Learner Award they can join you for a drink. If we are in church there is no assembly in school but you are welcome to church.

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.









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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

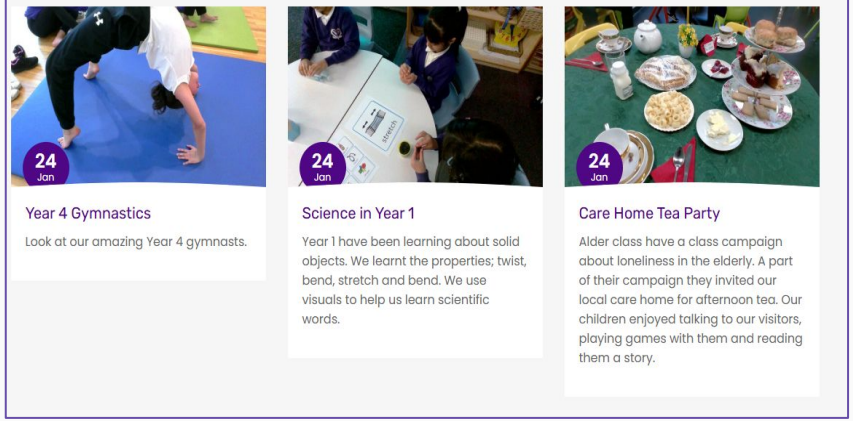
Please come and see Mrs Rehana Patel to discuss any holidays **before** you book a holiday.

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



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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SCHOOL CLUBS

All children who have signed up to any clubs should have received a confirmation letter through their class. Please ensure you do look out for this so you can check what clubs your child has signed up to as well as any additional information there may be. All clubs start next week on Monday 19th January 2026. If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (if there is no answer please do leave a message).

WINTER HOLIDAY CHALLENGES AND CRAFT PACKS

If your child has completed any of the CU Challenges or the Christmas craft pack 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, please ensure it is handed in to the office. 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. The deadline for these is **next Friday 23rd January**.

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CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY WINTER OLYMPICS ACTIVITY DAY

Information will be sent out about an activity day for children in year 3 – 6 at the start of February. Places are limited and offered on a first come first serve basis on ParentPay. Sign up is available now and will be available until Wednesday 21st January (if there are still spaces). If you sign your child up please look out for a confirmation email (sent via the school email system) that will be sent later next week with a link to an online consent form which must be completed, otherwise your child cannot attend.

HEALTH INFORMATION WEEK 2026 AT BLACKBURN CENTRAL LIBRARY

Some feel good activities and workshops are coming up in the libraries to help chase away those winter blues. Why not come along and see what's on offer? See the poster https://bit.ly/HealthInfoWeek26 for all the details and this information sheet https://bit.ly/HealthInfoWeek26Booking on how to book.

One of these activities is being run by the Health and Wellbeing Service who are providing a one off 'Feel Good Food Choices' workshop as an intro to discussing food and healthy choices / changes. This will be next Thursday 22nd January from 1pm – 2.30pm. Two health coaches will be delivering the session. Please see the poster for details (https://bit.ly/FeelGoodWorkShop26). Booking link via QR code on the poster or via Active Winter! - Booking by Bookwhen

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FAMILY FUN DAY AT BLACKBURN CENTRAL LIBRARY – Saturday 31st January

This is taking places on Saturday 31st January 2026. Help the library celebrate National Storytelling Week with free family friendly activities between 10.30am and 12pm, and again from 1.30pm to 3pm. There will also be story time sessions at 12pm and 3pm. There's no need to book, just turn up on the day. All welcome. Remember if your child is a member of Blackburn CU to pick up a slip to say you have attended. Please then hand this slip in together with your child's CU passport via the blue CU box at the school office.

SAM Star Learners

Hawthorn:	**Mohammed**
Hornbeam:	**Aya**
Alder:	**Samaira**
Beech:	**Fatima**
Rowan:	**Ummul**
Hazel:	**Hassan**
Birch:	**Faris**
Willow:	**Raima**
Cherry:	**Haider**
Oak:	**Aiman**
Ash:	**Nahida**

Attendance week ending 16/1/26

This Week's Attendance

Congratulations to **Beech class** with 98.15% attendance

Oak had 97.84%

Alder had 96.79%



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 16/1/26

Family Point Winners

The winning family this week is **Service** with 156 points.

Thankfulness had 143 points

Belonging had 105 points,

Love had 91 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.