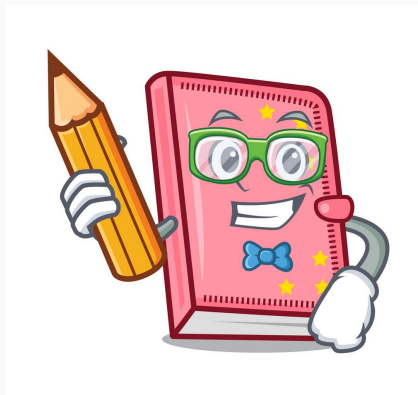




St Silas Newsletter 17/10/2025



Upcoming Events

20th October	Year 4 trip to Outdoor Elements
22nd October	Year 3 trip to Outdoor Elements
23rd October	School closes for half term
24th October	INSET day
3rd November	School reopens
4th November	Fire Safety talk - Y2 and Y6
7th November	Year 5 trip to Outdoor Elements
11th November	Remembrance Assembly
13th November	Anti Bullying and Online Safety Day
14th November	School Photos
14th November	Interfaith service with Bishop Philip
19th December	Christmas Assembly in church 10:45
19th December	School closes for Christmas

Cidari Gaia Conference: Insurmountable Giants.



Seven children from Y4 represented our school at the Gaia conference in Blackburn Cathedral yesterday. They were excellent ambassadors for our school.

We learnt about the insurmountable giants: deforestation, drought, social media, war/conflict, plastic pollution, global warming, illness and disease that stop us from looking after and enjoying the wonderful world that God made for us.

The Earth is available for all to visit and gaze at the wonderful creation God made for us.

Poppy Appeal



Poppies are still on sale in the school office for 50p each. There are also other items for sale such as

- Slap band £2
- Silk bracelet £1
- Poppy keyring £1

You can send the money in with your child to purchase at break and lunch times



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.

Free Adult Learning Course

Looking to work in a school, that fits in around your family?

Join Aspire Education Academy's Fully Funded (FREE) Education Support Course.

Starting on **Monday 20th October!**

Online ONLY Education Support Course with live webinars
Available in Levels 1, 2 & Level 3 progression

Level 1

NCFE CACHE Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools
NCFE CACHE Level 1 Award in Safeguarding in a Learning Environment
NCFE CACHE Level 1 Certificate in Wellbeing
Level 1 Occupational Studies for the Workplace

Level 2

- NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent
- NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours

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Level 3

- NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Special Educational Needs

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You'll receive guided support from our friendly tutors throughout the course of your choice.

Simply go to the 'Education Support Course' tab on our website:

www.studysmartuk.online

We run within school hours and **ONLY** in term time and not during half term/end of term periods.



Friday Celebration Assemblies

Friday Celebration
Assemblies
8.50am in the
school hall
Drinks in the dining room
afterwards
Assemblies

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 deadline for submitting your applications for Secondary School is 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.

<https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions>



School Uniform Reminder

School uniform is a white polo shirt, grey skirt or trousers and purple sweatshirt or cardigan with black shoes/black trainers.

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**

A reminder that 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 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.



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





Children's University



CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS – RETURNED

If you have handed your child's Children's University passport in for any holiday activities or challenges please note these have all been returned. Please do look out for it as no responsibility will be held by the school one it has been returned.

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

If you have signed your child up to any of the holiday activities please do look out for the confirmation email (from s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk) which will be has been sent. This includes a consent form which must be completed by next Wednesday 22nd October. Failure to complete this consent form will me your child cannot attend. If you do not receive this confirmation email please give Sara Burton a ring on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

WOMEN'S ONLY FITNESS CLASS

Please see the letter (<https://bit.ly/LetterNovFitness25>) for details about a women only fitness class for adults which will start after the half term holidays. You can register your interest via this form:

<https://bit.ly/WomensFitnessNovDec25>. Places are limited and are offered on a first come first serve basis. You will be sent further details next week if you register. The deadline for registering is next Tuesday 21st October.

Childrens University



BLACKBURN ROVERS FOOTBALL MATCH

Please see the letter sent out with details about this football match on Saturday 8th November 2025. This is for children in year 3 – 6. The deadline for signing up (if there are still places) is this Sunday 19th October. If you have signed your child up please do look out for the confirmation email (from s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk) which will be sent by Wednesday next week. This includes a consent form which must be completed. Failure to complete this consent form will mean your child cannot attend. If you do not receive this confirmation email by next Wednesday please give Sara Burton a ring on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

OCTOBER HALF TERM CHALLENGES

Please see the details sent out for the Children's University half term holiday challenges. Children's University members can collect stamps in their passport for completing these. If your child completes any of the CU 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 into school after the holidays 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.

NEW CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY LEARNING DESTINATION - ACTIVE SEASONS

Active Seasons works with the Re:fresh team in Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council. They offer a number of free activities and events during the holidays. If your child attends any of these activities please note CU members can collect stamps in their passport for attending these. Please remember to pick up a slip at the activity and hand this in with their CU passport to school after the holidays so it can be stamped.

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LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Please see below details for some events that are coming up at the local libraries. Entry for all these events is by FREE ticket, available from Blackburn Library up to two weeks before each event. Please remember CU members can collect stamps in their passport for attending these activities. Please remember to pick up a slip at the activity and hand this in with their CU passport to school after the holidays so it can be stamped.

Wordsworth Tea Party, Sat 18th Oct, 2 - 3pm.

Families can come and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Blackburn Library building with Wordsworth, refreshments and some party games.

Children's University



Green Libraries Week / Half-term

There's lots going on in Blackburn with Darwen Libraries for Green Libraries Week, which falls in half-term:

Tote bag decorating - Sat 25th Oct, 11am - 12.30pm and 1.30 - 3pm, Blackburn Library (this is part of a **family fun day** which also includes a **nature themed craft activity**).

Style your own bag at these family sessions.

Beach Guardian workshops - Mon 27th Oct, 2 - 4.30pm, Blackburn Library. Age 5 and over. What happens when plastic ends up in the sea? Identify different plastics with a scanner and a microscope, and learn how to keep our oceans clean. **Suitable for age 5 and over.**

Family book folding craft (various locations)

An opportunity to upcycle old, withdrawn books into works of art for all the family. Entry by FREE ticket available from the relevant library.

- Mon 27th Oct, 10.30 - 11.30am, Roman Road Library
- Tue 28th Oct, 2.30 - 3.30pm, Mill Hill Library
- Wed 29th Oct, 2.30 - 3.30pm, Cherry Tree Library
- Fri 31st Oct, 2 - 3.30pm, Blackburn Library

Spooky seasonal ReUse Crafts - at Blackburn Library on

Wednesday 29th October at 2pm

Age 5 and over. Come and make a ghost from recycled materials.



SAM Star Learners

Hawthorn: **Ali**

Hornbeam:

Alder: **Dhiya**

Beech: **M Hassan**

Rowan: **Umaira**

Hazel: **Hania**

Birch: **Saara**

Willow: **Ahmed**

Cherry: **Ibrahim**

Oak: **Ani**

Ash: **Maryam**

Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to all the following children who have completed the Summer Reading Challenge at Blackburn with Darwen Libraries over the summer!

Azlam M

Hanzalah H

Muhammad H

Nehanth G

Bilal-Hasmat A

Mohammed A

Muhammad A

Myiesha U

Fatima P

Anabiya K

Maryam I

Salwa F

Mohammad M-R-A



Attendance week ending 17/10/25

This Week's Attendance

Congratulations to **Hawthorn class** with
99.67% attendance!

Hornbeam had 98.71% attendance

Alder had 98.57% attendance



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 17/10/25

Family Point Winners

The winning family this week is **SERVICE**
with 349 points.

Belonging had 344 points

Thankfulness had 329 points,

Love had 322 points





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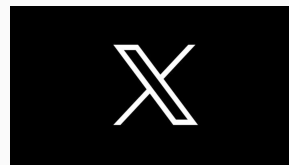
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St Silas has an Instagram account. Please follow us on:

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Please follow our Twitter account.

<https://twitter.com/> to keep up to date with events in our school.