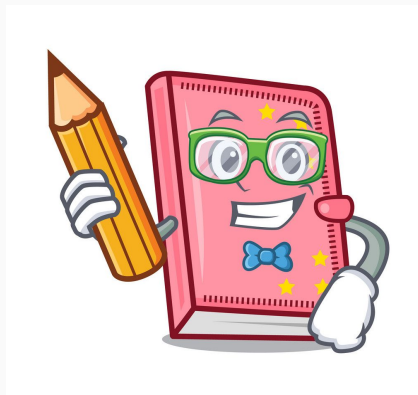




# St Silas Newsletter 17/4/26



## Upcoming Events

20th April	NSPCC Workshops in school
22nd April	Cidari Earth Day
29th April	One Ocean School Assembly
30th April	Rowan Class Assembly
4th May	May Day Bank Holiday
5th May	School closed for INSET
13th May	Online safety day
20th May	Shakespeare Day
22nd May	School closes for half term



# 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](mailto: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>

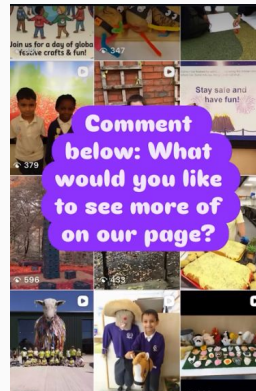
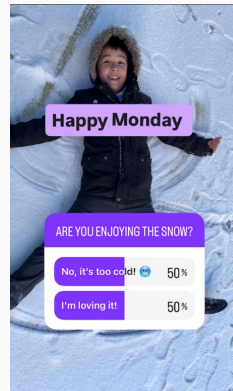
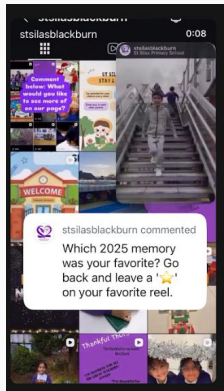
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# Instagram



# stsilasblackburn

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.



@STASILASBLACKBURN

# School Uniform Reminder

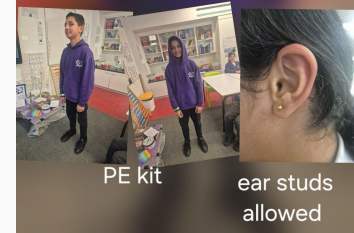
School uniform is a white polo shirt, grey skirt or trousers and purple sweatshirt or cardigan with black shoes/black trainers. PE kit is white t-shirt, black joggers, or shorts and trainers or plimsolls/pumps. We do not allow earrings, however ear studs are permitted.

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



### 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.

# Childrens University



## **SCHOOL CLUBS**

Please note the club sign up will be THIS Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 8am on ParentPay. Information on all the clubs which are available has been sent out next via email and text. Please read all the information that has been sent. If you have any questions please contact Sara Burton on [s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk) or 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

## **CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY DINOSAUR ACTIVITY – YEAR 3 – 6**

If you have signed your child up to this please remember it is taking place on Sunday. Please check your confirmation email for all the details.

## **BLACKBURN CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATION – SAVE THE DATE**

Please note Blackburn Children's University will be holding their annual graduation on Saturday 11th July 2026. Please pop the date in your diaries. Further details on hours, certificates and times will be sent out in early June. 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.

## **EASTER HOLIDAY CHALLENGES**

If your child completed any of them over the holidays please ensure you send the evidence to Sara Burton via [s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto: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.

# Childrens University



## **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 will be in stores from 28<sup>th</sup> April 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!

## **BLACKBURN CU SPONSORSHIP**

Blackburn Children’s University are looking for local businesses to support the growth, support activities and Graduation for 2026.

Please see the poster for details:

<https://bit.ly/BlackburnCUSponsorship>

If anyone is interested please do not hesitate to contact Sara Burton on [s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk) or 07805929965 to discuss

# Childrens University



## **JUNIOR BOOK BINGO – BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN LIBRARIES**

Blackburn with Darwen Libraries are pleased to announce a fun reading challenge - Junior Book Bingo. Children will need to complete the following tasks:

- Read a book about Wild animals
- Listen to an audio book
- Read a book about plants
- Read a poem with a nature theme.

They need to record the title and something that sticks in their mind on the sheet for each task. They can use this form: <https://bit.ly/JuniorBookBingo26>, create their own or pick up one from the library.

Once complete children need to bring their completed form to any of the BwD libraries to receive a certificate. All completed forms will also be entered into a prize draw, which will be drawn at regular intervals, to win a gift set sponsored by our Green Libraries Hub. All forms need to be completed by the end of June 2026.

# Childrens University



Children can collect **4 hours** in their CU passports for completing this. Please bring the certificate together with your child's CU passport into school to be stamped after the holidays. Alternatively you can send a photo of the certificate to Sara Burton via WhatsApp on 07805929965 or email [s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk).

## **CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FESTIVALS BOOK AWARDS 2026**

Please do 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. All books must be returned directly to the school office.



# SAM Star Learners

Hawthorn: **Youssef**

Hornbeam: **Arfa**

Alder: **Talha**

Beech: **Nur-Zahra**

Sports Star **Fayzaan**

Rowan: **Yousaf**

Hazel: **Daniella**

Birch: **Areeba**

Willow: **Muhammad**

Cherry: **Joshil**

Oak: **Anayah**

Ash: **Ameerah**

Beehive **Abdul**



# Attendance week ending 17/4/26

## This Week's Attendance

Congratulations to **Hornbeam class** with  
99.17% attendance

Beech had 98.61%

Hazel had 97.84%



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 17/4/26

## Family Point Winners

The winning family this week is **Belonging**  
with 1168 points.

Service had 1133 points

Thankfulness had 948 points,

Love had 736 points

