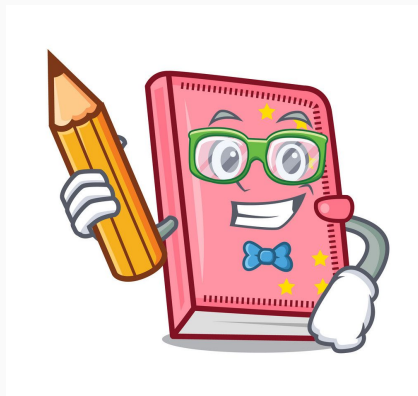




St Silas Newsletter 18/7/2025



Upcoming Events

18th July	School Closes for Summer
3rd September	School Re-opens
12th September	Year 5 trip to Brockholes
1st October	Harvest assembly at church
23rd October	School closes for half term
3rd November	School re-opens

New Head Teacher

The governors are delighted to announce that Ms Kathryn Haczycki has been appointed as head Teacher!

Ms Haczycki has been acting head since April and was previously deputy head. She therefore assumes her role with a great deal of knowledge of the school, its pupils and staff. She will be continuing to work to uphold our school vision that Loving God and Each Other We Work Together to be the Best We Can Be



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.

Free Debt Advice

Debt Support:

Need help managing your debts? Are you struggling with welfare benefit problems? Take that first step and contact Shelter, or the Oaks Money Advice Centre for free and confidential debt and benefit advice.

Shelter

Contact Information:

Telephone: 0344 515 1882

Visit: Blackburn Central Library, Town Hall Street, Blackburn, BB2 1AG

Mon – Fri 10am – 5pm

Email: lancashire@shelter.org.uk

The Oaks

Contact Information:

Telephone: 07803513767

Email: oaksreferrals@blackburn.foodbank.org.uk

Asda Cashpot

Thank you for all those parents who joined the ASDA cashpot in autumn.

We were able to raise £116 for our school. The money has been used to create a new outdoor reading area.

Thank you!



School Uniform Reminder

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

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 **no holidays will 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 now ended for the summer. We will be running the sessions again in September





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CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS

Please note all Children's University passports have now been returned, so please do look out for them. No responsibility will be held by the school once they have been returned.

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FAMILY TRIPS

If you have signed your child or family up to any activities or trips please ensure you put them in your diary, as reminders are not always sent before each one. Please refer to your confirmation email for all the details.

SCRUMPTIOUS! FAMILY SHOW

All families who have signed up have been informed and a reminder has been sent. If you have signed your family up please remember it is taking place this Saturday. Please check your reminder for all the details. If you have not received a reminder and you have signed up please contact Sara Burton straight away on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

SUMMER HOLIDAY CHALLENGES FROM BLACKBURN CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

There will be a number of challenges that CU members can complete over the holidays to collect extra hours in their passports. Further details have been sent. 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.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE – BLACKBURN LIBRARY

Details have been sent out about the 'Story Garden' Summer Reading Challenge. This is taking place over the summer at Blackburn Library (as well as other libraries in Blackburn with Darwen). If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University and completes this challenge please remember to bring their certificate and their passport to school in September so it can be stamped with 6 hours for completing. The challenge runs until 30th September 2025.



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SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT BLACKBURN LIBRARY

Over the holidays Blackburn Library have a number of activities taking place. Please check with the library for all the details, however please see below a rough idea of what is happening. If your child does attend any activities at the library and they are a member of Blackburn Children's University please remember to pick up a slip from the activity to show you have attended and hand this in together with your child's CU passport after the holidays.

Activities:

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| • Wed July 23 rd | 2- 4pm | LEGO Club |
| • Thurs July 24 th | 2- 3pm | Story |
| • Garden Craft* | | |
| • Tues July 29 th | 2- 3pm | Jack and the |
| • Beanstalk** | | |
| • Wed July 30 th | 2- 4pm | Digiplay |
| • Thurs Aug 1 st | 2- 3pm | Story |
| • Catchers Craft* | | |

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| • Tues Aug 5 th | 2- 3pm | Zoolab ** |
| • Wed Aug 6 th | 2- 4pm | Board Games |
| • Thurs Aug 7 th | 2- 3pm | Minibeast |
| • Craft * | | |
| • Tues Aug 12 th | 2- 3pm | Storytime and Craft |
| • Wed Aug 13 th | 2- 4pm | Digiplay |
| • Thurs Aug 14 th | 2- 3pm | Space themed Craft * |
| • Tues Aug 19 th | 2- 3pm | Storytime and Craft |
| • Wed Aug 20 th | 2- 4pm | LEGO Club |
| • Thurs Aug 21 st | 2- 3pm | Mythical |
| • creature Craft * | | |
| • Tues Aug 26 th | 2- 3pm | Storytime and Craft |
| • Wed Aug 27 th | 2- 4pm | Digiplay |
| • Thurs Aug 28 th | 2- 3pm | Animal Craft * |

*Booking required. Please ask at the Enquiry desk for tickets

** £1 for children, £3 for accompanying adults. Please ask at the Enquiry desk for tickets



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MY FAVOURITE SPACE OR PLACE COMPETITION

Over the summer we would like to encourage children to take part in this competition. Children are being asked to ***write about their favourite place or space within the BwD borough***. There will be a prize of a **£200** Waterstones voucher for the Blackburn with Darwen school with the most entries, followed by a **£100** voucher for the **individual winner** and a **£50** voucher for the **runner-up**. Children's University members can collect a **1 hour stamp** in their passport for taking part. The deadline to send any entries to Sara Burton is **Thursday 28th August 2025**. Sara will then send them to the library. Send your child's entry to s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965. If your child is taking part in any of the holiday activities you can bring it along then and hand in directly. **Please remember to include your child's name, age and school.**

Please see the letter for all the details: <https://bit.ly/MyFavouriteSpaceComp25>

THE BUREAU ACTIVITIES

The Bureau Centre for Arts has some weekly Saturday family activities available:

- Imaginarium for ages 0-7years from either 9.30am – 11am or 10.30am – 12noon.
- Family Art Club for ages 7 and above from 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Please see the poster for further information: <https://bit.ly/Bureau25Sat>. Please use the discount code **CU25** for £2 off the family art club!

If your child attends any of these activities and is a member of Blackburn Children's University please remember to collect a slip at the session and hand it in together with your child's passport to school after the holidays.

Please contact sorrel@bureaublackburn.co.uk at The Bureau for further information or to enquire about booking.

BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN HEALTH AND WELLBEING ACTIVE PASSPORT

The Health and Wellbeing team have produced an active passport for over the summer holidays. Active Passports are available to give you and the family ideas on how to have fun while staying active, whether that's indoors or outdoors, rain or shine. The aim is for you and your family to complete as many of the activities as possible. Some of these activities can be done in your own time, and others will be part of their Active Summer activities.

If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University they can also collect stamps in their CU passports for attending these activities. You will need to hand in your child's CU Passport, together with the completed 'Active Passport' after the holidays. Please note only organised activities through the Active Summer qualify for hours in your child's CU passport.

For further details:

Letter: <https://bit.ly/ActivePassportLetter25>

To register your child's interest: <https://bit.ly/ActivePassportReg25>



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MASTERS OF MARTIAL ARTS BLACKBURN

Masters of Martial Arts Summer Challenge – Just £30 for 6 Sessions! Masters of Martial Arts Academy – Blackburn Town Centre. Are you looking for a fun, active, and rewarding way to keep your child engaged over the summer holidays? Their Martial Arts Summer Challenge is the perfect opportunity! For just £30, your child can enjoy 6 exciting sessions throughout the school summer break—ideal for building confidence, learning self-defence, staying fit, and making new friends in a supportive environment.

What's Included:

- 6 martial arts lessons
- Flexible scheduling - choose the days that suit you
- Fun, structured training led by experienced instructors
- A chance to be part of our welcoming martial arts community
- Challenge runs throughout the school summer holidays
- Choose your preferred training day/session when booking!
- Spaces are limited – book now to secure your spot and make this summer one to remember!

Register via <https://www.mmablackburn.co.uk/freelesson> and pop SUMMER CHALLENGE in the message box. Alternatively give them a call on 01254 460047 or email blackburn@mma.uk.com.

Remember CU members can collect stamps in their passport for attending Masters of Martial Arts.



Star Learners - Children's Choice

Hawthorn: **Abdullah**

Hornbeam: **Daniyal**

Alder: **Fatima Z**

Beech: **Zaviyah**

Elder: **Jannat**

Rowan: **Ibhrahim**

Beehive:

Hazel: **Kiran**

Birch: **Muhammad W**

Willow: **Salwa**

Cherry: **M Ibrahim**

Oak: **Hanzalah**

EYFS **Muhammad P**



Attendance week ending 18/7/25

This Week's Attendance

Congratulations to **Rowan class** with 97.67% attendance!

Cherry had 96.82% attendance

Alder had 96.45% 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 18/7/25

Family Point Winners

The winning family this week is **SERVICE** with 35 points.

Belonging had 30 points,

Love had 30 points

Thankfulness had 20 points





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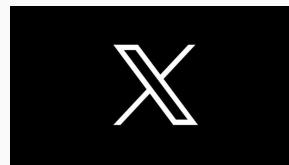
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St Silas has an Instagram account. Please follow us on:

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

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Please follow our Twitter account.

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