



St Silas Newsletter 18/9/26



Upcoming Events

24th September
28th September
2nd October
5th October
Assembly)
6th October
9th October
14th October
21st October
23rd October
24th October
2nd November

Yr 2 & Yr 4 Recycling Workshops
Flu Vaccinations
Yr 1 & Yr 2 Road Safety
Harvest in Church (Cherry Class

Rowan Monthly Mission
Yr 3 & Yr 4 Road Safety
Hornbeam Class Assembly
School Photos
INSET day
School closes for half term
School Re-opens

Communications from School

We are now using Arbor to communicate with parents and will stop using Teachers to Parents to send text messages at the end of this month.

You will have received an email from Arbor to set up your account so that you can view information about your child and receive messages from the school. Please check your spam folder if you can't see the email.

If you miss doing this you will miss out on important messages and updates in the future





Macmillan Coffee Morning

Join us for a Macmillan Coffee Morning on **Wednesday 23rd September** in the school dining hall between **8:30 AM and 10:30 AM**.

Whether you are dropping off your children or just want to catch up with other parents, pop in for a hot brew and a delicious slice of cake.

Cake Sale for Children

To make sure the pupils don't miss out, children will also be able to buy a slice of cake at the end of the day! If your child would like to purchase a treat after school please send them in with a small donation/change.

How You Can Help

- **Attend:** Come along, enjoy a drink and a treat, and spend some time together.
- **Donate Cakes:** Homemade or shop-bought cake donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the school office on Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning.
- **Support:** While entry to the morning event is free, voluntary monetary donations are very welcome. Every penny raised goes directly to Macmillan Cancer Support to help fund vital services

Free School Meals

It is very important that you apply for free school meals for your children, even if you think you may not be eligible. The government have recently changed the criteria for those who apply. It is quick and easy to apply and you get an instant decision. This can mean the difference between paying for school meals or not!

Copy and paste this link into your browser to apply today.

<https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-and-pupil-support/free-school-meals>

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 Admissions

The deadline for submitting your applications for Secondary School is 31st October 2026.

The deadline for Primary School applications is 15th January 2027.

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>



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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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 21st September 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).

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY MEMBERSHIP

If your child is NOT already a member of Blackburn Children's University and you would like to sign them up, you can do so now on ParentPay. Membership is £5 and is open to all children in years 1 – 6. Membership includes the CU passport which children will keep with them throughout their time in school. Please see the email sent out with more information on, or see the letter here: <https://tinyurl.com/NewCUSSWF26>.

Please only sign them up if you have not done so previously. The deadline for signing up is Friday 2nd October. All CU passports will be issued to new members **after this date.**

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WOMEN'S FITNESS CLASSES

Please see the letter that has been sent out about some women's only fitness classes that will be starting up again in November on a Monday morning at Wensley Fold Primary Academy (<https://tinyurl.com/LetterNov26Fitness>). This is open to both parents / carers and well as members of the community, so please feel free to share. If you would like to register for these classes please do so via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/womensfitnessNov26>.

SUMMER HOLIDAY CHALLENGES

If your child has completed any of the summer holidays 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 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. The deadline for all challenges will be Monday 5th October.

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SUMMER READING CHALLENGE – BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN LIBRARIES

If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University and completes the Summer Reading challenge, please remember to bring their certificate and their passport to school so it can be stamped with 6 hours for completing. Alternatively you can send a photo of the certificate to Sara Burton via s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965.

BLACKBURN HAWKS ICE HOCKEY GAME

A letter was sent out earlier this week with details about an exciting opportunity to go and watch Blackburn Hawks in an ice hockey game. Please see the letter for details:

<https://tinyurl.com/LetterBBHawksOct26>. If you are interested in attending with your family, please complete this form:

<https://tinyurl.com/BBHawksOct26>

Your place will not be confirmed until the payment is made on ParentPay. Please look out for a confirmation text with details about the payment once you register. If you have not heard anything about payment by 2nd October, please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

SAM Star

Hawthorn: **Mustafaa**

Hornbeam: **Ali**

Alder: **Abu Bakar**

Beech: **Muhammad H**

Rowan: **Yusuf**

Hazel: **Hasnain**

Sports Stars Adam and Faris

Birch: **Rafay**

Willow: **Aahil**

Cherry: **Ayat**

Oak: **Zayn**

Beehive: **Uzair**

Attendance

Week ending 18/9/26

This Week's Attendance

Congratulations to **Willow class** with 99.23% attendance

Birch had 98.62%

Alder had 98.15%



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 18/9/26

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The winning family this week is **LOVE** with 673 points.

Service had 617 points,

Thankfulness had 546 points

Belonging had 465 points



Family Point Winners This Term

Family	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	Wk 7	Totals
Belonging	631	465						1096
Love	758	673						1431
Service	609	617						1226
Thankfulness	499	546						1045

