

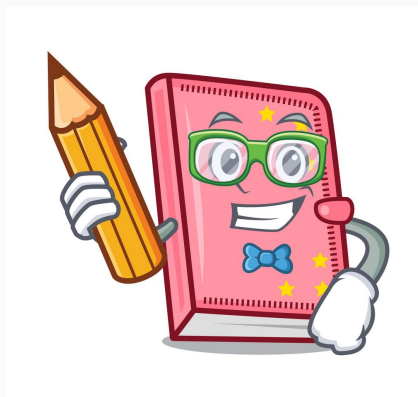
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

As we finish school for the Christmas holidays we would like to wish all our families a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We open again on Monday 5th January 2026.





St Silas Newsletter 19/12/2025



Upcoming Events

19th December	School closes for Christmas at 1.30 pm
5th January	School Re-opens
7th January	Year 5 Bounce Forward Session
12th January	Year 6 Residential
14th January	Year 5 Bounce Forward Session
15th January	Whole School Resilience Session
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



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!

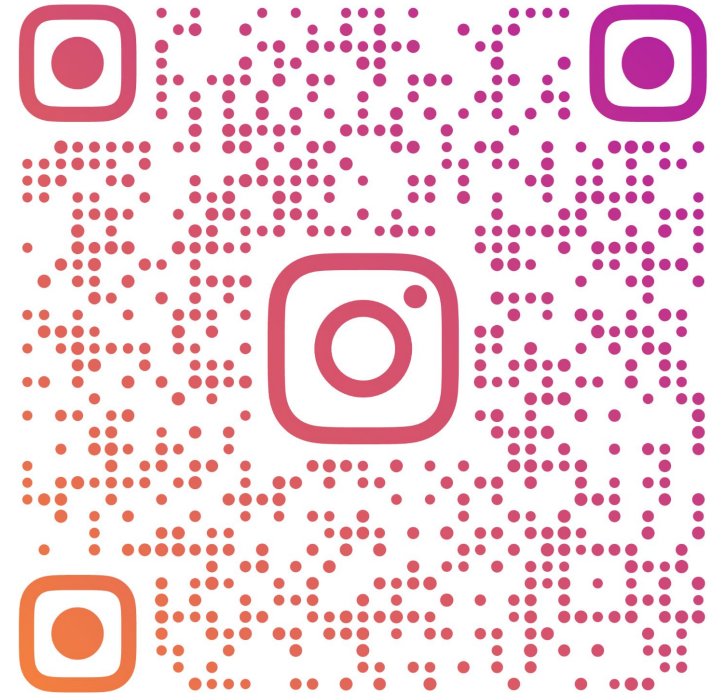
There are no catches or hidden charges and St Silas CE Primary School will be really grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support.

EYFS Nativity



What a beautiful performance of our Nativity play, 'Fishing for Stars.' Well done to Year 1 and 2 for your lovely singing. Thank you so much to the stage hands and narrators from Year 6, including our Head Girl and Head Boy. The biggest well done must go to the youngest children in school who acted out the story. It was wonderful to welcome some grown ups into school to share such a magical experience and make lifelong memories together. Thank you for coming.





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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



at St Silas

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



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 join us in church.



School Admissions 2026

The time to apply for a Secondary place for your year 6 child has now passed, the deadline was 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. 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

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



CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS

If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University please note ALL passports have now been returned, so please do look out for them. No responsibility will be held by the school now they have been returned. Please ensure you child does not leave it in their tray and that you check their bag.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT PACKS

If you have ordered a craft pack for your child please note these were handed out earlier this week. If they are a member of Children's University do not forget to send evidence if your child completed any crafts so they can collect some hours in their passport. Send your evidence to Sara burton on 07805929965 or s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY WINTER CHALLENGES

Details have been sent out for the Children's University winter 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.

Childrens University



LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Blackburn with Darwen Libraries are running a free family star themed craft activity over the holidays at a number of their libraries. Remember if your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University and they attend one of these sessions to pick up a slip at the activity. Please then send that in with your child's CU passport after the holidays.

You must contact the relevant library for FREE tickets up to 2 weeks before the event. The dates are:

- Monday 22nd December, 2.30pm – Cherry Tree Library
- Tuesday 23rd December, 2pm – Blackburn Central Library
- Friday 2nd January, 10.30am – Roman Road Library
- Friday 2nd January, 1pm – Darwen Library



SAM Children's Choice

Hawthorn: **Hamza**

Hornbeam: **Abiha**

Alder: **Hudhayfah**

Beech: **Haroon**

Rowan: **Aaishah**

Hazel: **Hamza**

Birch: **Mohid**

Willow: **Naylaa**

Cherry: **Brooklynn**

Oak: **Mariam**

Ash: **Uzair**

Beehive: **Yahya**



Attendance week ending 19/12/25

This Week's Attendance

Congratulations to **class** with % attendance

had %

had %



71 of our children had a 100% attendance in the Autumn Term! Well done to each and every one of them - you know who you are!!

Family Point Winners week ending 19/12/25

Family Point Winners

The winning family this week is **LOVE** with 1338 points.

Thankfulness had 1316 points

Belonging had 1304 points,

Service had 1284 points





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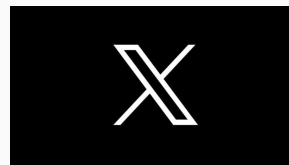
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St Silas has an Instagram account. Please follow us on:

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

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Please follow our X (formerly Twitter) account.
<https://x.com/> to keep up to date with events in our school.