St Silas Newsletter 20/11/26



Upcoming Events

23rd November School Panto - Aladdin
30th November NFER Assessments all week
10th December Messy Church with Fr David
11th December Christmas Jumper Day
15th December EYFS Nativity 9 am
16th December Christmas lunch and parties
18th December KS2 Carol Service in Church
18th December School Closes at 3.10 pm

Communications from School

We are now using Arbor to communicate with parents through the App. If you have not yet downloaded the app you will be receiving email communications from us so please check your inbox and junk/spam.

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



School Uniform Reminder

School uniform is

- white polo shirt,
- grey skirt or trousers (grey tights may be worn)
- purple sweatshirt or cardigan
- black shoes/black trainers.

PE kit is

- white t-shirt,
- black joggers or shorts
- trainers or plimsolls/pumps.

We have plenty of pre-loved uniform in school, if you need any.





School Admissions

The deadline for submitting your applications for Secondary School was 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.
- If your child is late, then a parent must accompany them to school and sign a slip at the main entrance.
- School finishes at 3:10. A prompt pick up please as teachers often have after school clubs and/or meetings to attend.
- We have breakfast club from 7:45 if needed. Please see Mrs Patel if you would like to attend.

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.

@STSILASBLACKBURN

Don't forget our Instagram page where you can catch up with the latest activity in school.

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HARRY POTTER WAITING LIST

If your child missed out on the Harry Potter day and they are in year 2 – 6 we have started a waiting list. The hope is to run another day in 2027 and those on this list will be given priority. To register your child please complete this short form: https://tinyurl.com/WaitingListHP.

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CHALLENGES

If your child has completed any of the October half term 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 this is THIS **Monday 23rd November**. Please note if you have already sent your child's passport in to be updated these have now been returned. Please look out for this as no responsibility will be held by the school now they have been returned.

Please see the letter sent out about a Christmas Craft pack (https://tinyurl.com/CCraftPacksSSWF26). These are available to order now on ParentPay. Packs are limited and will be offered on a first come first serve basis. The deadline for ordering backs is this Monday 23rd November. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer) or s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk.

FOUR SEASONS – NATURES LITTLE THINGS

If you have signed up to this please remember this will be taking place on Tuesday at 1.30pm at Wensley Fold. Please meet at the dining hall at school. If for any reason you cannot attend please contact Uzma at Four Seasons on admin@fourseasonscic.co.uk or 07445788166 so your places can be offered to someone else.

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There are still a few places for future weeks if you would like to register your family. During November and December, they are running some family sessions with younger children who have not yet started school all about exploring the outdoors, and these are free! This FREE project combines a gentle walk with creative activities inspired by the natural world. Each week, you will have the opportunity to step outside, slow down and notice the little things around us. Please see further details below:

- **Where?** Meeting at Wensley Fold Primary Academy
- **Little ones are welcome!** If you're bringing a baby or young child, please bring a **pram or buggy** as part of the session will take place outdoors.
- **Every Tuesday** - 24th November, 1st, 8th and 15th December from 1.30pm – 3pm each week.
- **Spaces are limited, so booking is recommended. Please visit the website (**https://fourseasonscic.co.uk/four-seasons-events/) to sign up! You must book each session individually.

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WOMEN'S FITNESS CLASSES

Please see the letter that has been sent out about some women's only fitness classes. There will be a new block of sessions in January, taking place on a Monday morning at Wensley Fold Primary Academy (https://tinyurl.com/LetterJan27Fitness). 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/womensfitnessJan27



Star Learners

Hawthorn:	**Noor Fatima**	Birch:	**Yahya**
Hornbeam:	**Eeshaal**	Willow:	**Brooklyn**
Alder:	**Maya**	Cherry:	**Aneesa**
Beech:	**Mubashir**	Ash	**Zoha**
Rowan:	**Aisha**	Oak:	**Maizah**
Hazel:	**Baci** Sports Star Amaan	Beehive:	**Husain**

Attendance
Week ending 20/11/26

This Week's Attendance

Congratulations to **Hawthorn class** with 100% attendance!!

Hazel had 98.85%

Alder had 97.83%



Family Point Winners week ending 20/11/26

Family Point Winners

The winning family this week is **LOVE** with 627 points.

Belonging had 506 points,

Thankfulness had 495 points

Service had 479 points





Family Point Winners This Term

Family	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	Wk 7	Totals
Belonging	603	482	506					1591
Love	701	502	627					1830
Service	756	419	479					1654
Thankfulness	718	512	495					1725







