



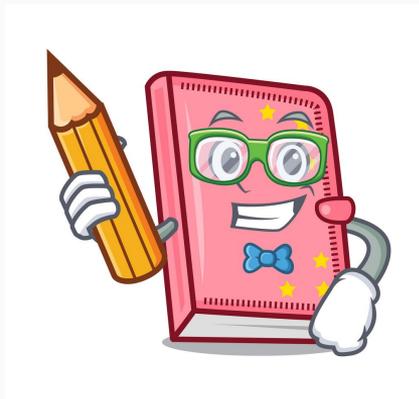
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St Silas Newsletter 20/3/26



Upcoming Events

23rd March	Science trip Willow and Hazel
24th March	Science trip Cherry and Birch
25th March	Poetry By Heart Competition
26th March	Science trip Beech and Hawthorn
26th March	Sammy Project Clothes Collection
27th March	Science trip Alder and Hornbeam
27th March	EYFS Egg-stravaganza
27th March	School Closes 3.10 pm for Easter
13th April	School re-opens



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.



New Menu!

The new menu for after Easter is available to book now on Parentpay. Why not book your child's meals in advance? You can book right up to the end of the Summer Term!



Clothes Collection 26th March 2026



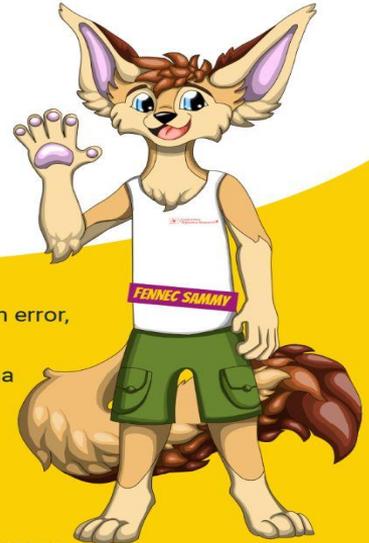
DONATE CLOTHES 4 SAMMY PROJECT

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 www.donateclothes4sammy.org

 www.facebook.com/donateclothes4sammy

If you support our mission and appreciate our work, we would be grateful if you could leave us a review on our Facebook page!



This message is private and confidential and intended solely for the use of the individual or entity to whom it is addressed. If you have received this message in error, please let us know and remove it from your system.

Sammy's project is launched and fully operated by charity Leukaemia & Myeloma Research UK without involving any commercial parties. Only our charity leads such a project in the UK!

All money raised for our charity will be used to continue our work investing in specialist research into different blood cancer treatments.

To find out more about our charity, visit: lmruk.org
For more information about Sammy's project, please visit: donateclothes4sammy.org



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We are proud to hold ISO 9001, 14001,
and 45001 certifications.

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



Lucky Plate

The Easter Special Lucky Plate will be on Wednesday 25th March. If you buy a school lunch next Wednesday your plate might be the lucky winner!



WINNER WINNER

CHICKEN DINNER

Ash Class's Easter EGG-Stravaganza

Friday 27th March 2.30pm

There will be
Easter activities,

an Easter egg
hunt,

refreshments
and

a singing
performance.



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>

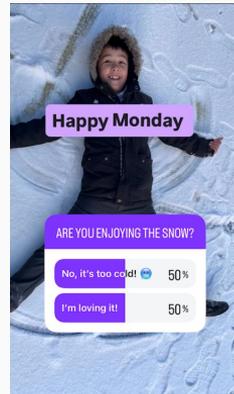
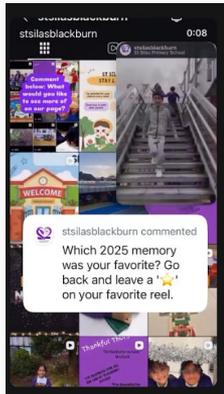
<https://www.healthyyoungmindslsc.co.uk/our-work/mental-health-support-teams>

Instagram



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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.



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.



PE kit

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



24
Jan

Year 4 Gymnastics

Look at our amazing Year 4 gymnasts.



24
Jan

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.



24
Jan

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 AND CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS

Please note all school clubs finish this week (week ending Friday 20th March). If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University please make sure their passport is handed in by THIS Monday 23rd March. Please note all passports will be returned before the end of term, so please do look out for them. No responsibility will be held by the school once they have been returned.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY ACTIVITY – YEAR 3 – 6

Please look out for further information that will be sent out next week about a Children's University activity taking place after the holidays on Sunday 19th April.

EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

If you have signed your family or child up to any of the Easter holiday activities please look out for the confirmation email which has been sent from s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk. This includes a link to an online consent form which must be completed by next Tuesday 24th March. Failure to complete this will mean your family / child cannot attend the activity.

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WOMEN'S ONLY FITNESS CLASSES

Please see the letter (<https://bit.ly/LetterApril26FitnessWF>) with details about some more women's only fitness classes at Wensley Fold Primary Academy starting straight after the holidays on Monday 13th April. Register your interest via this link: <https://bit.ly/WomensFitnessApril26WF>.

EASTER HOLIDAY CHALLENGES

The Children's University Easter holiday challenges will be sent out next week. If your child completes any of them over the holidays 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 after the holidays. If you prefer you can send the evidence of the challenges into school together with your child's CU passport.

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EASTER CRAFTS AT BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN LIBRARIES

The libraries will be putting on a Easter craft where children can decorate a bug hotel. Remember if your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University and they attend please pick up a slip and hand it into school together with your child's CU passport after the holidays so they can collect a stamp. Tickets for these sessions will be available from the relevant library 2 weeks before the activity. The dates are:

- Wednesday 1st April, 2.30pm at Cherry Tree Library
- Tuesday 7th April, 2.30pm at Mill Hill Library
- Wednesday 8th April, 2.30pm at Blackburn Library

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FESTIVALS BOOK AWARDS 2026

If you have signed your child up we are looking for children do a short recording of them reading a page of their book they have been given. Please send these to Sara Burton via WhatsApp on 07805929965 or email s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk. Please note these videos will be shared with the Children's Literature Festivals across their network and also on Blackburn CU's social media pages.

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.



Attendance week ending 20/3/26

This Week's Attendance

Congratulations to **Alder class** with 99.29% attendance

Birch had 97.03%

Hornbeam had 97%



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 20/3/26

Family Point Winners

The winning family this week is **Thankfulness**
with 228 points.

Belonging had 191 points

Service had 167 points,

Love had 148 points

