



St Silas Newsletter 22/5/26



Upcoming Events

22nd May	School closes for half term
1st June	School re-opens
2nd June	Parent workshop 9 am to 12
9th June	Y4 and Y6 Blackburn Literacy Festival
9th June	Rowan Class singing event
10th June	KS1 Sports Day
12th June	KS2 Sports Day
16th June	EYFS Heights and Weights
22nd June	Y6 Leavers Service at Blackburn Cathedral
24th June	Y1 Singing event at Wensley Fold
8th July	Community Day
9th July	Cricket Cluster tournament
10th July	EYFS Farm Visit
13th July	KS1 trip to Formby beach

Half Term Break

Wishing all our families and friends a lovely half term break and Eid Celebrations. School will reopen on Monday 1st June at 8.30 am



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

Wear Something Blue Day


Thank you to all the children who donated money for wearing Blue Clothes today. We have raised a massive £267 towards buying a water pump for Afghanistan.

Well done!



Free Parent Workshop

Understanding your child's behaviour



FREE PARENT WORKSHOP

Understanding Your Child's Behaviour

A supportive workshop hosted by the Blackburn with Darwen Parenting Team

WHEN & WHERE

- Date: Tuesday, 2nd June
- Time: 9:15 AM – 11:15 AM
- Location: St Silas Primary School

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

- The feelings and needs behind children's behavior.
- The importance of listening to children and how this can support meeting their needs.
- Responding with empathy and how it can positively influence children's behaviour.

WHO IS IT FOR?

All parents, carers, and guardians are welcome! Come along for a chat and some brilliant, practical tips in a completely judgment-free zone.

HOW TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

To secure your spot or if you have any questions, please get in touch:
Call the School: 01254 698447
Contact Person: Mrs R Patel

Spaces may be limited, so please contact the school early to book your place!

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council HENRY

School Uniform Reminder

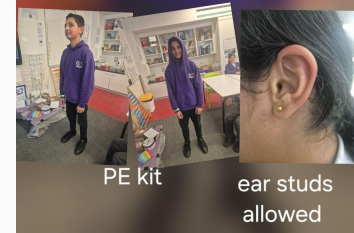
School uniform is a white polo shirt, grey skirt or trousers and purple sweatshirt or cardigan with black shoes/black trainers. PE kit is white t-shirt, black joggers, or shorts and trainers or plimsolls/pumps. We do not allow earrings, however ear studs are permitted.

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 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



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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SWIMMING LESSONS AND WATER FUN SESSIONS

We have the last few places left for the swimming lessons which will be taking places on some weekends in June.

Please see the letter for further details:

<https://bit.ly/SpacesSwim26>. If you have not already signed your child up please register them via this link:

<https://bit.ly/SPACESSwim26> if you are interested.

WOMEN'S ONLY FITNESS CLASSES

There is another block of Women's only fitness classes starting after half term at Wensley Fold Primary Academy on a Monday morning. Please see the letter that has been sent out (<https://bit.ly/LetterJune26FitnessWF>). Sign up via this link: <https://bit.ly/WomensFitnessJune26WF>.

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FESTIVAL BOOK AWARDS

Please note that after half term we will not be issuing any more books for this. If your child is given a book to read over the half term holiday please ensure this is returned during the first week back. If your child has been taking part please remember to hand their passport in to school after the holidays so it can be stamped for these hours. Any questions please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

BLACKBURN CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CHALLENGES

The May half term holidays for Blackburn CU have been shared (<https://bit.ly/BCUMayChallenges26>). If your child does complete any please remember to email your evidence to Sara Burton on s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or send to 07805929965. Alternatively, they can be brought into school with your child's CU passport after the holidays.

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BLACKBURN CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL THEMED ACTIVITY DAY – YEAR 2 - 6

A letter has been sent out for this activity and sign up is available on ParentPay now. Places are limited and offered on a first come first serve basis. If you have signed your child up please do look out for the confirmation email and link to the consent form which will be sent. Failure to complete this consent form will mean your child cannot attend.

BLACKBURN CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATION – GRADUATION HOURS

Please note Blackburn Children's University will be holding their annual graduation on Saturday 11th July 2026. If your child attends any external clubs or activities please note the deadline for hours will be the first week back after May half term. Please ensure you get these up to date and hand their Children's University passport in to be updated for these. This also includes handing it in for the hours for the Children's Literature Festival book awards. Further details will then be sent on CU hours and certificates in June.

LIBRARY HALF TERM ACTIVITY – PAINT, PLANT AND EXPLORE!

Step into a world of natural fun: paint with plants, create your own mini greenhouse, and become a nature detective on our tree themed scavenger hunt! These will be taking place at:
Mill Hill Library – Tuesday 26th May at 3pm
Cherry Tree Library – Wednesday 27th May at 2.30pm
Blackburn Central Library – Thursday 28th May at 2pm
Free tickets are available from each library and must be booked in advance. If your child is a member of Children's University and you attend this event please remember to pick up a slip from the library and bring it into school after the holidays together with their CU passport so it can be stamped.

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TESCO STRONGER STARTS – BLACKBURN CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY VOTE

Blackburn Children's University have been successful for the Tesco Stronger Starts Scheme and have been put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores (Blackburn Superstore, Bank Top, Roe Lee, Livesey and Darwen Express). Voting is now open and will continue until the end of July 2026. The voting is to help fund Blackburn CU holiday activities including cooking as well as a variety of sport and wellbeing activities so children can have fun and learn new skills. Please look out for this if you visit any stores and pick up a token to cast your vote!

BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN RE:FRESH ACTIVITIES

Active Spring booking link now live!!

Check out the variety of FREE, fun, inclusive activities for all the family during half term 26th - 30th May:

<https://bit.ly/ActiveSpringMay26>

Some activities require booking for more details visit their website: <https://refreshbwd.com/events/active-seasons/>

If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University and they attend any of these activities please message Sara Burton (s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965) so your child can collect a stamp in their CU passport!



SAM Star - Children's Choice

Hawthorn: **Mutiur**

Hornbeam: **Saif**

Alder: **Mahad**

Beech: **Laiba**

Rowan: **Faiz**

Hazel: **Rehma**

Birch: **Ayshah**

Willow: **Maizah**

Cherry: **Taibah**

Oak: **Ameena**

Ash: **Aahil**

Beehive **Lia**

Rainbow Room **Arianna**



Attendance week ending 22/5/26

This Week's Attendance

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

Hornbeam had 98.67%

Willow had 98.18%



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

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week ending 22/5/26

The winning family this week is **Service** with 2803 points.

Belonging had 2769 points

Love had 2376 points,

Thankfulness had 1432 points



Family Point Winners week ending 1/5/26

Family	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Total
Belonging	1168	2209	2053	2320	7750
Love	736	1954	1726	1252	5668
Thankfulness	948	1465	1613	1371	5397
Service	1133	1605	1934	1215	5

