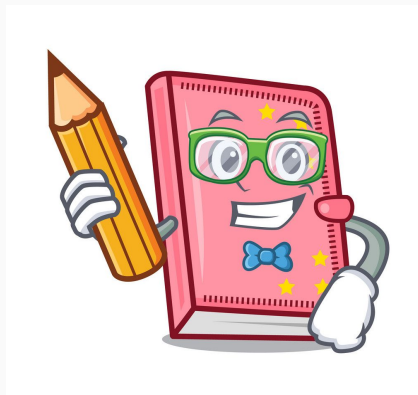




St Silas Newsletter 24/10/2025



Upcoming Events

3rd November	School reopens
4th November	Fire Safety talk - Y2 and Y6
7th November	Year 5 trip to Outdoor Elements
11th November	Remembrance Assembly
12th November	Parent's Evening
13th November	Anti Bullying and Online Safety Day
14th November	School Photos
14th November	Interfaith service with Bishop Philip
20th November	Road Safety Talk Yr 1 and Yr 2
19th December	Christmas Assembly in church 10:45
19th December	School closes for Christmas

Half Term Break

School is closed on Friday 24th October for teacher training and then school will be closed next week for the half term break. School will reopen on Monday 3rd November.

Wishing all the children and parents a restful and happy week off.





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.



Friday Celebration Assemblies

Friday Celebration
Assemblies
8.50am in the
school hall
Drinks in the dining room
afterwards
Assemblies

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 church.



School Admissions 2026

There is still time to apply for a Secondary place for your year 6 child. The deadline is 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.

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**

A reminder that 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 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.



Stay and Play



Our stay and play sessions have started again every Tuesday morning from 9 am to 10 am. We look to seeing you And your child For some fun play activities



Childrens University



BLACKBURN ROVERS FOOTBALL MATCH

If you have signed your child up please do look out for the confirmation email (from s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk) which has been sent. This includes a consent form which must be completed by next Tuesday 28th October. Failure to complete this consent form will mean your child cannot attend. If you have not received this confirmation please give Sara Burton a ring on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

OCTOBER HALF TERM CHALLENGES

Please see the details sent out for the Children's University half term 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.

NEW CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY LEARNING DESTINATION - ACTIVE SEASONS

Active Seasons works with the Re:fresh team in Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council. They offer a number of free activities and events during the holidays. If your child attends any of these activities please note CU members can collect stamps in their passport for attending these. Please remember to pick up a slip at the activity and hand this in with their CU passport to school after the holidays so it can be stamped.

Further details on the activities available over the half term holiday will be emailed out as soon as they have been shared

Children's University



ACTIVE AUTUMN IS COMING

Children's University members can collect stamps in their CU passport for attending these sessions. Just remember to collect a slip at the activity and send it into school with your child's CU passport after the holidays. They are bringing a spooky Active Autumn programme to you from 25th October - 1st November.

Take a look at the timetable attached for a range of fun, inclusive activities for all the family during half term (25th October - 1st November). Some activities require booking, make sure to check out if your activity needs booking on the timetable below.

<https://refreshbwd.com/events/active-seasons/>

Childrens University



OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

If you have signed your child up to any of the holiday activities please do look out for the confirmation email (from s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk) which has been sent. If you have any questions at all about these activities please give Sara Burton a ring on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Please see below details for some events that are coming up at the local libraries. Entry for all these events is by FREE ticket, available from Blackburn Library up to two weeks before each event. Please remember CU members can collect stamps in their passport for attending these activities. Please remember to pick up a slip at the activity and hand this in with their CU passport to school after the holidays so it can be stamped.

Children's University



Green Libraries Week / Half-term

There's lots going on in Blackburn with Darwen Libraries for Green Libraries Week, which falls in half-term:

Tote bag decorating - Sat 25th Oct, 11am - 12.30pm and 1.30 - 3pm, Blackburn Library (this is part of a **family fun day** which also includes a **nature themed craft activity**).

Style your own bag at these family sessions.

Beach Guardian workshops - Mon 27th Oct, 2 - 4.30pm, Blackburn Library. Age 5 and over. What happens when plastic ends up in the sea? Identify different plastics with a scanner and a microscope, and learn how to keep our oceans clean. **Suitable for age 5 and over.**

Family book folding craft (various locations)

An opportunity to upcycle old, withdrawn books into works of art for all the family. Entry by FREE ticket available from the relevant library.

- Mon 27th Oct, 10.30 - 11.30am, Roman Road Library
- Tue 28th Oct, 2.30 - 3.30pm, Mill Hill Library
- Wed 29th Oct, 2.30 - 3.30pm, Cherry Tree Library
- Fri 31st Oct, 2 - 3.30pm, Blackburn Library

Spooky seasonal ReUse Crafts - at Blackburn Library on

Wednesday 29th October at 2pm

Age 5 and over. Come and make a ghost from recycled materials.



Attendance week ending 24/10/25

This Week's Attendance

Congratulations to **Hawthorn and Hornbeam**
class with 97.74% attendance each!

Rowan had 96.67% attendance



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 24/10/25

Family Point Winners

The winning family this week is **BELONGING**
with 335 points.

Love had 256 points

Service had 216 points,

Thankfulness had 215 points





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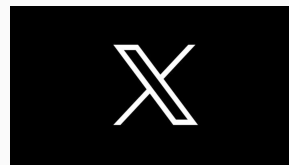
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Please follow our Twitter account.
<https://twitter.com/> to keep up to date with events in our school.