



St Silas Newsletter 25/9/26



Upcoming Events

28th September
2nd October
5th October
Assembly)
6th October
9th October
14th October
21st October
23rd October
23rd October
2nd November

Flu Vaccinations
Yr 1 & Yr 2 Road Safety
Harvest in Church (Cherry Class)

Rowan Monthly Mission
Yr 3 & Yr 4 Road Safety
Hornbeam Class Assembly
School Photos
INSET day
School closes for half term
School Re-opens

Communications from School

We are now using Arbor to communicate with parents and will stop using Teachers to Parents to send text messages at the end of this month.

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





Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning and Cake Sale on Wednesday 23rd September. We have raised £47.65 which will help go towards helping people living with cancer.



Free School Meals

It is very important that you apply for free school meals for your children, even if you think you may not be eligible. The government have recently changed the criteria for those who apply. It is quick and easy to apply and you get an instant decision. This can mean the difference between paying for school meals or not!

Copy and paste this link into your browser to apply today.

<https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-and-pupil-support/free-school-meals>

Census Feast Special Lunch

On Thursday 1st October we have a Census Feast special lunch menu. Please order on Parentpay before Monday to avoid missing out.



Every Bite Counts Chicken Burger

Number Cruncher Cheese and Tomato Pizza

Teamwork Favourite Cheesy Pasta Bake

Join the Crew Jacket Potato

Choice of Cakes and Biscuits

Fruit Jelly Pots

Fresh Fruit Wedges



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 is 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.

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



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CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY MEMBERSHIP

- If your child is NOT already a member of Blackburn Children's University and you would like to sign them up, you can do so now on ParentPay.
- Membership is £5 and is open to all children in years 1 – 6. Membership includes the CU passport which children will keep with them throughout their time in school. Please see the email sent out with more information on, or see the letter here: <https://tinyurl.com/NewCUSSWF26>.
- **Please only sign them up if you have not done so previously.** The deadline for signing up is Friday 2nd October.
- All CU passports will be issued to new members **after this date**.

WOMEN'S FITNESS CLASSES

Please see the letter that has been sent out about some women's only fitness classes that will be starting up again in November on a Monday morning at Wensley Fold Primary Academy (<https://tinyurl.com/LetterNov26Fitness>). 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/womensfitnessNov26>.

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SUMMER HOLIDAY CHALLENGES

If your child has completed any of the summer 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 all challenges will be Monday 5th October.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE – BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN LIBRARIES

If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University and completes the Summer Reading challenge, please remember to bring their certificate and their passport to school so it can be stamped with 6 hours for completing. Alternatively you can send a photo of the certificate to Sara Burton via s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965.

BLACKBURN HAWKS ICE HOCKEY GAME

A letter was sent out earlier this week with details about an exciting opportunity to go and watch Blackburn Hawks in an ice hockey game. Please see the letter for details:

<https://tinyurl.com/LetterBBHawksOct26>. If you are interested in attending with your family, please complete this form:

<https://tinyurl.com/BBHawksOct26>

The deadline for registering is next Thursday 1st October.

Your place will not be confirmed until the payment is made on ParentPay. Please look out for a confirmation text with details about the payment once you register. If you have not heard anything about payment by 2nd October, please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).



Star of the Week

Hawthorn: **Humaira**

Hornbeam: **John Paul**

Alder: **Ileana**

Beech: **Marwa**

Rowan: **Lia**

Hazel: **Elsy**

Birch: **Nabil**

Willow: **Ahmed Q**

Cherry: **Haidar**

Oak: **Ariana**

Beehive: **Aadam**

Attendance

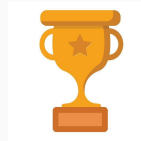
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This Week's Attendance

Congratulations to **Willow class** with 99.31% attendance

Oak had 99.23%

Birch had 98.08%



Family Point Winners week ending 25/9/26

Family Point Winners

The winning family this week is
THANKFULNESS with 595 points.

Belonging had 490 points,

Service had 441 points

Love had 413 points



Family Point Winners This Term

Family	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	Wk 7	Totals
Belonging	631	465	490					1586
Love	758	673	413					1844
Service	609	617	441					1667
Thankfulness	499	546	595					1640

