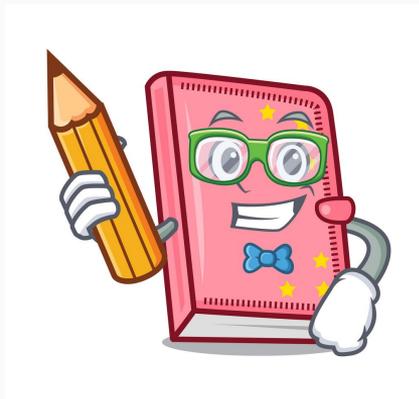






St Silas Newsletter 27/3/26



Upcoming Events

27th March	School closes 3.10 pm
13th April	School re-opens at 8.30 am
16th April	Blackburn Rovers Multisport Event
22nd April	Cidari Earth Day
29th April	One Ocean School Assembly
30th April	Rowan Class Assembly
5th May	School closed for INSET
13th May	Online safety day
22nd May	School closes for half term



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!



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

Sammy Project Clothes Collection

A big thank you to all those who donated unwanted clothes and shoes for the Sammy Project which raises money for children's cancers. The school also raised £19.50 for school funds.

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>

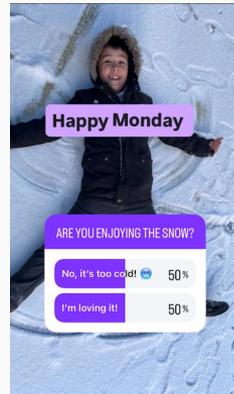
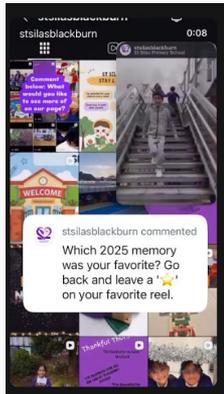
<https://www.healthyyoungmindslsc.co.uk/our-work/mental-health-support-teams>

Instagram



stsilasblackburn

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.



@STASILASBLACKBURN

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



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Jan

Year 4 Gymnastics

Look at our amazing Year 4 gymnasts.



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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.



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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



CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS

Please note all Children's University passports have been returned. Please do look out for them as no responsibility will be held by the school now they have been returned.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY DINOSAUR ACTIVITY – YEAR 3 – 6

A letter has been sent out about a dinosaur activity day for children in year 3 – 6 on Sunday 19th April. Sign up is available now on ParentPay now. Places are offered on a first come first serve basis. If you have signed your child up please look out for a consent form which will be sent over the holidays via the school email system. Failure to complete this consent form will mean your child cannot attend.

EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

If you have signed your family or child up to any of the Easter holiday activities please ensure you know when and where the activity is taking place. Please check your confirmation email for all the details. Please note additional reminders are not always sent, so please ensure you have the date(s) and time(s) in your diary. If you have any questions please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer) or email

s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk.

Childrens University



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.

Childrens University



BLACKBURN CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATION – SAVE

THE DATE

Please note Blackburn Children's University will be holding their annual graduation on Saturday 11th July 2026. Please pop the date in your diaries. Further details on hours, certificates and times will be sent out in early June. 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.

BLACKBURN CU SPONSORSHIP

Blackburn Children's University are looking for local businesses to support the growth, support activities and Graduation for 2026. Please see the poster for details:

<https://bit.ly/BlackburnCUSponsorship>

If anyone is interested please do not hesitate to contact Sara Burton on s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965 to discuss

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JUNIOR BOOK BINGO – BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN

LIBRARIES

Blackburn with Darwen Libraries are pleased to announce a fun reading challenge - Junior Book Bingo. Children will need to complete the following tasks:

- Read a book about Wild animals
- Listen to an audio book
- Read a book about plants
- Read a poem with a nature theme.

They need to record the title and something that sticks in their mind on the sheet for each task. They can use this form: <https://bit.ly/JuniorBookBingo26>, create their own or pick up one from the library.

Once complete children need to bring their completed form to any of the BwD libraries to receive a certificate. All completed forms will also be entered into a prize draw, which will be drawn at regular intervals, to win a gift set sponsored by our Green Libraries Hub. All forms need to be completed by the end of June 2026.

Children can collect **4 hours** in their CU passports for completing this. Please bring the certificate together with your child's CU passport into school to be stamped after the holidays. Alternatively you can send a photo of the certificate to Sara Burton via WhatsApp on 07805929965 or email s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk

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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 27/3/26

This Week's Attendance

Congratulations to **Hazel class** with 98.28% attendance

Willow had 96.59%

Birch had 95.95%



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 27/3/26

Family Point Winners

The winning family this week is **Belonging**
with 207 points.

Service had 166 points

Love had 165 points,

Thankfulness had 118 points





SAM Star - Children's Choice

Hawthorn: **Hamza**

Hornbeam: **Kiarad**

Alder: **Zainab**

Beech: **Haidar**

Rowan: **Afzal**

Hazel: **Zeyad**

Birch: **Samdani**

Willow: **Rumaisa**

Cherry: **Hurain**

Oak: **Any**

Ash: **Zayaan**

Rainbow: **Ayan-Louis**