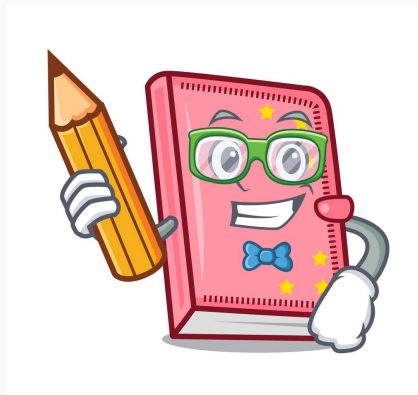




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Upcoming Events

3rd December	Coffee Morning 9.30 to 10.30
3rd December	EYFS Visions Screening AM
9th December	Rainbow Day - Non-Uniform
12th December	Christmas Jumper Day
16th December	EYFS Nativity Performance
17th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas parties
19th December	Christmas Assembly in church 10:45
19th December	School closes for Christmas



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.



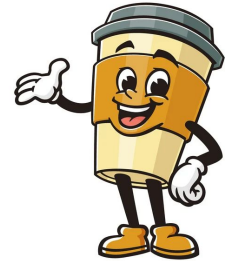
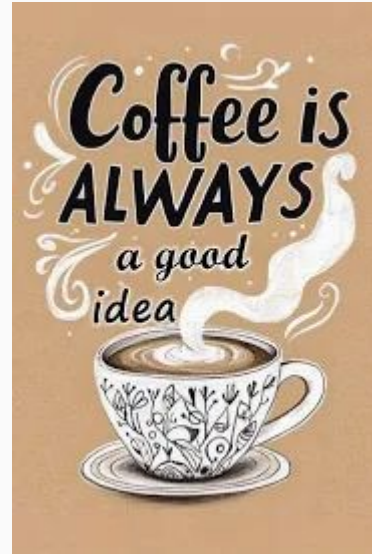
Lucky Plate Christmas Lunch

Please remember to order your children's lunches on Parentpay before Christmas. Order now to give your child a chance to win the Lucky Plate on 17th December to win a prize. There will be two for each class.



Coffee Morning

We are holding a coffee morning at St Silas on Wednesday 3rd December at 9.30 am. Everyone is welcome!



Festive Crafts Open Day

Please see the
attached poster
with details of a
family crafts
session



Blackburn with Darwen
**ADULT
LEARNING**

Festive Crafts Open Day

BwD Adult Learning is offering FREE festive crafts sessions for parents and children.

Activities Include:

- Sock Penguins**
- Festive Cracker Making**
- Badge Making**
- Cake Decorating**

Saturday 6th December
10:00 – 11:30am or 12:00 – 1:30pm
Bank Top NLC, BB2 1QP

**BOOK
NOW** 

For more information contact us on
adultlearning@blackburn.gov.uk

EYFS Nativity



Our EYFS children in reception class will be performing their nativity on Tuesday 16th December at 9.30 am. Parents are welcome to come along



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



at St Silas

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



Friday Celebration Assemblies

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

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

The time to apply for a Secondary place for your year 6 child has now passed, the deadline was 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. 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.



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.

Reusable Clothes Collection

We will be collecting used clothes
To raise money for the school.
Look out for the collection bags
That will be coming home with
Your child shortly.



**RAISE FUNDS
BY COLLECTING
REUSABLE CLOTHES**

**JOIN THE PROJECT
TO ENTER**

ITEMS THAT CAN GO IN THE BAGS

- 1 ADULT'S CLOTHES AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHES
- 2 PAIRED SHOES AND FOOTWEAR
- 3 SOFT TOYS AND UNWANTED GIFTS
- 4 BATH AND HAND TOWELS
- 5 BELTS AND HANDBAGS
- 6 JEWELLERY AND ACCESSORIES
- 7 BEDDING AND HOUSEHOLD LINEN

ITEMS THAT CAN'T GO IN THE BAGS

- 1 SCHOOL UNIFORM
- 2 SCHOOL SPORTS KIT
- 3 CURTAINS, FOLLOWS OR DUNETS
- 4 BRIC-A-BRAC
- 5 BOOKS

**IF YOU ARE UNSURE WHAT TO PUT IN THE BAGS
STOP AND THINK
WOULD YOU WEAR IT ?**

**PLEASE USE THE CLOTHING BAG PROVIDED.
YOU CAN ALSO USE ANY ADDITIONAL BAG IF REQUIRED.**

COLLECTION DATE: _____

PLEASE REMEMBER - NO UNDERWEAR

1. CHECK BAGS FOR YOUR SCHOOL - IT COULD HELP WITH A SUPER FUN AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB OR A BIRTHDAY PARTY
2. HELP YOUR PARENTS BY CARRYING UNWANTED CLOTHES
3. GIVE THEM TO THE SCHOOL CLOSET
4. CHECK THE BAGS FOR THE CLOTHES TO HELP THEM
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is launched by Leukaemia Myeloma Research

To learn more about the Sammy's project and good causes he does, please go to www.donateclothes4sammy.org





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



SCHOOL CLUBS AND CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS

Please note all school clubs finish NEXT week (week ending Friday 5th December). If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University please make sure their passport is handed in to the office by Wednesday 10th December. Please note all passports will be returned before the end of term, so please do look out for them.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY WIZARD OF OZ ACTIVITY

Please note this is taking place THIS Sunday. If you have signed your child up please check your confirmation letter for all the details, no further reminders will be sent. If you have any questions please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

CHRISTMAS CRAFT PACKS

Please look out for a letter soon about a Christmas Craft pack you can order for your child.

Childrens University



BLACKBURN UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB – NEW CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY LEARNING DESTINATION!

Blackburn United are now registered as a learning destination for Blackburn Children's University. This means if your child is a member of Blackburn CU and they attend any of their football sessions they can collect stamps in their CU passport. Please speak to the club about having their passport stamped.

If you would like your child to join Blackburn United have football sessions for children aged 5 and above, including a girls only session. These all take place on a Saturday morning. For further details please contact Iqbal Bhai on 07970216334 or email on Iqbal.bhai@blackburnunitedfc.co.uk.



SAM Star Learners

Hawthorn: **Mariam**

Hornbeam: **Hadijah and Junayd**

Alder: **Alexandra** Sports Star Zainab

Beech: **Hashir** Sports Star Raeem

Rowan: **Hadia**

Hazel: **Hanaas**

Birch: **Ayshah**

Willow: **Raees**

Cherry: **Leena**

Oak: **Hussain**

Ash: **Zaviyan**

Beehive: **M. Shoaib**



Attendance week ending 28/11/25

This Week's Attendance

Congratulations to **Alder class** with 98.52% attendance!

Beech had 98.21%

Hornbeam had 97.5%



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 28/11/25

Family Point Winners

The winning family this week is **LOVE** with 526 points.

Service had 207 points

Belonging had 202 points,

Thankfulness had 196 points





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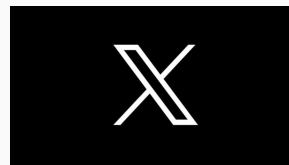
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St Silas has an Instagram account. Please follow us on:

<https://www.instagram.com/stsilasblackburn/>

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Please follow our X (formerly Twitter) account.
<https://x.com/> to keep up to date with events in our school.