



St Silas Newsletter 2/10/26



Upcoming Events

5th October
Assembly)
6th October
9th October
14th October
15th October
21st October
23rd October
23rd October
2nd November

Harvest in Church (Cherry Class

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

Parent Governor Vacancy

☀️ Help Shape Our School's Future: Become a Parent Governor! ☀️

Do you want a direct say in how our school is run? We're looking for enthusiastic parents and carers to join our Governing Body!

Why join?

- 👥 **Make a real impact:** Help set our school's vision, support our staff, and shape our children's learning.
- 📈 **Gain valuable experience:** Develop strategic leadership, board-level skills, and governance experience for your CV.
- 🤝 **No experience needed:** You don't need to be an education expert! Passion, commitment, and a parent's perspective are what matter most. Full training is provided.

What's the commitment?

Just **5 evening meetings per year** plus a bit of reading time and some online training.

Interested?

👉 Ask the office, Mr Ellis or Miss Haczycki for more information.

💬 Got questions? Send us a message here or email stsoffice@cidari.co.uk

🕒 **Deadline for nominations: Thursday 22nd October 2026**

Together, let's make our school the best it can be for our kids! 💙

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



Vision Screening in Reception Class

Vision Screening in Lancashire

Vision screening is an integral part of the universal delivery of the national Healthy Child Programme.

Every child in the Reception class will receive an invitation to have their vision tested in school.

A detailed letter will be sent home with your child closer to the screening date.

Vision Screening in Lancashire

Vision screening will be taking place for the reception class children on

Tuesday 17th November 9.30 am

An Opt-out consent form will be sent home with your child closer to the screening date. If you do not receive one and wish to Opt-out, please contact the school.

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>

Blackburn Food Bank Harvest Collection

Blackburn
Food Bank
have asked
St Silas to
only donate
tinned
carrots



We Need Your Tinned Carrots!

**Collection Date:
15th October**

**For the local
Foodbank**



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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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

If you have signed your family up to this please ensure the payment has been made. Further details together with a consent form will be sent out by Tuesday next week. Please do look out for this and ensure the form is completed, otherwise your family cannot attend. If you have any questions please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

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OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Letters will be going out soon with details of the activities available over half term. Please look out for this.

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 THIS Sunday 4th 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 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>

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 THIS Monday 5th October.**



Star of the Week

Hawthorn: **Alfie**

Hornbeam: **Afifa**

Alder: **Farhan**

Beech: **Hamza**

Rowan: **Ayyan**

Hazel: **Taibah Sports Star Hanzalah**

Birch: **Raees**

Willow: **Zoha**

Cherry: **Umme-Hanni**

Ash: **Waniya**

Oak: **Umar**

Beehive: **Mercedesz**

Attendance

Week ending 2/10/26

This Week's Attendance

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

Rowan had 99.22%

Birch had 98.85%



Family Point Winners week ending 2/10/26

Family Point Winners

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

Service had 407 points,

Belonging had 402 points

Thankfulness had 394 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	402				1988
Love	758	673	413	480				2324
Service	609	617	441	407				2074
Thankfulness	499	546	595	394				2034

