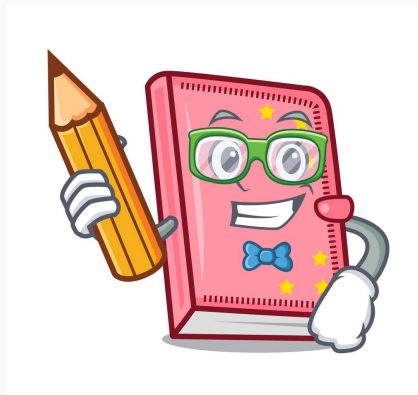




St Silas Newsletter 30/1/26



Upcoming Events

3rd February	RE Pupil Conference (Y5)
4th February	Scholastic Book Fair starts
4th February	Year 5 Bounce Forward Session
10th February	Online Safety Day
11th February	Year 5 Bounce Forward Session
13th February	School Closes for half term
23rd February	School re-opens
4th March	Y3/4 GULP session
11th March	Y3/4 GULP session
16-20th March	Science Week



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.

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



St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy
A member of CIDARI



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

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>



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.

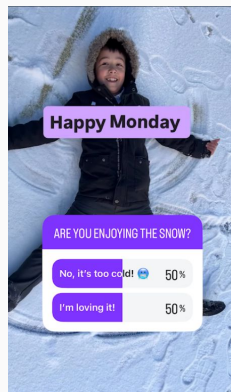
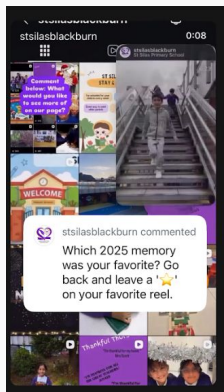
There will coffee/tea/juice in the dining hall afterwards for parents. If your child has been awarded the Star Learner Award they can join you for a drink. If we are in church there is no assembly in school but you are welcome to church.

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.



@STSILASBLACKBURN

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.

Childrens University



FAMILY FUN DAY AT BLACKBURN CENTRAL LIBRARY – Saturday 31st January

This is taking place THIS Saturday 31st January 2026. Help the library celebrate National Storytelling Week with free family friendly activities between 10.30am and 12pm, and again from 1.30pm to 3pm. There will also be story time sessions at 12pm and 3pm. There's no need to book, just turn up on the day. All welcome. Remember if your child is a member of Blackburn CU to pick up a slip to say you have attended. Please then hand this slip in together with your child's CU passport via the blue CU box at the school office.

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FESTIVALS BOOK AWARDS 2026

We have again been invited to take part in these book awards. We are looking for children in year 1 – 6 who would like to read books and review them. Please see the letter for further details (<https://bit.ly/LetterChildrenLitFest26>). If you would link to register your child please do so via this link: <https://bit.ly/CLFBookAwards26>. Registration for these awards will end next Tuesday 3rd February. All those who have signed up will received further information next week, so please keep an eye out.

Childrens University



WINTER HOLIDAY CHALLENGES AND CRAFT PACKS

If you have handed in your child's passport for the CU Challenges or the Christmas craft pack please note all passports have been returned. Please do look out for this as no responsibility will be held by the school once they have been returned.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY WINTER OLYMPICS ACTIVITY DAY

If you have signed your child up to this please note it is taking place this Sunday. Please check your confirmation email for all the details. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

The information about the half term holiday activities have been sent out. Sign up is available now on ParentPay and places are limited and are offered on a first come first serve basis. The deadline for signing up (if there are still places is this Tuesday 3rd February). If you do sign your child up to any of the activities please look out for an email confirmation which will have a link to an online consent form which must be completed otherwise your child cannot attend. The email will be sent from s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk and will be sent by next Wednesday

Children's University



CYBERFEST 2.0 IS BACK!

Saturday 7th February 2026, Blackburn College –
University Centre, 10am – 2pm

FREE food, drinks, and parking!

Delivered in collaboration with IMO Charity, One Voice Blackburn, Blackburn & Darwen Youth Zone, and IN4.0 Group, CyberFest 2.0 is all about discovering exciting digital skills in a relaxed, enjoyable way! Get involved with a wide range of exciting activities, including:

Laser Tag

Cyber Ops Trivia

Escape Room

Hacker Heist
Virtual Shields (VR Game)
Cyber Mythbusting
Bee Bot Programming
And Much Much More!

Whether you're into gaming, curious about technology, or just want a fun day out with friends or family, CyberFest 2.0 has something for everyone.

Children's University members who attend this event can collect a 2 hour stamp in their CU passport if they write an information sheet of what they did and learnt from the event. Please send their completed information to Sara Burton either via s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or on WhatsApp on 07805929965.



SAM Star Learners

Hawthorn:

Nabiha

Birch:

Safaa Noor

Hornbeam:

Saif and Zeynab

Willow:

Zakariyah

Alder:

Samaira

Cherry:

Joshil

Beech:

John Paul

Oak:

Zoha

Rowan:

Umaira

Ash:

Adam

Hazel:

Daniella Sports Star **Marwa**

Beehive

Mariam



Attendance week ending 30/1/26

This Week's Attendance

Congratulations to **Alder class** with 98.57% attendance

Beech had 97.84%

Hornbeam had 93.44%



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 30/1/26

Family Point Winners

The winning family this week is **Service** with 501 points.

Belonging had 242 points

Love had 203 points,

Thankfulness had 173 points





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Website - please copy this link into your browser

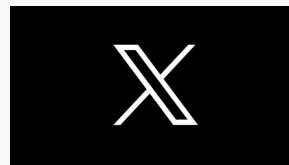
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St Silas has an Instagram account. Please follow us on:

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