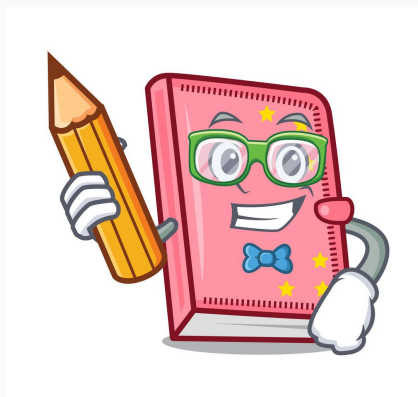




St Silas Newsletter 3/10/2025



Upcoming Events

6th October	Flu vaccinations
20th October	Year 4 trip to Outdoor Elements
22nd October	Year 3 trip to Outdoor Elements
23rd October	School closes for half term
24th October	INSET day
3rd November	School reopens
4th November	Fire Safety talk - Y2 and Y6
7th November	Year 5 trip to Outdoor Elements
11th November	Remembrance Assembly
13th November	Anti Bullying and Online Safety Day
14th November	School Photos
14th November	Interfaith service with Bishop Philip
19th December	Christmas Assembly in church 10:45
19th December	School closes for Christmas



Harvest Collection

Collections are taking place in school for the Harvest Appeal. The Blackburn Foodbank have asked that our school collects **tinned fruit** only, as other schools will be collecting different items. Please bring your donations to the school office.





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.



Friday Celebration Assemblies

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

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 deadline for submitting your applications for Secondary School is 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.

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**

A reminder that 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 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.



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





Children's University



SUMMER HOLIDAY CHALLENGES AND ACTIVITIES

If your child has completed any of the CU Challenges or any activities at the library (including the summer reading challenge) 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. If you prefer you can send the evidence of the challenges into school together with your child's CU passport so it can be checked and updated. The deadline for all challenges will be next Tuesday 7th October. All passports which have been handed in this week will be returned once they have been stamped.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY MEMBERSHIP

If you have recently signed your child up to join Blackburn Children's University please note all new CU passports will be issued to new members **by Thursday 9th October.**

Childrens University



OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

Details of activities during October half term will be sent out later next week, please keep an eye out.

WOMEN'S ONLY FITNESS CLASSES

We will be running another women's only fitness class after the half term holidays for 6 weeks. Please keep an eye out for further details which will be sent out next week.



SAM Star Learners

Hawthorn: **Aisha H**

Hornbeam: **Myiesha**

Alder: **Ameera**

Beech: **Haroon** Sports Star - Laiba

Rowan: **Ileana**

Hazel: **Rayhan**

Birch: **Zakiurrahman**

Willow: **Minha**

Cherry: **Hurain**

Oak: **Muhammad**



Attendance week ending 3/10/25

This Week's Attendance

Congratulations to **Rowan class** with 98.62% attendance!

Alder had 97.76% attendance

Beech had 97.59% attendance



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 3/10/25

Family Point Winners

The winning family this week is **Thankfulness**
with 258 points.

Belonging had 200 points

Service had 187 points,

Love had 134 points





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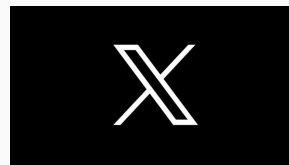
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<https://www.instagram.com/stsilasblackburn/>

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Please follow our Twitter account.

<https://twitter.com/> to keep up to date with events in our school.