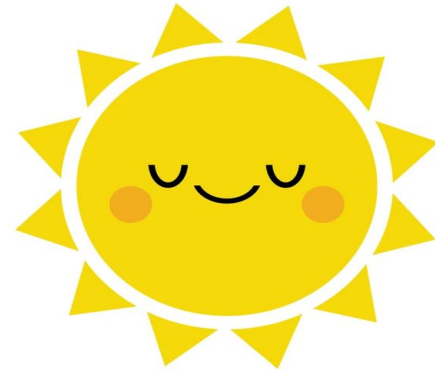


Welcome back!

Welcome back to school to everyone and we hope you had a lovely summer holiday.

We also welcome lots of new children and their families to St Silas at the start of the new school year.

There is lots to look forward to in this new term so look out for updates as we go along.





St Silas Newsletter 4/9/26



Upcoming Events

7th September
8th September
10th September
10th September
11th September
24th September
28th September
2nd October
5th October
6th October
9th October
14th October
21st October
23rd October
24th October
2nd November

Yr 3 & Yr 4 Meet the Teacher
Y6 Meet the Teacher
Yr 3 & Yr 4 Meet the Teacher
Alder Monthly Mission
Yr 5 Meet the Teacher
Yr 2 & Yr 4 Recycling Workshops
Flu Vaccinations
Yr 1 & Yr 2 Road Safety
Harvest in Church (Cherry Class Assembly)
Rowan Monthly Mission
Yr 3 & Yr 4 Road Safety
Hornbeam Class Assembly
School Photos
INSET day
School closes for half term
School Re-opens

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.

Don't forget our Instagram page



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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.

There is still time to sign up to the reading challenge, which runs until the end of September. This is a **FREE** national library reading challenge, which will reward your child with stickers and prizes for the library books they read or listen to. Once enrolled each member reads 6 library books (or eBooks / eAudio), with stickers or a prize awarded for each book that is read and returned. Those who complete the scheme will receive a medal and a certificate. An special certificate will be rewarded to children who completed the challenge twice! To enrol, simply come to your nearest Blackburn with Darwen library and complete an application form.

ACTIVE PASSPORT

If anyone signed up for the Active Passport and have completed any of the activities over the summer holidays please remember CU members can also collect stamps in their CU passports for attending these. You will need to hand in your child's CU Passport, together with the completed 'Active Passport'. Please note only organised activities through the Active Summer qualify for hours in your child's CU passport. Any questions please contact Sara Burton via s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965

TESCO STRONGER STARTS – BLACKBURN CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY VOTE

Blackburn Children's University have been successful in the Tesco Stronger Starts Scheme, coming second in the public vote. Thank you to all those who voted. Further details on the holiday activities will be sent out soon.

WOMEN'S FITNESS CLASSES

There will hopefully be some more women's only fitness classes again this term at Wensley Fold Primary Academy. Please look out for further details which will be sent out next week.

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SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note the club sign up will be on Tuesday 15th September at 8am on ParentPay. Information on all the clubs which are available will be sent out next via email and text next week. Please read all the information that has been sent. If you have any questions please contact Sara Burton on s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

YEAR 5 AND 6 FOOTBALL TRIALS

Please note trials will be taking place for the boys' football club next Tuesday 8th September after school. If you would like your child to attend please register on ParentPay now. The deadline to register your child is THIS Monday 7th September. Failure to register on ParentPay will mean your child cannot attend these trials.

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 Friday 2nd October. All CU passports will be issued to new members **after this date.**

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.