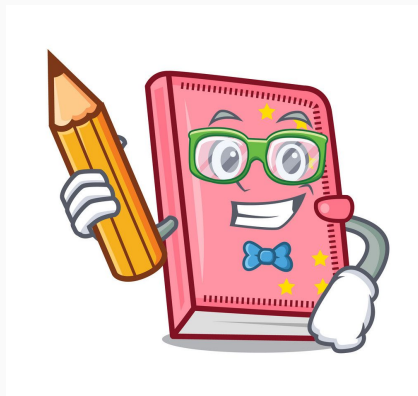




St Silas Newsletter 5/12/2025



Upcoming Events

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 10:45	Christmas Assembly in church
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.

Coffee Morning



Our first coffee morning of the year was a huge success and we loved welcoming so many parents who took time out of their morning to enjoy coffee, cake and a good chat. We were delighted to welcome guests Cathy Reiley- SEND Engagement and Co-production Lead as well as Bethany Clews who spoke to us about her SEND group she runs for children and parents on two Saturdays every month. The information from this coffee morning will be shared at a later date to all parents.

Look out for the date of our next coffee morning after Christmas and we hope to see even more of our community there.



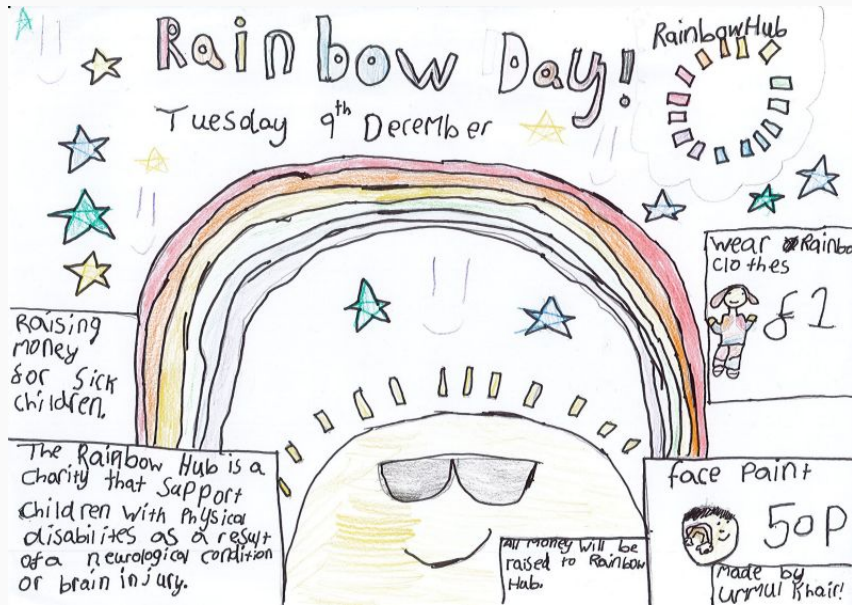


Lucky Plate Christmas Lunch

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.



Rainbow Day - Tuesday 9th December



Wear your **own clothes** (rainbow colours) **£1 donation**

Rainbow **facepaint** - **50p donation**

All money raised will be donated to the **Rainbow Hub**, a charity that supports children with physical disabilities as a result of a neurological condition or brain injury.

A **cash** donation is required as this event cannot be added to ParentPay.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Rowan Class

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.
Thank you to those who have
Already sent their donations in.
There is still time to send your
Bags in before 12th December



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 BAGGAGE FOR YOUR SCHOOL - IT COULD HELP WITH A SUPER FUN AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB ON A WED DAY

2 HELP YOUR FRIENDS BY GIVING THEM NEW CLOTHES

3 GIVE YOUR FRIENDS A HAND - THEY CAN USE THEM TO HELP THEM

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is launched by Leukaemia Myeloma Research

For more information, please go to www.donateclothes4sammy.org



Childrens University



SCHOOL CLUBS AND CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS

Please note all school clubs finish THIS 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 by next Wednesday 10th December. Please note all passports will be returned before the end of term, so please do look out for them.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT PACKS

A letter has been sent out about a Christmas Craft pack you can order for your child to do over the holidays. This is for all children in Reception – Year 6. The deadline for ordering a pack is THIS Sunday 7th December on ParentPay. Packs will be sent out to all those who have ordered them during the last week of term, but no later than Wednesday 17th December.

WOMEN'S ONLY FITNESS CLASSES

There will be a new block of women's only fitness classes starting after the holidays at Wensley Fold on a Monday. Please see the letter for details (<https://bit.ly/LetterJanFitness26>). To sign up please register via this link: <https://bit.ly/WomensFitnessJanFeb26>. Places are limited and offered on a first come first serve basis.

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.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Blackburn with Darwen Libraries are running a free family star themed craft activity over the holidays at a number of their libraries. Remember if your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University and they attend one of these sessions to pick up a slip at the activity. Please then send that in with your child's CU passport after the holidays.

You must contact the relevant library for FREE tickets up to 2 weeks before the event. The dates are:

- Monday 22nd December, 2.30pm – Cherry Tree Library
- Tuesday 23rd December, 2pm – Blackburn Central Library
- Friday 2nd January, 10.30am – Roman Road Library
- Friday 2nd January, 1pm – Darwen Library



SAM Star Learners

Hawthorn:

Fatima

Birch:

Yahya

Hornbeam:

Zaynah

Willow:

Maryam

Alder:

Ibrahim

Cherry:

Elsy

Beech:

Anabiya

Oak:

Safwan

Rowan:

Valentin

Ash:

Marcella

Hazel:

Amatullah

Beehive: N/A this week



Attendance week ending 5/12/25

This Week's Attendance

Congratulations to **Rowan class** with 97.67% attendance

Hornbeam had 97.19%

Oak had 96.82%



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 5/12/25

Family Point Winners

The winning family this week is **Thankfulness** with 149 points.

Service had 139 points

Belonging had 131 points,

Love had 105 points





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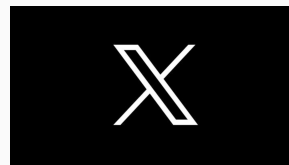
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St Silas has an Instagram account. Please follow us on:

<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.