St Silas Newsletter 6/11/26



Upcoming Events

11th November	Hazel Class Assembly - Remembrance
12th November	Year 1 Phonics Screening
17th November	Super Learning Day - Anti Bullying
17th November	EYFS Vision Screening
30th November	NFER Assessments all week
10th December	Messy Church with Fr David
11th December	Christmas Jumper Day
15th December	EYFS Nativity 9 am
18th December	KS2 Carol Service in Church
18th December	School Closes at 3.10 pm

Communications from School

We are now using Arbor to communicate with parents through the App. If you have not yet downloaded the app you will be receiving email communications from us so please check your inbox and junk/spam.

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



EYFS Vision Screening

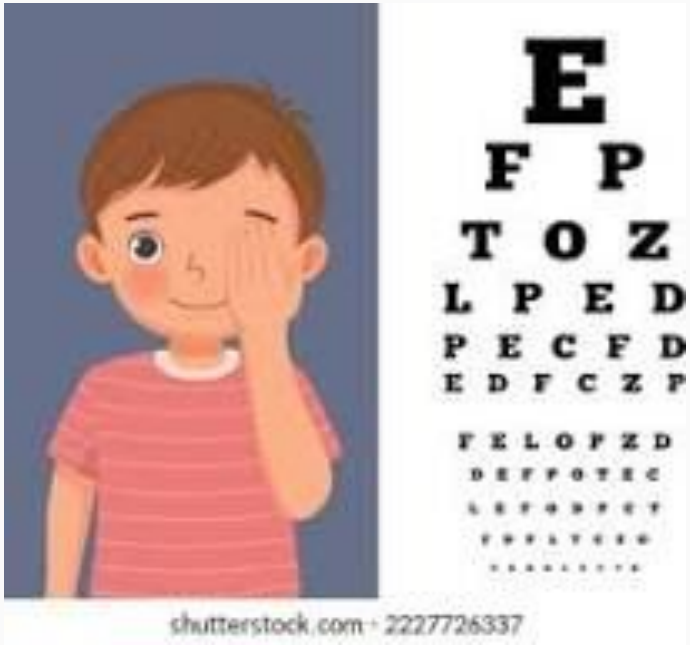
Vision Screening in Lancashire

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 on

17th November 2026

A detailed letter will be sent home with your child this week



Phonics Screening

We have a Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Meeting on Thursday 12th November 3:15 pm in Cherry Class. All Year 1 parents are invited to attend.



Poppy Appeal

Poppies are on sale in the school office for 50p each. There are also other items for sale such as

- Slap band £2
- Silk bracelet £1
- Poppy keyring £1
- Pencils £1

You can send the money in with your child to purchase at break and lunch times



Firework Safety Notice from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service

Our advice is always to go to an organised bonfire event rather than have one in your garden but if you are having your own bonfire, please follow this advice to make sure everyone has a fun and safe Bonfire Night!

- Do not use accelerants to start the fire, even if the wood has become wet from recent weather
- Only buy fireworks from a reputable shop and ensure they are CE marked. Keep them in a closed metal box and ensure you follow the instructions carefully
- Place fireworks on a stable surface and light at arm's length using a taper, stand well back and never throw nor go back to a lit firework
- Do not burn household rubbish or white goods on a bonfire. Keep your bonfire within a cordon area away from fireworks, people, property, and trees
- Keep pets indoors and ensure children are safe and a good distance away from the fireworks
- Pour water on bonfire embers to ensure it is fully extinguished before leaving or going to bed
- If using sparklers, ensure they are held in a gloved hand at arm's length and there is a bucket of water to put them in once the sparkler is out
- If your clothes catch fire: Stop. Drop. Roll.

Vision Screening in Reception Class

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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.

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 was 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.

@STSILASBLACKBURN

Don't forget our Instagram page where you can catch up with the latest activity in school.

Childrens University

BLACKBURN CU HARRY POTTER ACTIVITY – YEAR 2 - 6

If you would like to sign your child up to this activity you can do so on ParentPay now. Please see the letter for further details (https://tinyurl.com/HPNov26WFSS). Places are limited and are offered on a first come first serve basis. If you have signed your child up please look out for the confirmation email (sent from Sara Burton) with the link to the online consent for which must be completed. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Sara Burton on 0780929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer) or s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk.

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CHALLENGES

If your child has completed any of the October half term holiday 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.



Star Learners

Hawthorn: **Muhammad K**

Hornbeam: **Haidar**

Alder: **Zheedan**

Beech: **Jad**

Rowan: **Mariam**

Hazel: **Iyanthuria** Sports Star Zaiyan

Birch: **Rumaisa**

Willow: **Naylaa**

Cherry: **Muhammad Ali**

Ash **Rayyan**

Oak: **Jamaal**

Beehive: **Aahil**

Attendance
Week ending 6/11/26

This Week's Attendance

Congratulations to **Hazel class** with 99.04% attendance

Willow had 98.33%

Ash had 98.3%



Family Point Winners week ending 6/11/26

Family Point Winners

The winning family this week is **SERVICE** with 756 points.

Thankfulness had 718 points,

Love had 701 points

Belonging had 603 points





Family Point Winners This Term

Family	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	Wk 7	Totals
Belonging	603							603
Love	701							701
Service	756							756
Thankfulness	718							718







