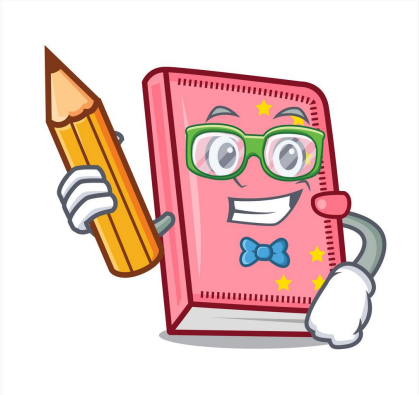
Happy New Year!



Happy New Year 2026! May this year bring you joy, good health, success, and exciting new adventures, filled with love and peace, for each an every child and family. We have lots of exciting events and activities taking place this year to look forward to, so keep checking our newsletter, website and Instagram for updates.

St Silas Newsletter 9/1/26



Upcoming Events

12th January	Year 6 Residential
14th January	Year 5 Bounce Forward Session
15th January	Whole School Resilience Session
19th January	Year 5 Bounce Forward Session
19th January	Year 6 Heights and Weights
22nd January	Year 6 Friendship Workshops
28th January	Year 5 Bounce Forward Session
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

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



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

There is still time!

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.

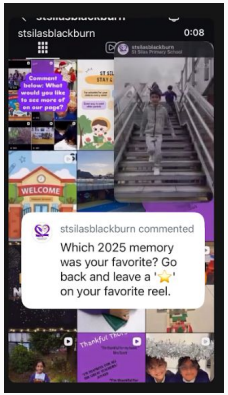
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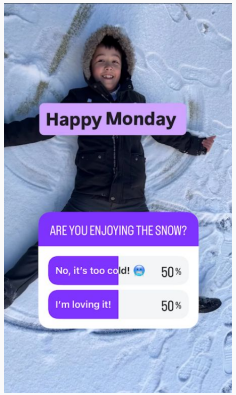


Instagram

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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

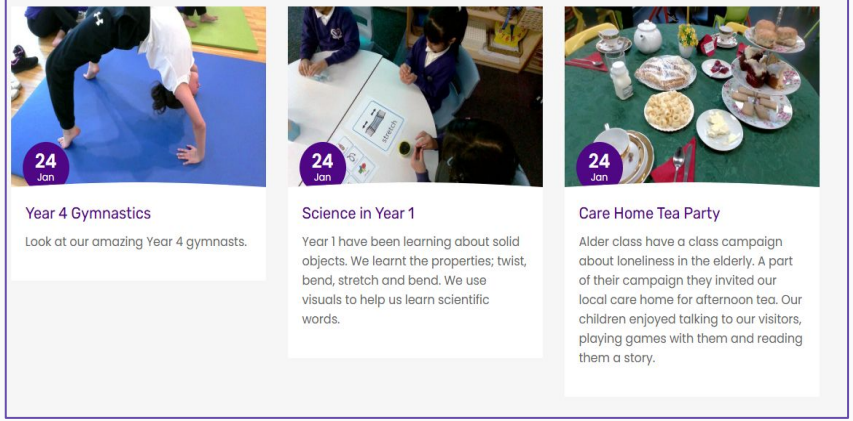
Please come and see Mrs Rehana Patel to discuss any holidays **before** you book a holiday.

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



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

SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note the club sign up will be THIS Tuesday 13th January at 8am on ParentPay. Information on all the clubs which are available has been sent out next via email and text. 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).

WINTER HOLIDAY CHALLENGES AND CRAFT PACKS

If your child has completed any of the CU Challenges or the Christmas craft pack 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.

SAM Star Learners

Hawthorn:	**Yahya**
Hornbeam:	**Ayesha**
Alder:	**Faatima**
Beech:	**Hussein**
Rowan:	**Aun**
Hazel:	**Haris**
Birch:	**Maheen**
Willow:	**Shoaib**
Cherry:	**M Zaamin**
Oak:	**Aisha**
Ash:	**Mikaeel**

Attendance week ending 9/1/26

This Week's Attendance

Congratulations to **Oak class** with 98.91% attendance

Beech had 94.91%

Willow had 94.89%



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 9/1/26

Family Point Winners

The winning family this week is **Belonging** with 182 points.

Service had 114 points

Love had 96 points,

Thankfulness had 93 points





St Silas Newsletter

Website - please copy this link into your browser
https://www.stsilasprimary.co.uk/

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

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