



St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

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Women's History Month 2024



March 2024 celebrates Women's history month. This month, some of our class assemblies will be focusing on different women from our world and British history. We will be celebrating what has made them so significant today. If you would like any more information please see Mrs Hargreaves.

For more information and to see what we have been doing in school head over to our school twitter feed.

Earrings

Please be aware that hooped earrings are **not** to be worn in school for safety reasons. A small stud can be worn in each ear. Earrings should not be worn for P.E. Children will be asked to remove them. If they are unable to do this they will not be allowed to take part in the P.E. lesson. Please teach your child how to take them out by themselves or alternatively leave them out on P.E. days if they are too young.

School Uniform



Please be reminded that children must wear the correct school uniform every day. Jogging bottoms and trainers are not acceptable clothing. Girls' hijabs must be either plain black or purple and for health and safety reasons must be a short length. PE uniform is black jogging bottoms and black trainers and must only be worn on PE day.

We have a large stock of free, pre-worn school uniforms so please contact the office if you need to replace your child's clothes.

Stay and Read Year 3 and 4



Parents are invited into school on Friday 8th March from 2.45pm for a stay a read session with your child. You will be warmly welcomed by children and staff alike. Come along and share a story, glass of juice and biscuit with your child, while enjoying your favourite bedtime story together.

Scholastic Book Fair



The scholastic book fair will be in school from the afternoon of Thursday 28th February through to the morning of 5th March. Come along with your children and browse their selection of affordable books. All purchases you make will buy us more books for our library. Please copy and paste this link into your browser to see some of the books that will be available.

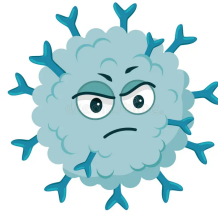
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Parents can buy gift vouchers online ahead of the Book Fair to avoid handling cash. Vouchers can be purchased until midnight the day before our Book Fair is collected on 5th March Find out more on the following link

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers>

You can also pay online using a QR Code that has been supplied to the school.

Measles



The UKHSA has reported an increase in measles across the country and is encouraging people to check that they and their children have had two doses of the MMR vaccine.

The free MMR vaccine is a safe and effective way of protecting against measles, as well as mumps and rubella.

It's important for parents to take up the offer of MMR vaccination for their children when offered at 1 year of age and as a pre-school booster at three years, four months of age. If children and young adults have missed these vaccinations in the past, it's important to take up the vaccine now from GPs, particularly in light of the recent cases.

Check your child's Red Book to see if they've received MMR vaccinations as scheduled or check with your GP surgery if you're unsure. Most healthy adults will have developed some immunity to measles but can still receive two doses of the vaccine from their GP too.

Anyone with symptoms is also being advised to stay at home and phone their GP or NHS 111 for advice. Measles symptoms to be aware of include:

high fever

sore, red, watery eyes

coughing

aching and feeling generally unwell

a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the initial symptoms.

For more information about measles, see the [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk) website.



Uniform Swap Shop

If you need a new school uniform for your children please feel free to have a look at our stock of spare uniforms.

Stay and Play

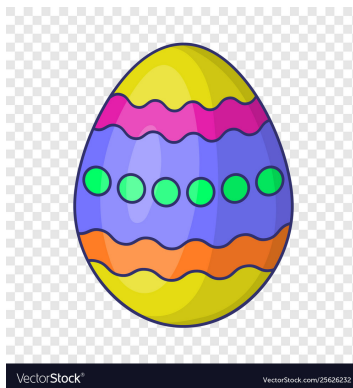


Our stay and play sessions have started again. Everyone is welcome to come along every Tuesday during term time from 2 to 3pm.

Perfect Week

The Government has launched a new school attendance initiative called "Moments Matter, Attendance Counts". In support of this we are continuing to issue weekly Perfect Week stickers to every child who is in school all week, is always on time and is excellently behaved.

In addition to this every child who gets a perfect week will get a ticket to go into a prize draw at the end of the Spring Term. They have 9 chances to be in the draw, so their attendance really does matter!





Children's University

FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CHALLENGES

If your child has completed any of the CU Challenges over the holidays please ensure you send the evidence to Sara Burton on 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 is THIS MONDAY 4th March. Please note all passports will be returned by Wednesday next week.

CU LIVERPOOL TRIP – THIS SUNDAY

If you have signed your child up for this trip please check the final details letter which has been emailed via school. This gives all the final details together with which group your child is in for the trip, which is taking place this weekend. Please ensure you read this so you know what to bring and who to sign your child in with on the day. If you have not received this email please contact Sara Burton straight away (do not leave it until the day of the trip) on 07805929965. If there is no answer please leave a message.

CU SCIENCE ACTIVITY AND BLACKBURN ROVERS FC V PLYMOUTH FOOTBALL MATCH

If you have signed your child up to either of these activities you have been sent a confirmation email via school. Please look out for this as there will also be the link to the online consent form which **MUST** be completed. Failure to complete the form will mean your child cannot attend. If you have not received an email please contact Sara Burton straight away on 07805929965. If there is no answer please leave a message.

BLACKBURN CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY GRADUAUTION – SAVE THE DATE

Blackburn Children's University Graduation will be held on Saturday 13th July 2024. Please pop the date in your diary. Times and further details of who will be invited will be sent in June.

ANDERTON CENTRE CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY TRIP

Letters will be going out next week about a CU trip to the Anderton Centre to do a variety of outdoor adventurous activities. The cost of the trip will be £30 and will be for children in years 3 – 6. Please keep an eye out next week for further details.



Breakfast Club

Why not send your child to our Breakfast Club in the morning? They can take part in various activities and have their breakfast together before they go into class. They can come anytime from 7.45 and it only costs £1 a day. Please ring the school to book them in.

This Week's Attendance



The winning class this week is **HORNBEAM** with **97.27%** attendance

Birch had 97.24% and Willow had 96.79% 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

GOLDEN BROOM AWARD



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Every week the class that has been the cleanest and tidiest will be given the golden broom to keep in their classroom. This week the award goes to

Elder Class

For always having an immaculate classroom

School Meals Ordering System



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You must pre-order your child's school meals **7 days in advance** on Parentpay to ensure they get the meal of their choice. If no meal has been pre-ordered, your child will have a jacket potato for their lunch.

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of Universal Credit and think you may be eligible for Free School Meals please apply using the link below.

<https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-meals>

If you need any help with this please contact the school office

In addition if your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and receiving universal free school meals it still helps the school if you apply for free school meals if you qualify. The school receives money for each child who is on free school meals or has been on free school meals.

Please see our website for further information:

<https://stsilasprimary.co.uk/key-information/pupil-premium>

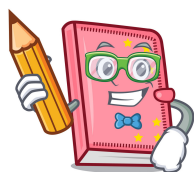
SAMS Star Learners - Children's Choice

Class	SAM Star Learner	Sports Star
Hawthorn	Anum M	
Hornbeam	M Ismail	
Beech	Ammar	
Alder	Zainab	
Elder	Anastasia and Nur-Zahra	
Hazel	Abdul and Talha	
Rowan	Zarlish	
Birch	Alicia	
Beehive	M. Daniyal	
Cherry	M Afzal	
Willow	M Ayan	
Oak	Ayman	
Ash	Joshil	

Family Point Winners

The table below shows the winning families highlighted in yellow. Well done to **SERVICE** with 512 points. **Belonging** had 439 points, **Thankfulness** had 411 points and **Love** had 384 points

Family/Week	12.1.24	18.12.24	26.1.24	2.2.24	9.2.24	23.2.24	1.3.24			
Belonging	1	1	3	3	1	1	2			
Love	2	2	2	1	2	4	4			
Service	3	3	1	2	4	3	1			
Thankfulness	4	4	4	4	3	2	3			

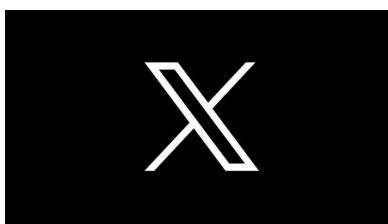


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Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

to 4th March	Scholastic Book Fair
1st March	Incredible Years Presentation
6th March	Year 5 Church Visit
8th March	World Book Day - Bedtime story day in PJ's
8th March (PM)	Bedtime Story Day in PJ's
11th March	Alder Class visit to Martin Mere
12th March	Stay and Play 2 - 3 pm
13th March	Beech Class visit to Martin Mere
18th March	Year 1 and 2 visit to Corporation Park
19th March	Stay and Play 2 - 3 pm
20th March	Year 1 and 2 visit to Corporation Park
21st March	Year 6 Church Visit
26th March	Stay and Play 2 - 3 pm
27th March	Church Assembly
28th March	School finishes for Easter Holiday
15th April	School re-opens

Twitter X



Please follow our Twitter account. [http s://twitter.com/](http://twitter.com/) to keep up to date with events in our school.

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

Instagram



St Silas now has an Instagram account. Please follow us on:
<https://www.instagram.com/stsilasblackburn/>



Loving God and each other, we work together to be the best that we can be.