



# St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

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## Newsletter 10.09.21

### Welcome

It has been fantastic to welcome our new Reception children. They completed their first full day on Wednesday and we were very proud of them. We have also welcomed several new children across the school. It has been great to see our children looking after them and showing our value of belonging.

It has been brilliant to welcome all the children back into school with the reduced Covid restrictions. The children are now eating in the dining hall instead of classrooms. They are also able to play outside with other classes in their phase. School is buzzing with happy, excited children.

A huge welcome to Mrs Khan our new Year 4 teacher and Miss Turner our new student teacher in Year 2.

### Allergies

There are a number of children across the school with severe nut allergies that require an epipen if they come into contact with nuts. For some of these children the allergy is airborne and they do not need to touch a nut to have a reaction. Please do not send your child to school with nuts or sandwiches with spreads that contain nuts. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

### Traffic Outside School

The traffic outside our school has increased substantially now that we are all arriving at school at the same time. Please do not park on the yellow zig zag lines or drop your children off in the middle of the road. Both are dangerous for your child or for other children. Please park safely away from the zig zags and walk your child to school.

## New Website

Our new website is: <https://www.stsilasprimary.co.uk>

Please save the website to your devices. It should work on your smart phones as well as computers and tablets. We are updating the website constantly. Newsletters are always added to the website so if you miss a letter you can find it on the website.

## Twitter

Please follow our Twitter account. [https://twitter.com/StSilas\\_Primary](https://twitter.com/StSilas_Primary) to keep up to date with events in our school.

## Covid

The rules have changed since the end of the summer term. These are the new rules:

- If your child has symptoms they need to isolate for 10 days or until they have a negative PCR test. Brothers and sisters can still attend school.
- IF your child has a positive test please inform the school office on 01254 698447 as soon as possible.
- If someone has symptoms, they need a PCR test not a lateral flow test as they are more accurate.
- The school will let you know if your child has been in close contact with a positive case. In Blackburn it is recommended that a close contact has a PCR test. There is no need for your child to be isolated unless they develop symptoms or get a positive PCR test.
- **Under no circumstances should anyone who has tested positive enter the school premise until they have been isolated for the 10 days.**
- Remote education will still be provided for children in isolation as long as they are well and not ill.



Please sign up for school clubs on Tuesday 14th September from 8am via ParentPay. Your child has brought home a list of the clubs available and it has also been emailed to you. Our clubs are for children in Year 1 to Year 6 and are usually very popular so do try to sign up as soon as possible.

### Cricket Superstars

We are very proud of three of our pupils, Sayaam, Abdullah and Junaid, who played for East Lancs Cricket club under 9s team this summer and won the Lancashire cup.

### Young Carers Award

St Silas Primary School in Blackburn has been given an award for its amazing support of young carers during the pandemic. Young carers are children who support a parent or family member who is struggling with a physical or mental illness, and during the pandemic and lockdown their roles were more important than ever.

So when young carers at their school needed extra support, St Silas Primary School stepped up and supported families. As a result St Silas Primary School has been recognised by The Children's Society and Carers Trust for its outstanding commitment and support of young carers during the coronavirus pandemic.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Hargreaves who had a beautiful baby boy during the summer holiday. They are both well and Mrs Hargreaves is now on maternity leave.



### Snack Shop for KS2

From Monday toast will be available from the kitchen during morning playtime for KS2 children. It will cost 10p per slice.

### Dates for the Diary

- Tuesday 14th September -school photos
- Wednesday 29th September-launch of the fantastic book awards

- Thursday 30th September-money mentors in Year 5 and 6
- Friday 8th October- Harvest
- Tuesday 12 th October-Year 6 activity day
- Wednesday 13th October-Year 5 activity day
- Thursday 14th October-Year 4 activity day
- School closes for the half term holiday after lessons finish on Thursday 21st October.
- School opens on Monday 1st November.

### Attendance



The class with the best attendance this week is Alder **with 94.7% attendance**. Well done to everyone in Alder. Overall attendance this week is 90.4%. National attendance is around 96%.

### Family Point Winners

The table shows first, second, third and fourth for this week. The winning family is highlighted in yellow.

Family/Week	10.9.21						
Love	1						
Belonging	3						
Thankfulness	3						
Service	2						

### S.A.M. Star of the Week and Sports Star of the Week

Class	S.A.M. Award	Sports Star of the Week
Hawthorn	Furqan	Itunu

Hornbeam	Maryam	Madni
Beech	Anya Ayesha	
Alder	Umar	N/A
Elder	Zainab	Ibrahim
Rowan	Kulthum	Hadzeb
Birch	Haadiya	Ayesha
Cherry	Nur-Zahra	
Willow	Humaira	
Oak	Laiba	
Elm	n/a	n/a
Ash	n/a	n/a



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