



St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

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Wishing all parents, children and staff a very happy new year and welcome back to school for what is going to be a busy and exciting half term

Road Safety



There was nearly a serious accident near school this week. Please be careful when dropping your children off at school and do not park in the road to let them out. Please remember that the speed limit on the roads around school is 20 mph

Birch Swimming - Thursday mornings

Birch class will be going swimming every Thursday for spring term. Please remember to pack their swimming bags and bring them into school every Thursday. A letter will be sent out today with your child. They are all very excited for their lessons.

Guide Dogs UK



Next week Ash class will be welcoming some very special visitors. Some kind volunteers from the charity Guide Dogs UK will be telling us about what it is like to be visually impaired and will be introducing us to their helpful guide dog. We will have the chance to meet the guide dog and ask lots of questions.

Consultation for Admissions Arrangements

All Schools must consult on their admissions arrangements that apply for the following year, even if there have been no changes planned. We would welcome your views on the admission arrangements for the 25-26 academic year. This consultation runs from 30th November to 25th January. Please paste this link into your browser to view our admissions policy for 25-26 and to complete a response form.

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

You could also submit your response electronically by copying and pasting this link into your browser

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1_3mejONYetS1Jg27yXMMsFmA3Dn7FKe1unIfwV_W82l/edit

School Admissions - STILL TIME TO APPLY NOW

[Primary School applications](#) are open from 4th September 2023 to 15th January 2024.

www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions

Tel 01254 666605

email admissions@blackburn.gov.uk

Rucksacks



Please do not send your children into school with large rucksacks as they are too big to fit into the cloakroom areas, which is causing trip hazards. Children just needs to bring their book bags and lunch bags, if bringing a packed lunch.

Stay and Play



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



Children's University

SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note the club sign up is this Tuesday 16th January at 8am on ParentPay. Places are offered on a first come first serve basis. Information on all the clubs which are available have been sent out via email and text earlier this week. 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).

FOOTBALL AND CHOIR CLUBS

Please note that these clubs are starting a week earlier and start next week (week commencing 15th January). These clubs are for those children who attended last term. All those are down to attend been sent a reminder text about these. Any questions please contact Sara Burton on s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

MATHS SESSIONS WITH WITTON PARK

These year 5 and 6 sessions start this Monday after school for 4 weeks. Those who signed up before the holidays have been sent a text confirmation. Please only send you child if you have received this text. If you think your child should be attending and you have not received confirmation 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 Winter Craft Pack 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 for challenges is next Friday 19th January.

GOLDEN BROOM AWARD



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Starting from this term we have introduced the Golden Broom Award. 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

Willow Class

for taking responsibility for tidying up after themselves every day and for keeping their cloakroom and sink areas clean.

Well done!



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.



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.

School Meals Ordering System



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.

Special Lunch Friday 9th February 2023

Please place your child's order for the special Pancake Day lunch on 9th February as soon as possible. If you have already put an order on for that date you will need to put it on again. Please copy and paste this link into your browser to view the menu

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N3mQhby-cZfxTVAPcvFWgcfXK7U1jct/view?usp=sharing>

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

Class	SAM Star Learner
Hawthorn	Aiza
Hornbeam	Umar
Beech	Daniyal and Meherdin
Alder	Brandon
Elder	Muhammad
Hazel	Ameera
Rowan	Abdullah M
Birch	Halima
Beehive	Hussein
Cherry	Homam
Willow	Marwa

Oak	Duaa
Ash	Zayaan

Family Point Winners

The table below shows the winning families highlighted in yellow. Well done to **BELONGING** with 415 points. **LOVE** had 409 points, **Service** had 366 points and **Thankfulness** had 154 points

Family/Week	12.1.24									
1	1									
Love	2									
Service	3									
Thankfulness	4									

This Week's Attendance



The winning class this week is **Hazel** with **93.5%** attendance
Elder had 93.3% and **Hawthorn** had 93.3% 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



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Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

16/1/24	Stay and Play
17/1/24	Y6 Debt Awareness visit
18/1/24	Y6 Debt Awareness visit
18/1/24	Guide Dogs UK visit to Ash class
23/1/24	Stay and Play
24/1/24	Age 5 Dental Survey
30/1/24	Stay and Play
5/2/24	Year 6 Hothersall Lodge Residential Trip
6/2/24	Stay and Play
9/2/24	School closes for half term
19/2/24	School reopens

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Please follow our Twitter account. <https://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.