



St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

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St Silas Community Day

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our annual community day. There was a bouncy castle, crossbar challenge, hook a duck and many other fun activities. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes and vouchers. We managed to raise over £800 which will pay for new play equipment for our children.

St Silas in the Community

We enjoyed working with our local care home this week. Residents came to join us for afternoon tea and today some of our children painted their garden wall



Community Day Winners

Well done to everyone who took part in our community day competitions.
Here are our winners below.

A big well done to Councillor Jackie Floyd who also won our Chaii Caffè voucher. She has 'paid this forward' in kindness vouchers.



Year 3 and 4 DT project

We have had a marvellous week tasting different drinks available to us as consumers. We then worked with our partners to find out their likes and dislikes. Once we had this information we designed a drink for our partners. Yesterday we made those drinks and tasted them with our partners. More pictures will follow on our 'x' site.



School Meals Price Increase



Unfortunately, due to the rising food costs, we will need to increase our school meal price after the Summer holidays. We have always tried to keep our meal prices affordable to our families, however the current meal price is no longer covering these rising costs.

To ensure we can continue to fund a high-quality service that delivers healthy, nutritious meals, caters for all allergens and dietary requirements, and is served in a safe environment on our school premises, we will be increasing our meal price to £3 per day, £15 per week, from September 2024. The breakfast club cost will also rise to £1.50 per day, £7.50 per week but it will still be free to those children who are on free school meals or pupil premium.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive free school meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme.

If you feel that you may be entitled to apply for free school meals for your children please speak to someone in the office.

Changes to Education Related Penalty Notices

Important Update

The Department for Education has recently announced national changes to fixed penalty notices issued for unauthorised absences in term time.

Changes to be aware of are:-

1. Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19th August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.
2. A second penalty notice issued to the same parent, for the same child, within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days, with no option for a discounted rate.
3. The threshold at which a penalty notice must be considered is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-week period. This may include absences as a result of arriving late after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.
4. A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent offence(s)) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions)

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.



Children's University

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATION

If you have registered your child for graduation please note this is taking place THIS Saturday 13th July. Your child was sent a letter earlier this week which is their ticket, which MUST be brought on the day. Please do look out for this. If you have not received please do contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (if there is no answer please leave a message) straight away. Do not just turn up to the graduation.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS

If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University and you have handed their passport in for the school clubs please note all passports will be returned before the end of term, and not later than next Thursday 18th July. Please do make sure you look out for this as once they are returned no responsibility will be held by the school. Please inform Sara Burton straight away if your child has not had their passport back, do not leave it until they are back in September.

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES CONFIRMATION AND CONSENT FORM

If you have signed your child up to any of the summer holiday activities a confirmation email has been sent from s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk. Please do make sure you look out for this as there is a link to an online consent form which MUST be completed. The deadline for the consent form is next Tuesday 16th July. Failure to complete this form will mean your child cannot attend. If you have not received this email please do contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (if there is no answer please leave a message) straight away.

TESCO STRONGER STARTS – BLACKBURN CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY VOTE

Blackburn Children's University have been successful for the Tesco Stronger Starts Scheme and have been put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores (Blackburn Superstore, Bank Top, Roe Lee, Livesey and Darwen Express). Voting has started in store and will continue until Monday 30th September 2024. The voting is to help fund Blackburn CU holiday activities including cooking as well as a variety of sport and wellbeing activities so children can have fun and learn new skills. Please look out for this if you visit any stores and pick up a token to cast your vote!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Details will be sent out about the Summer Reading Challenge taking place over the summer at Blackburn Library. If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University and completes this challenge please remember to bring their certificate and their passport to school in September so it can be stamped with 6 hours for completing.

This Week's Attendance



The winning classes this week are **Rowan** and **Hornbeam** with **100%** attendance each!

Birch had 99.58% 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



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 £1.50 a day. Please ring the school to book them in.

SAMS Star Learners - CHILDREN'S CHOICE

| Class | SAM Star Learner | Sports Star |
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| Hawthorn | Aidan | |
| Hornbeam | Mahair | |
| Beech | Nasreen | |
| Alder | Qasim | |
| Elder | Amaan | |
| Hazel | Alexandra | |
| Rowan | Ameera | |
| Birch | Youssef | |
| Beehive | Yahya | |
| Cherry | Valentin | |
| Willow | Hamaas | |
| Oak | Ayman | |
| Ash | Raima | |

Family Point Winners

The table below shows the winning families highlighted in yellow.

Congratulations to **THANKFULNESS** with 89 points. Service had 70 points, LOVE had 58 points and Belonging had 35 points

| Family/Week | 3.5.24 | 10.5.24 | 17.5.24 | 24.5.24 | 7.6.24 | 14.6.24 | 21.6.24 | 28.6.24 | 5.7.24 | 12.7.24 | |
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| Belonging | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 4 | |
| Love | 4 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 | |
| Service | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | |
| Thankfulness | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | |



Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

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| 15th July | Reception Trip to Mrs Dowsons Farm |
| 16th July | Stay and Play |
| 17th July | Year 6 Graduation 4 pm |
| 18th July | Leavers Assembly at Church |
| 19th July | School Closes for summer holidays at 1.30 pm |
| 4th September | School Reopens |

Twitter X



Please follow our Twitter account. <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.