

Newsletter 13th October 2023

Premier League Trophy Visit



A huge thank you to Premier League Primary Stars for bringing the Premier League Trophy to school to show us. This is a result of our work with Blackburn Rovers Community Trust who we work closely with.

OUTDOOR ELEMENTS

Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 had a great time taking part in outdoor activities at Outdoor elements. The photographs will be on Twitter and our website soon.

OPEN DAY



November 8th 2023 between 9.30am and 11.30am and 1.30pm until 3pm.

We look forward to welcoming everyone-prospective parents and parents whose children already attend St Silas. If you are unable to make this date you are welcome to ring the office on 01254 698447 and arrange another date and time. Alternatively just pop in and we will try to show you around.

School Admissions - APPLY NOW

Primary School applications are open from 4th September 2023 to 15th January 2024.

Secondary School applications are open from 4th September to 31st October 2023.

www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions

Tel 01254 666605

Stay and Play



Tuesday 31st October will be our first Stay and Play this year. It will continue every Tuesday during term time. All parents and their young children in the community are welcome.

School Library



The school library is open every day after school. Children can take 2 books at a time, they have 21 days to return and can only have other books once they return the others.



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.



Harvest Foodbank Collection

Please send in to school donations of tins, packets and jars for this year's Harvest collection from Monday 16th October. All donations will be given out to families in need in Blackburn. The Blackburn Foodbank will collect all the donations on Thursday 19th October.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Matthews



Tell us your
**FAVOURITE
MEAL**

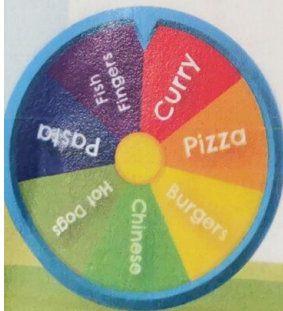
Classes Voted Special Lunch
Thursday 19th October

Chicken Burger in a bun
Margarita Pizza
FishFingers

All served with Chips, Sweetcorn & Salad Bar

Jacket Potatoes
Served with Beans & Cheese
& Salad Bar

Decorated Cupcakes or Choc Chip Cookies
Jelly Pots & Fruit



Please choose menu
on Parentpay

The children in school have voted for their favourite school meal and the top choices are all available on Thursday 19th October. Please make sure you place your order in plenty of time.

School Meals Ordering System



From September 2023 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.

New Lunch Menus



We have an exciting and tasty new range of meals on our lunch menu for this term. Please copy and paste this link into your browser to go to our website page to view more of our meals on offer.

<https://stsilasprimary.co.uk/news/2023-09-15-new-lunch-menus>

Free School Meals

From September 2023 the new Year 3 children will no longer be entitled to Universal 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>



Uniform Swap Shop

For those children who have outgrown their uniform we have a large amount of donated school uniforms in school thanks to the generous donations from our families. Please look out for the clothes rack at the rear entrance at home times next week for you to choose replacement items for your child.

Please donate your unused school uniform for recycling in school and to help the planet.. We particularly need school jumpers for ages 7 - 8 and 8 - 9.



Children's University

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

If you have signed your child up please look out for a confirmation email which has been sent. On this email is an online consent form which **MUST** be completed. Please do ensure you look out for this email. If you have not received this email please inform Sara Burton **STRAIGHT AWAY** on 07805929965. Failure to complete the form will mean your child cannot attend.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY MEMBERSHIP

All those who have signed up to Children's University have now been sent their passport.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY CHALLENGES

The CU October Half Term Challenges have been sent out. If your child completes any challenges over the holidays please either send your evidence to Sara Burton (s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965) or send it into school after the holidays with your child's CU passport.

BLACKBURN YOUTH ZONE SURVEY

Blackburn & Darwen Youth Zone are carrying out a survey with families in the area. They want local people to have their say on their BYZ Saturday Bespoke Clubs! These are your clubs, and they want to know what you would like to do. Has your child got any skills or interests that they want to develop further? It is a short survey with a number of activities that they think would be great to run at the Youth Zone. They would like you to rank them between one to five. One meaning "no thank you, not interested in that" and five meaning "I would absolutely love to do this activity!" It would be appreciated if you could spare 5 minutes and complete this form with your child(ren). The link to the form is here:

<https://bit.ly/BYZSurvey2>

SAMS Star Learners

There were no SAMS Star Learners this week due to the Premier League Trophy Visit

Class	SAM Star Learner	Sports Star Award
Hawthorn		
Hornbeam		
Beech		
Alder		
Elder		
Rowan		
Birch		
Beehive		
Cherry		
Willow		
Oak		
Ash		

This Week's Attendance



The winning class this week is **Alder Class** with **98.9 %** attendance

If your child is absent from school you **MUST** ring the school office to let them know.

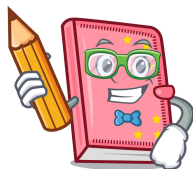
It is important that your child is in school by 8.40 am and they must be picked up at 3.10 pm every day.

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

Family Point Winners

The table below shows first, second, third and fourth for this week. The winning family is highlighted in yellow. Well done to **BELONGING** with 146 points. Service had 81 points, Love had 80 points and Thankfulness had 80 points.

Family/Week	8.9.23	15.9.23	22.9.23	29.9.23	6.10.23	13.10.23	19.10.23		
Belonging	2	2	1	1	1	1			
Love	1	4	3	3	3	3			
Service	4	1	2	2	3	2			
Thankfulness	3	3	4	4	2	3			



VectorStock

Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

Monday 16th October	Harvest Food Bank collections in school
Wednesday 18th October	Parents Evening
Wednesday 18th October	Y1 Oak class Harvest Assembly in school 8.45am
Thursday 19th October	Foodbank collecting Harvest donations from school
Thursday 19th October	School closes for the half term holiday at 3.10pm
Monday 30th October	School reopens at 8.40am
Tuesday 31st October	Stay and Play
Wednesday 8th November	Open Day
Friday 22nd December	School closes for Christmas holiday at 1.30pm

Twitter

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/>



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