



# St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy  
A member of **CTDARI**

## Newsletter 13.12.21

### Christmas Party

The Christmas dinner and Christmas party will be on Thursday 16th December. Children can wear any clothes they wish including party clothes or Christmas jumpers. Further information about the Christmas dinner will be sent next week.

### Christmas Holidays

School closes on Friday 17th December at 1.30pm. School reopens on Wednesday 5th January. We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday.

### Covid

Please could all parents wear a face mask if they enter the school building in line with the new government advice. If the government releases any new restrictions which affect our school, I will let you know the new arrangements by email, probably on Tuesday 4th January.

### Children's University



### **Children's University Passports**

If your child has attended a school club this term and you have handed in their Blackburn Children's University please note that all passports will be returned before the end of this term so please ensure you look out for it. No responsibility will be held by the school once they have been returned.

### **Blackburn Library Activities**

Blackburn library are offering some activities during the holidays. Booking is not required, but depending on how busy they are you may need to wait a little while when you arrive, so that they can control the numbers and keep everyone as safe as possible. Blackburn Children's University members can collect a stamp for attending any of these. Just remember to pick up a CU slip from a member of staff when there. Blackburn Library will be running the following activities:

- Tue 21st Dec, 2 - 4 pm, Make a cardboard snowman (age 2 - 7)
- Wed 22nd Dec, 2 - 4 pm, Create winter pine cone characters (age 7 - 11)

### **Winter Camp with Youth Action**

Youth Action are running a 3-day Winter Camp! This programme is FREE with a daily lunch provided and open to children and young people in Blackburn with Darwen. Priority will be for those on or applied for Free School Meals. Winter Camp will run from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December to Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December and is for ages: 5 to 15 (living in Blackburn or Darwen). There are 2 session options of 9:00 – 12:30 or 13:00 – 16:30. Please complete the booking form: [tinyurl.com/YAWinterCamp](https://tinyurl.com/YAWinterCamp) One form must be complete per child. (*Please note: places will be allocated subject to availability for each time slot*). If you require any further information about amazing Winter Programme please get in touch with Youth Action by calling 01254 695847.

### **Blackburn Festival of Light**

The date is set for Saturday 18th December (Blackburn Town Centre, 4.30pm – 7pm) and there are loads of ways to get involved in this year's event.

There are lantern making workshops at [The Bureau Centre for the Arts](#) in Blackburn this weekend (Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 1pm – 4pm). There is also a session at Blackburn Market on Saturday from 12pm – 3pm to make paper bag lanterns. CU members can collect stamps in their passports for attending.

For more information visit <https://blackburnfestivaloflight.co.uk/> or to book a place on a workshop visit <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/blackburn-festival-of-light>

### [Attendance for the term](#)



Both Year 5 and Year 6 have the highest attendance overall this term. They both have 94% attendance. The overall attendance for the term for the whole school is 92%.

Please be aware that after Christmas our new attendance policy will be implemented. Children taken on holiday will be fined if they miss more than five days. If your child's attendance is too low you will be contacted regularly by Mrs R. Patel and Mr Hadwin to discuss attendance. It is essential for your child to be in school not only for their educational development but also for their social development. If they miss too much school, it is much harder to develop and maintain good friendships with other children in the class.

### Dates for the Diary

- Closing date for Primary School Application 15.1.21
- Christmas Party and christmas dinner 16.12.21-party clothes, Christmas jumpers or own clothes
- School closes on Friday 17th December at 1.30pm

### Family Point Winners

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

<b>Family/Week</b>	<b><u>5.11.21</u></b>	<b><u>12.11.21</u></b>	<b><u>19.11.21</u></b>	<b><u>26.11.21</u></b>	<b><u>3.12.21</u></b>	<b><u>10.12.21</u></b>
<b><u>Love</u></b>	1	3	1	2	1	4
<b><u>Belonging</u></b>	2	2	3	3	4	3
<b><u>Thankfulness</u></b>	4	4	4	4	2	2
<b><u>Service</u></b>	3	1	2	1	3	1

### S.A.M. Star Award

The children in the class vote for these awards. They vote for the child they think has upheld our values and been the best that they can be.

<b>Class</b>	<b>S.A.M. Half termly Star Award</b>
Hawthorn	Syeda Fatima
Hornbeam	Ibrahim

Beech	Ahmedraza
Alder	Iqra
Elder	Zain
Rowan	Kulthum
Birch	Fatima
Cherry	Hadi
Willow	Eliza
Oak	Aisha
Ash/Elm	Ummul Khair

### 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.



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