



St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

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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.

Spare Swimming Kit



If you have any spare swimming costumes, trunks, shorts or towels that your child has outgrown, please donate them to school for use as spares.



Children's University

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY MAY HALF TERM CHALLENGES

If you handed your child's CU passport in for any CU challenges or external clubs please note that all passports have now been returned to the children. Please look out for this as no responsibility will be held by the school now they have been returned.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY HOURS FOR GRADUATION

Please note the hours are now being calculated for the annual Children's University Graduation. All Children's University members will receive a letter on Tuesday (18th June) confirming what hours we have recorded on the database for them and it will also indicate what certificates they will be being awarded. Please look out for this and check it very carefully. If you feel the hours are incorrect you must let Sara Burton know by NEXT Friday 21st June. Nothing can be changed after this date.

SUMMER HOLIDAY FAMILY TRIPS

An email has been sent giving details of two family trips planned for the Summer holidays. If you would like your family to attend please complete the relevant form below (the form will be available until next Thursday 20th June). Places are not confirmed until the full payment has been made on ParentPay. Once you have completed the form you will be sent further details on payment. Forms:

Chester Zoo <https://bit.ly/FormChesterZooJuly24>

Drayton Manor <https://bit.ly/FormDraytonManorAug24>

There may be another family trip, however this will be sent out with the holiday activities letter in a few weeks. Please look out for this. Any questions please ring Sara Burton on 07805929965 (if there is no answer please leave a message).

This Week's Attendance



The winning class this week is **Hornbeam** with **97.88%** attendance
Birch had 97.33% and Oak had 97% 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 a day. Please ring the school to book them in.

SAMS Star Learners

Class	SAM Star Learner	Sports Star
Hawthorn	Amina & Zeena	
Hornbeam	Mohammed-Amin	
Beech	Abdullah & Qurban	
Alder	Sayaam	
Elder	Hadi N	
Hazel	Ahmad N	
Rowan	Abdullah A	
Birch	Ahmad	
Beehive	Mohammed-Amin	
Cherry	Kiran	
Willow	Aairah and Abubakr	
Oak	Ayshah P	
Ash	Zainab	

Family Point Winners

The table below shows the winning families highlighted in yellow.

Congratulations to **THANKFULNESS** with 235 points. Service had 216 points, Belonging had 161 points and Love had 157 points

Family/Week	19.4.24	26.4.24	3.5.24	10.5.24	17.5.24	24.5.24	7.6.24	14.6.24			
Belonging	3	4	3	4	3	4	4	3			
Love	4	3	4	3	4	2	3	4			
Service	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	2			
Thankfulness	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1			



Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

17th June	Rowan Class Fieldwork Trip
18th June	Stay and Play
18th June	Infants Sports Day 9.15-11.30am
19th June	New Intake Sessions in Reception Class
20th June	Lancashire Book Bus
20th June	Elder Class Fieldwork Trip
21st June	Hazel Class Fieldwork Trip
25th June	New Intake Home Visits
25th June	Stay and Play
26th June	Year 1 and 2 trip to Formby Beach
27th June	Year 5 trip to Edge Hill College
5th July	School Closed for INSET day
9th July	Stay and Play
10th July	Community Day from 3.15 pm
12th July	End of Year Reports
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

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Please follow our Twitter account. [http s://twitter.com/](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.