



St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

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School Photographs

The school photographer will be in on Monday 18th November to take photographs of your children for you to buy. Make sure they wear a clean jumper and bring their best smile!

Stay and Play



Stay and Play is underway again at St Silas every Thursday in term time from 9 am to 10 am. Come and bring your pre-school children along for some playtime fun!



Cashpot for Schools

© 16 days left

St Silas's CofE Primary School
St Silas Road, Blackburn, BB2 6JP

UK total raised
£105.49

ASDA Cashpot

So far you have helped to raise **£105.49** for St Silas by opting in to the ASDA cashpot for schools scheme.

It's not too late, there are still 16 days left. All you need to do is download the app, opt in and then do your normal ASDA shop.

Thank you to everyone who has already joined!

Fussy Eating

Free local workshops



As parents we want our children to eat well – and to enjoy mealtimes together

Come along and get support and new ideas for:

- How to encourage your child to try new foods - and begin to enjoy them!
- Child-friendly foods that provide what they need to grow and be healthy
- Happier family mealtimes

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Venue:

Date:

Contact:

Family Hub Livesey	18 th November 2024	Monday 9.30-11.30am
Audley Children centre	26 th November 2024	Tuesday 12.30-2.30pm
Family hub Darwen	12 th December 2024	Thursday 12.30-2.30pm
Family Hub	6 th December 2024	Friday 9.30-11.30am

School Uniform



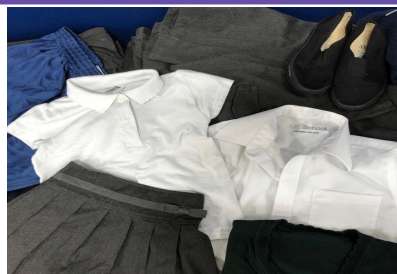
Please be reminded that children must wear the correct school uniform every day. Jogging bottoms and trainers are not acceptable clothing. Girls' hijabs must be either plain black or purple and for health and safety reasons must be a short length. PE uniform is black jogging bottoms and black trainers 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.

Hijabs for PE

If you have already chosen for your child to wear a hijab in school and you would like them to wear one for PE, we have found a suitable hijab for PE on Amazon. Please copy this link into your search bar to purchase one.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Hijabs-Sports-Teenage-Fitness-Workout/dp/BOC6F922YK>



Preloved Uniform

We have lots of preloved uniforms in school so if you need a new school uniform for your children please feel free to have a look at our stock of spare uniforms.



Children's University

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS

If you have handed in your child's CU passport for any challenges over the holidays please note that they have all now be returned. Please do look out for them as no responsibility will be held by the school now they have been returned.

MOVING PEOPLE – BUS COMPETITION

Moving PEOPLE who are a local bus company are running a competition amongst all local schools across Lancashire! The aim of this competition is to find some fantastic designs that will brighten up three of their bus backs and spread important messages throughout the community. Children's University members can also collect a ONE hour stamp in their passport for entering!

This is for children in years 1 – 6. For your child to enter they need to simply to create their design on an A3 piece of paper. As this is a larger piece a paper you can collect one from the school office if you do not have A3 paper at home. Please see this link for what is needed on the entry: <https://bit.ly/BusCompA3Entry>. All entries must be handed to the school office no later than 3pm on Monday 25th November 2024. Remember to hand your child's Children's University passport in if they have one so they can collect a stamp too! Please see the letter that was sent out for more details

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY ACTIVITY – WINTER WONDERLAND

There will be a CU activity on Saturday 7th December for children in year 3 – 6. Further details have been emailed. Sign up is available now on ParentPay, places are limited. If you have signed your child up please look out for a confirmation email from school, which has a link to the consent form. Failure to complete this consent form will mean your child cannot attend.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT – LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOPS

The Festival of Light is happening again this year on Saturday 14th December. In the run up to this there are some lantern making workshops taking place. They are taking place on the following Saturday's from 12pm to 3pm. They are on 16th November, 30th November, 7th December and 14th December and are being held at The Bureau Centre for the Arts, Exchange Street, Blackburn, BB 1 7JN. The cost is either £3 / £5 / £8 per person which you can select at the time of booking. To book a place for 16th November please go to: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/blackburn-festival-of-light> or alternatively you can just turn up. Children's University members can collect a stamp in their CU passport for attending, just remember to ask when you go. If you are given a slip please remember to hand this into school with your child's CU passport.



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

This Week's Attendance



The winning class this week is **Willow** with **99.17%** attendance
Hornbeam had 99% and Ash had 97.89% 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

SAMS Star Learners

Class	SAM Star Learner	Sports Star
Hawthorn	Affan	
Hornbeam	Anaya ST	
Beech	Johana	Amina
Alder	Ali	
Elder	Laiba	
Hazel	Farhan	
Rowan	Zainab H	
Birch	Hassan	
Beehive	Fayzaan	
Cherry	Muhammad Ibrahim	
Willow	Maryam	
Oak	Mustafa	Inabiya
Elm	Minha	
Ash	Halima	

Family Point Winners

The table below shows the winning families highlighted in yellow.

Congratulations to **Thankfulness** with 227 points. Love had 202 points Belonging had 173 points and Service had 161 points

Family/Week	13.9.24	20.9.24	27.9.24	3.10.24	18.10.24	1.11.24	15.11.24				
Belonging	3	3	2	2	1	4	3				
Love	4	2	3	3	2	2	2				
Service	2	1	4	4	3	3	4				
Thankfulness	1	1	1	1	4	1	1				



Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

18th November	School Photographs
19th November	Stay and Play 9 am
19th November	Years 1 and 2 Corporation Park visit
25th November	Smoothie Bike Roadshow - Year 3
26th November	Stay and Play 9 am
27th November	Year 4 Museum trip
28th November	Year 3 Museum trip
3rd December	Stay and Play 9 am
10th December	Stay and Play 9 am
11th December	Years 1 and 2 Museum Trip
12th December	Years 5 and 6 Girls - High 5
17th December	EYFS Nativity
18th December	Christmas Lunches
18th December	Class Christmas Parties
20th December	Christmas Church Assembly
20th December	School closes for Christmas
6th January	School re-opens

Twitter X



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.