



# St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

## Newsletter 15th March 2024

### Easter Eggstravaganza



Dear Ash Class Grown-ups,

Please come and join us for our Easter Eggstravaganza on Wednesday 27th March from 2.30pm. Ash Class will be performing an Easter song for you called, 'Spring Chicken.' We will be offering refreshments for those not observing Ramadan and there will be some Easter craft activities for you to enjoy with us. If the weather is fine, you can help us with an exciting Easter egg hunt around our EYFS outdoor area. We hope to see you for lots of fun and to celebrate the end of a successful Spring Term, filled with learning.

Thanks

EYFS Staff

### Year 3 / 4 Parent Invitation

Dear Year 3 and 4 Class Grown-ups,

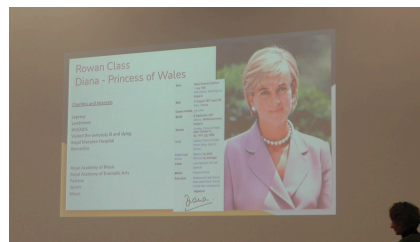
Please come and join us for our DT on Friday 22nd March from 2.45pm. You are invited into your child's classroom to see what we have produced during our DT week.

Thank you, Year 3 / 4 Staff

## Women's History Month 2024



March 2024 celebrates Women's history month. This morning during our SAM Star assembly we celebrated some women from our past. We had a brilliant time and enjoyed hearing about what made these women significant today and how they have impacted on our lives.



## Earrings

Please be aware that hooped earrings are **not** to be worn in school for safety reasons. A small stud can be worn in each ear. Earrings should not be worn for P.E. Children will be asked to remove them. If they are unable to do this they will not be allowed to take part in the P.E. lesson. Please teach your child how to take them out by themselves or alternatively leave them out on P.E. days if they are too young.

## Stay and Play



Our stay and play sessions have started again. Everyone is welcome to come along every Tuesday during term time from 2 to 3pm.

## School Meals Price Increase



After careful consideration and due to the rising food costs, we will need to increase our meal price to £2.50 after the Easter 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 £2.50 per day, £12.50 per week, from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

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

You may be entitled to apply for free school meals for your children if you receive one of the following income-related benefits:

### **Income Support**

### **Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance**

### **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**

**Child Tax Credit combined with both a household income below £16,190 per annum and not in receipt of any Working Tax Credit**

### **Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**

### **Guarantee Element of state Pension Credit**

### **Universal Credit, with annual household earnings of less than £7,400**

Please follow this link to apply for free school meals

<https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-meals>

If you require further information, please contact the school office.

## 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.



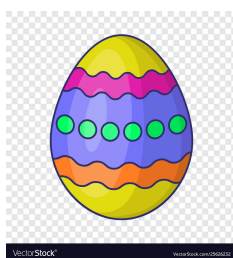
### **Uniform Swap Shop**

If you need a new school uniform for your children please feel free to have a look at our stock of spare uniforms.

## Perfect Week

The Government has launched a new school attendance initiative called "Moments Matter, Attendance Counts". In support of this we are continuing to issue weekly Perfect Week stickers to every child who is in school all week, is always on time and is excellently behaved.

In addition to this every child who gets a perfect week will get a ticket to go into a prize draw at the end of the Spring Term. They have 9 chances to be in the draw, so their attendance really does matter!



## 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.



## Children's University

### **SCHOOL CLUBS AND CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS**

Please note all school clubs finish next week (week ending Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March). If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University please make sure their passport is handed in by next Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

### **STREET DANCE PERFORMANCE**

If your child has been attending the Street Dance club on a Wednesday after school please note there will be a Street Dance performance NEXT Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 3.40pm. Please come and see what your child has been doing. Please make sure you arrive for 3.40pm at the office ready for the performance as we will not be able to allow anyone in who is late in.

### **CU SCIENCE ACTIVITY**

Those who have signed please note this is taking place this weekend. Please make sure you send your child with their CU passport on the day. This will then be kept ready to be stamped for school clubs.

### **EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

There will be some activities on offer during the first week of the Easter holidays. Sign up is available on ParentPay now. Details of all the activities has been emailed. Places are offered on a first come first serve basis.

### **ANDERTON CENTRE CHILDREN'S UNVIERSITY TRIP**

An email went out last week about a CU trip to the Anderton Centre to do a variety of outdoor adventurous activities. The cost of the trip will be £30 and will be for children in years 3 – 6. There are a couple of places left on this.

### **BLACKBURN LIBRARY ACTIVITIES**

2nd April: Pendle Productions, The Storytellers Theatre Co. will make a welcome return, with their unique take on Alice in Wonderland at Blackburn Central Library at 10.30am. Tickets will be available up to 2 weeks before the performances. The cost is £1 per child, £3 per accompanying adult.

11th April: Takeshi Matsumoto presents Club Origami. Rip, fold and scrumple! Shall we see what we can make with a single square of paper? As you scrunch the paper, see how your imagination begins to dance...Dive into the magical world of Club Origami, an immersive and interactive dance show inviting family audiences to create, imagine and explore whole new ways of thinking, playing and moving. Dance, fashion and live music meet the magic of origami to sweep us up on a spirited and inspiring adventure in a land made purely of paper and play. Performances will be at Blackburn Central Library starting at 11 am and at 2.30 pm, price £5 per head. Tickets can be booked online at [Spot On Lancashire](https://www.spotonlancashire.co.uk), or bought from Blackburn Central Library, tel: 01254 661221 or email [library@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:library@blackburn.gov.uk).

Please note that they are unable to accept reservations without payment.

Please remember if your child attends any activities at Blackburn Library and they are a member of Children's University to pick up a slip from the library to show your child has attended. Please send this slip in with your child's CU passport so it can be updated.

## This Week's Attendance



The winning class this week is **ALDER** with **96.13%** attendance  
Hornbeam had 95.47% and Rowan had 94.6% 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

## GOLDEN BROOM AWARD



Every week the class that has been the cleanest and tidiest will be given the golden broom to keep in their classroom. This week the award goes to

**Beehive**

For always keeping their desks tidy after each activity

## Family Point Winners

The table below shows the winning families highlighted in yellow.

### Congratulations to **SERVICE**

Family/Week	12.1.24	18.12.24	26.1.24	2.2.24	9.2.24	23.2.24	1.3.24	8.3.24	15.3.24		
<b>Belonging</b>	1	1	3	3	1	1	2	3	2		
<b>Love</b>	2	2	2	1	2	4	4	1	2		
<b>Service</b>	3	3	1	2	4	3	1	2	1		
<b>Thankfulness</b>	4	4	4	4	3	2	3	4	4		

### SAMS Star Learners

Class	SAM Star Learner	Sports Star
Hawthorn	Zain	
Hornbeam	Mishal	
Beech	Kristian	
Alder	Ahmad	
Elder	Jowdaan	
Hazel	Medina	
Rowan	Shahmir	
Birch	Simra	
Beehive	Bilal	
Cherry	Kiarad	
Willow	Fahm	
Oak	Mohid	
Ash	Hasnain	





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## Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

18th March	Willow visit to Corporation Park
19th March	Stay and Play 2 - 3 pm
20th March	Oak visit to Corporation Park
21st March	Year 6 Church Visit
22nd March	Y3/4 DT Presentation (2.45pm)
25th March	Cherry visit to Corporation Park
26th March	Stay and Play 2 - 3 pm
27th March	Church Assembly
28th March	School finishes for Easter Holiday
15th April	School re-opens

## 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.**