



St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

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Super Learning Day (Healthy Mind, Healthy Body)



We had our first super learning day on Wednesday where our children really enjoyed learning about Healthy Mind, Healthy Body and how our brains work. Please copy and paste this link into your browser to see more information and pictures

<https://stsilasprimary.co.uk/news/2024-10-16-healthy-mind-healthy-body-superlearning-day>



Harvest

Thank you for all the food donations for Blackburn foodbank.



Bronze Award for Toothbrushing



Congratulations to our reception class for being awarded the Bronze award for Toothbrushing in class for 1 year!

The screenshot shows the 'Cashpot for Schools' app interface. At the top, there is a yellow shield-shaped logo with the text 'CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS'. Below the logo, the text 'Cashpot for Schools' is displayed in a large, bold, black font. Underneath this, a green box contains the text '44 days left'. Further down, the school's name 'St Silas's CofE Primary School' and address 'St Silas Road, Blackburn, BB2 6JP' are listed. At the bottom, a grey box shows 'UK total raised' followed by the amount '£90.31' in a large, bold, black font. A dashed green arrow points from the amount to the right.

ASDA Cashpot

So far you have helped to raise **£90.31** for St Silas by opting in to the ASDA cashpot for schools scheme.

It's not too late, there are still 44 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!

Free October Half Term Activities at the Family Hubs and Children Centre's

Monday 21st October

Wensley fold Children's centre	1.00pm-2.00pm	Breastfeeding support group
Highercroft Children's centre	1.00pm-2.00pm	Pumpkin Spice and All Things Nice
Family hub Darwen	1.00pm-2.00pm	Autumn Nature Trail

Tuesday 22nd October

Family Hub Darwen	10.00am-11.00am	Pumpkin Spice and All Thing's Nice
Hancock St Children's Centre	1.00pm-2.00pm	Messy Magic
Family Hub Livesey	1.00pm-2.00pm	Breastfeeding Support Group
Family Hub Little Harwood	1.30pm-2.30pm	Autumn Nature Trail

Wednesday 23rd October

Family Hub Shadsworth	9.30am-11:00am	Magical Woodland Adventure
Family Hub Shadsworth	1.00pm-2.00pm	Breastfeeding Support Group

Thursday 24th October

Family Hub Shadsworth	11.00am-12.00am	Messy Magic
Family Hub Little Harwood	12:30pm-1:30pm	Breastfeeding Support Group
Family Hub Livesey	1.00pm-2.00pm	Pumpkin Spice and All Things Nice

Friday 25th October

Family Hub Livesey	10.00am-11.00am	Autumn Nature Trail
Family Hub Darwen	10.00am-11.00am	Breastfeeding Support Group
Family Hub Little Harwood	1.00pm-2.00pm	Pumpkin Spice and All

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

Venue:

Date:

Contact:

Family hub Shadsworth	30 th October 2024	Wednesday 9.30-11.30am
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	12th December 2024	Thursday 12.30-2.30pm
Family Hub	6 th December 2024	Friday 9.30-11.30am



Flu Clinics

Flu Vaccine Catch-Up Clinic!

Has your child missed your flu vaccine at school? No worries! IntraHealth, your school vaccination team, is holding catch-up clinics on the following dates and locations:

* **Date:** 22nd October
Time: 9 AM to 3 PM
Location: Lancashire Digital Technology Centre, Burnley, BB10 2TP

Date: 23rd October
Time: 9 AM to 3 PM
Location: Shadsworth Children Centre, Shadsworth Road, Blackburn, BB1 2HR

Don't wait—book your spot today! Call **0333 358 3397**, then select **Option 2**.

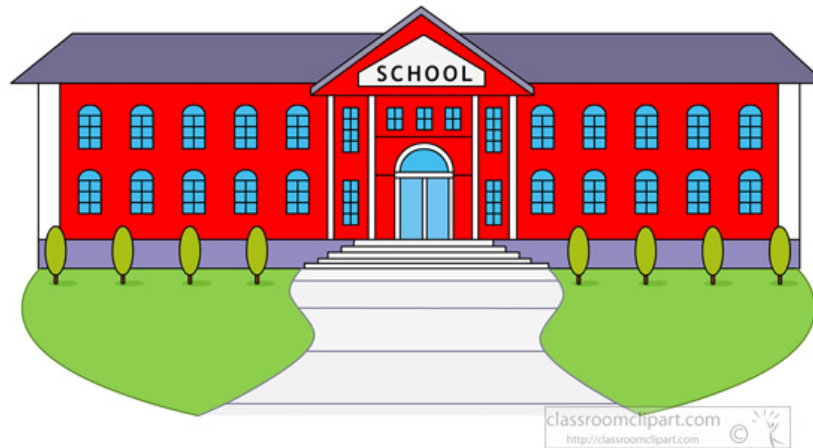
Stay healthy this flu season!



Lancashire (inc. Blackburn & Darwen)
School Aged Immunisation Service

High School Applications

The time period for putting in your applications for your child's high school ends on 31st October. Please make sure you apply through the local authority in good time.



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 HALF TERM CHALLENGES

A copy of the Children's University holiday challenges have been sent out. A link to the challenges is: <https://bit.ly/BCUOctoberChallenges24>. If your child completes any of these CU Challenges over the holidays please ensure you send the evidence to Sara Burton on s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965. You must still remember to send your child's CU passport in to school so it can be updated. If you prefer you can send the evidence of the challenges into school together with your child's CU passport so it can be checked and updated.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

A confirmation email together with the link to the online consent form has been sent out to all those who have signed up from s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk. Please ensure you know when and where the activities are taking place if you have signed your child up. Any questions please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

PUMPKIN SOUP STORY AND CRAFTS AT BLACKBURN CENTRAL LIBRARY

Come and enjoy a story and craft session at Blackburn Central Library for children age 5 and over with their grown-ups. The session will take place on Tuesday 22nd October, 1.30 - 2.30 pm and free tickets will be available from the library up to 2 weeks before the event. Children's University members can collect a stamp in their CU passport for attending. Just remember to pick up a slip at the event and bring it in with your child's CU passport after the holidays.

🎃 Active Autumn 🎃 🍂

Blackburn with Darwen Health and Wellbeing Team have teamed up with some of their partners to deliver some free unique activities to keep you and your family active throughout the school holidays! Most activities need booking which can be done through the links below:

Booking link now live! 👉 <https://refreshbwd.com/events/active-autumn/>

Bat Walk Link - <https://shorturl.at/a8QaA>

If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University and they attend one of these activities please drop Sara a message via s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965 so your child can collect a stamp in their 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 **Elder** with **98.2%** attendance

Hazel had 97.27% and Birch had 97.01% 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 the winning families highlighted in yellow.

Congratulations to **Belonging** with 235 points. Love had 171 points Service had 148 points and Thankfulness had 142 points

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



Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

17th October	School Closes for half term
28th October	School re-opens
7th November	Vision Screening - EYFS
8th November	British Values Workshop - Years 5 and 6
11th November	Year 5 trip to Jorvik Viking Centre
13th November	Parents Evening 3.30 to 6.45
18th November	School Photographs
19th November	Years 1 and 2 Corporation Park visit
25th November	Smoothie Bike Roadshow - Year 3
11th December	Years 1 and 2 Museum Trip
12th December	Years 5 and 6 Girls - High 5
17th December	EYFS Nativity
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.