



St Silas

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

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Rhyme Time for Reception Parents



Join us for Rhyme Time every Thursday afternoon at 2.30pm to celebrate all things 'rhyme and story'. Each key person group takes it in turn to host parents. If you're not sure when your next session is please speak to a member of Foundation Stage staff.

Smart School Council



The school council has been redesigned and made into a Smart School Council:

<https://home.smartschoolcouncils.org.uk/>

All children will have their voice heard through this new system and our school councillors will have additional responsibilities as they become our communication team.

Class Charities



Today is World Toilet Day. Last year Rowan class (now Beech) chose to support Toilet Twinning as their class charity and raised enough money to build a toilet in Zambia and a tap in Honduras. We are pleased to announce that our certificates have arrived

and will be displayed around school to show our support for those less fortunate than ourselves.

<https://www.toilettwinning.org/>

Year 5 Fun Run-Santa Dash



On Friday 3rd December, Year 5 will be taking part in a sponsored Santa Dash in support of St Catherine's Hospice in Preston. We will be donning our most seasonal outfits and running (or walking) a mile in Corporation Park. The children are busy collecting sponsors in the run up to the event but if you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please ask at the office. You can read about the work that is done at St Catherine's by clicking this link:

<https://www.stcatherines.co.uk/about-us/our-purpose/>

Children's University



Children's University Challenges - passports

All passports that have been handed in for any challenges have been returned so please do ensure you look out for this and put it somewhere safe at home. No responsibility will be held by the school for these.

Children's University Activity – Saturday 11th December

Those who have signed up should have now received a confirmation email which includes an online consent form which MUST be completed. Failure to complete this will mean your child cannot attend.

Covid

Thank you for your continued support in helping to protect our Academy community from Covid during this term. Whilst there have been cases within our community, the measures in place across our Academy have prevented them spreading within school and limited the impact on our day to day activities.

We have worked hard together this term to return to as much normality in school as possible. In the coming weeks we have some wonderful events planned which we want

you and your children to be able to join and enjoy. These include Nativity, Christmas Party, Rhyme Time etc. These events can only take place if Covid cases in school and the community do not rise and we feel it is safe for them to proceed.

Vaccinations have helped to reduce the infection rate and severity of symptoms in those with Covid. However they do not completely remove the risk of contracting the virus or passing it on to others.

Now is not the time to be complacent. Covid is still widely circulating and will likely get worse. The normality we have achieved will be lost if cases increase locally. You can help to prevent this by following the best practice advice that is still in place. This includes:

- Wearing a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces where you come into contact with people you don't normally meet. For example, on public transport.
- Washing our hands regularly and carrying hand sanitiser when we go out. Ensure your children are also doing this and understand the importance of good hand hygiene.
- Taking regular rapid tests, particularly before mixing with others
- Getting fully vaccinated against Covid – including the booster dose which is available to over 40s from next Monday, 22 November
- Keeping rooms well-ventilated, particularly when spending time indoors with people we don't live with.

In addition to the above steps, please remember the following legal action you must take if you suspect you or your child have Covid.

- Your child should not attend school if they have symptoms of Covid (even if these are mild) and should **immediately isolate and arrange a PCR test**.
- Regardless of your vaccination status, if you have any symptoms of Covid (even mild), please do not come to the school site to drop off or collect your children. You should **immediately isolate and arrange a PCR test**.

As always we appreciate your support in keeping our Academy, your families and our community safe in the run up to Christmas and beyond.

[School Tour](#)

If you are interested to know more about our school and what your child does in school, please contact the office on 01254 698447 to make an appointment for a personal tour or you could make an appointment when you are in school for Parents' Evening.

[Primary School Applications for September 2022](#)

If you have a child due to start school in September 2022 please do not forget to apply for your child's place. If you need help to apply online please contact our family worker, Rehana Patel, who will arrange to help you.

Attendance



The class with the best attendance over the last week is Birch with 100% attendance again. Well done to everyone in Birch class.

Overall attendance this week is 91% which is lower than last week. National attendance is around 96%.

If your child's attendance is 90% over the year it means that they are missing a day's education every other week. This leads to gaps in their learning and impacts on their friendships.

Holidays are not authorised during term time because they really impact your child's education. When they return to school they can find it difficult because their friends will have made new friends. Extended holidays can have a negative impact on your child's well being when they return to school. This is why you face either being fined or losing your child's place at our school if you take an extended holiday.

Dates for the Diary

- Closing date for Primary School Application 15.1.21
- Year 5's Santa Dash 3.12.21
- 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.

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

S.A.M. Star Award and Sports Star of the Week

Class	S.A.M. Star Award	Sports Star of the Week
Hawthorn	Harris	Syeda
Hornbeam	Ibrahim	Amaari
Beech	Khadijah	Zain S
Alder	Zahra	Aisha S
Elder	Ibrahim	Eshaan
Rowan	Amina.P	Adil
Birch	Qasim	Ahmed.A
Cherry	Zainab Q	Subhan
Willow	Sarah	Camara
Oak	Ayesha	Aroush
Ash/Elm	Marwa	Umaira

Twitter

Please follow our Twitter account. 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.