



St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

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Summer Term!

Welcome back to school and we hope you all had a lovely restful break over Easter. We have a lot of exciting trips and activities lined up for the Summer Term.

Year 3 and 4 Ribchester Trip

Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a brilliant trip to Ribchester, an old Roman site. We had a visit to the museum where we saw and handled Roman Artefacts, we visited the Roman Bath ruins where we were able to study them in more detail. We also had a look at the local River Ribble and looked at the local wildlife surrounding this.





Year 3 and 4 Story & Poem Parent's Presentation

A big thank you to the parents who were able to attend our parents presentation this week. It was lovely to see you all and share the work we have been doing. We hope you enjoyed listening to our stories and poems from Spring Term 2.

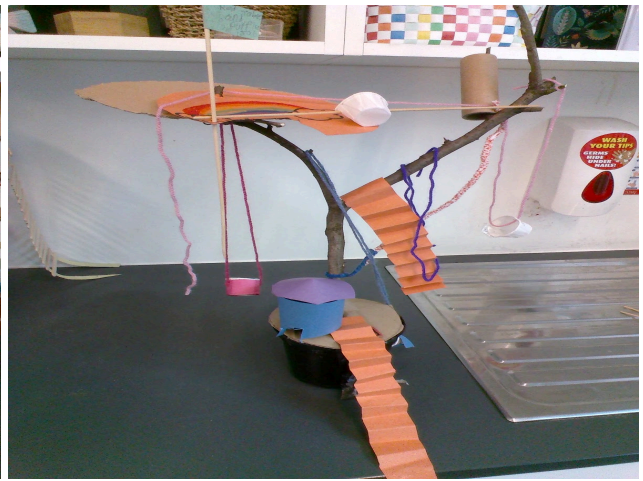
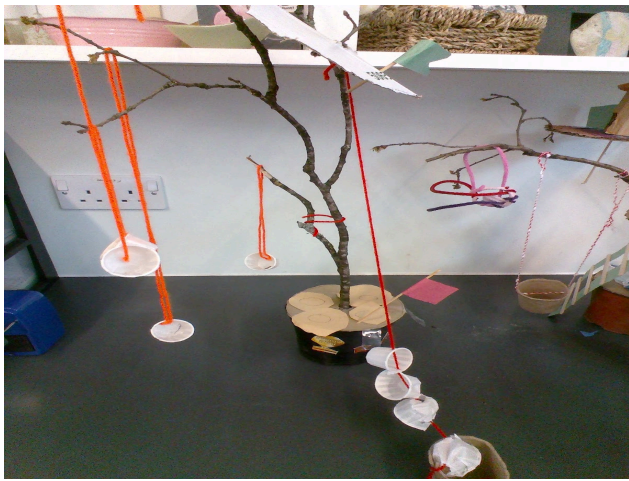
Year 3 and 4 Art Project

Our art project is well underway this week. We have studied the illustrator of Quentin Blake and sketched our own animals using his influence. We have created models of these different animals using newspaper and modroc. It was very messy but great fun. Look out next week for the final ones.



Year 1 and 2 Art - Stick Transformation Project

Oak, Willow and Cherry had a busy week using sticks and branches to make Guatemalan worry dolls and tree houses. We sketched stick people in lots of different poses and designed the most amazing tree houses you could ever want. Here are some pictures of our creations.



Eid Assembly

A huge well done to Alder class this morning for their whole school Eid assembly. Thank you to all our parents who joined us to celebrate.

Well done once again!



Eid Parties

Great fun was had by all children and staff at St Silas this afternoon. We enjoyed party games including musical statues, musical chairs and a dance competition.

We had a drink and a treat before dancing the afternoon away.



The Guide Dogs UK



Two wonderful volunteers from the charity Guide Dogs UK came to visit Ash Class this week and brought Willow. Willow is a fully trained guide dog who supports a visually impaired young lady from our town. Willow is very clever and helpful. We were able to listen to a presentation all about Willow's job. At the end, if we wanted to, we could stroke Willow. We are raising awareness to support Guide Dogs UK as our class charity. Please visit www.guidedogs.org.uk for more information about how we can support this amazing charity.



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.

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 15th 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.



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

Please note the club sign up is this Tuesday 23rd April at 8am on ParentPay. Places are offered on a first come first serve basis. Information on all the clubs which are available have been sent out via email and text earlier this week. Please read all the information that has been sent. If you have any questions please contact Sara Burton on s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

EASTER HOLIDAY CHALLENGES AND ACTIVITIES

If your child has completed any of the CU Challenges or any activities at the library or the Easter Trail in the Mall over the holidays please ensure you send the evidence to Sara Burton via s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965. You must still remember to send your child's CU passport 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.

BLACKBURN ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB V COVENTRY

Please look out for a confirmation text if you have signed your child up. There will be a link to the consent form which must be completed.

ANDERTON CENTRE TRIP – YEARS 3 – 6

If you signed your child up for this Children's University trip before the holidays you should have received a confirmation email. This has the link to the online consent form which **MUST** be completed by next Thursday 25th April. If you have not received this and you think your child should be attending you **MUST** ring Sara Burton straight away on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

FAMILY TRIP TO MARTIN MERE

Please note this is taking place this weekend. Please check your emails for the confirmation details and make sure you know all the final details.

This Week's Attendance



The winning class this week is **Beech** with **96.5%** attendance
Birch had 95.7% and Hornbeam had 93.9% 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
Hazel Class
for starting the new term off with a really tidy classroom
Well done!

Family Point Half Term Winners

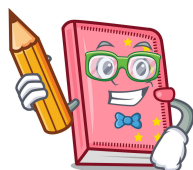
Last half term we had two overall winners, **Belonging** and **Service**, who each share a non-uniform day next Friday. A text has gone out to inform parents of this. Well done to those two value families.

Family Point Winners

The table below shows the winning families highlighted in yellow.

Congratulations to **SERVICE** with 214 points. Thankfulness had 195 points Belonging had 192 points and Love had 184 points

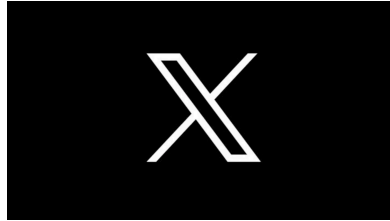
Family/Week	19.4.24										
Belonging	3										
Love	4										
Service	1										
Thankfulness	2										



Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

22nd April	Year 2 Fire Safety talk from Fire Service
23rd April	Stay and Play in PM
24th April	Special Assembly - author visit
25th April	Year 2 trip to Blackburn Library
30th April	Stay and Play in PM
6th May	Bank Holiday Monday
7th May	School Closed for Teacher training
20th May	Public Speaking Competition
21st May	Reception Class Height and Weight checks
23rd May	Year 6 Fire Safety Talk
24th May	School Closes for Half Term
3rd June	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.