



St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

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Incredible Years course for parents

The Incredible Years programme was developed by Carolyn Webster-Stratton, a clinical Psychologist, in 1997. It is designed to be a community based programme to help parents of children with ADHD, conduct problems and promote emotional and social development, emotional regulation, and improve academic success.

It aims to give you new strategies as well as building on the ones you are already using to make them more effective in your home. In turn you should see an increase in positive behaviours and a reduction in behaviours you find challenging, helping you feel more confident and reducing household stress.

This Programme will run for 2 hours a week at St Silas school for over a period of 12 weeks. In completion all participants will receive a certificate .

There are limited places available. If you are interested in applying please contact Rehana Patel .

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

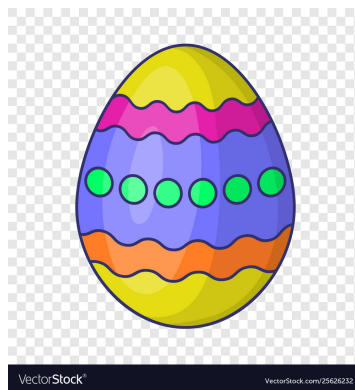


Our stay and play sessions have started again. Everyone is welcome to come along every Tuesday during term time from 2 to 3pm.

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!



This Week's Attendance



The winning class this week is **HORNBEAM** with **98.4%** attendance

Alder had 97.5% and Hazel had 96.8% 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



Children's University

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY ANIMAL FUN DAY

If you have signed your child up for this please look out for a confirmation email (which was be sent via the school emails) which was sent last week. This will have a link to an online consent form which **MUST** be completed otherwise your child cannot attend. The form must be completed by **THIS** Sunday 4th February. If you have not received this form but you have signed your child up please contact Sara Burton straight away on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Conformation emails have been sent out for the half term activities from Sara Burton on s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk. This will include a link to an online consent for which must be completed. The deadline for forms is this Tuesday 6th February. If you have not received this form but you have signed your child up please contact Sara Burton straight away on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

FREE CRICKET SESSIONS

Lancashire Cricket Foundation in association with Chance to Shine (a national cricket charity) are delivering free of charge cricket sessions for all children in Year 3 and above at the old St Mary's College venue (Synergy Sports - top of Shear Brow, BB1 8DX). The sessions will be taking place every Saturday (between 5pm and 6.30pm). All equipment is provided and there are no fees to be paid as it is completely **FREE**. Blackburn Children's University members can collect stamps in their passport for attending. Contact Farouk Hussain on fhussain@lancashirecricket.co.uk or 07973360320.

GOLDEN BROOM AWARD



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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 to pick up their pens and pencils from the floor and for hanging their coats up

Well done!



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.



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.

School Meals Ordering System



You must pre-order your child's school meals **7 days in advance** on Parentpay to ensure they get the meal of their choice. If no meal has been pre-ordered, your child will have a jacket potato for their lunch.

Special Lunch Friday 9th February 2023

Please place your child's order for the special Pancake Day lunch on 9th February as soon as possible. If you have already put an order on for that date you will need to put it on again. Please copy and paste this link into your browser to view the menu

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N3mQhbvy-cZfxTVAPcvFWgcfXK7U1jct/view?usp=sharing>

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of Universal Credit and think you may be eligible for Free School Meals please apply using the link below.

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

If you need any help with this please contact the school office

In addition if your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and receiving universal free school meals it still helps the school if you apply for free school meals if you qualify. The school receives money for each child who is on free school meals or has been on free school meals.

Please see our website for further information:

<https://stsilasprimary.co.uk/key-information/pupil-premium>

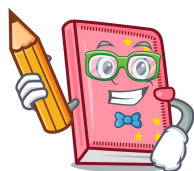
SAMS Star Learners

Class	SAM Star Learner	Sports Star
Hawthorn	Zakariah	Raitis
Hornbeam	Shahan	
Beech	Ayaan	
Alder	Omar	
Elder	Mahira	
Hazel	Noor Fatima	
Rowan	Adam	
Birch	Aisha H	Khadijah
Beehive	Fayzaan	
Cherry	Sarah	
Willow	Hafsa	
Oak	Salwa	
Ash	Ibrahim	

Family Point Winners

The table below shows the winning families highlighted in yellow. Well done to **LOVE** with 448 points. **Service** had 414 points, **Belonging** had 406 points and **Thankfulness** had 373 points

Family/Week	12.1.24	18.12.24	26.1.24	2.2.24						
Belonging	1	1	3	3						
Love	2	2	2	1						
Service	3	3	1	2						
Thankfulness	4	4	4	4						

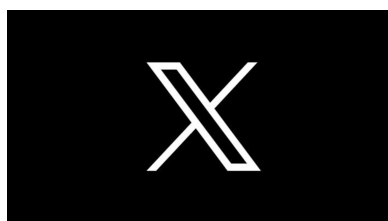


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Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

5/2/24	Year 6 Hothersall Lodge Residential Trip
6/2/24	Stay and Play
9/2/24	School closes for half term
19/2/24	School reopens
19/2/24	School Photographs
21/2/24	Whole School Parents Evening

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Please follow our Twitter account. [http s://twitter.com/](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.