



St Silas Newsletter 20.12.24

Wishing all our families a very happy
and peaceful Christmas break



Upcoming Events

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| 6th January | School re-opens |
| 7th January | Stay and Play 9 am |
| 13th January | Hazel Class Swimming starts |
| 20th January | Year 5 Debt Awareness Visit |
| 24th January | Care Home Tea Party |
| 5th to 11th February | Scholastic Book Fair |
| 6th February | Year 1 & 2 visit to Martin Mere |
| 12th to 14th February | Hothersall Lodge Activity Days |
| 14th February | School Closes for Half Term |
| 24th February | School re-opens |





Friday Celebration Assemblies

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8.50am in the
school hall
Drinks in the dining room
afterwards
Assemblies

It is always lovely to welcome parents to our Friday celebration assemblies. If your child is receiving a Star Learner Award you should receive a text message the day before inviting you. All parents are welcome to the assembly whether their child is winning an award or not. There will coffee/tea/juice in the dining hall afterwards for parents. If your child has been awarded the Star Learner Award they can join you for a drink. If we are in church there is no assembly in school but you are welcome to church.

Christmas Parties



We had our Class Christmas Parties on Wednesday and the children had a lot of fun. Santa even paid us a visit!





Nativity

EYFS Nativity Performance

The nativity performance was a great success and all our reception children played their parts really well. Please copy this link into your browser to view more pictures

<https://stsilasprimary.co.uk/news/2024-12-17-nativity-2024>





Admissions

There is still time to apply for a reception place at St Silas for September 2025

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, they are due to start primary school in September 2025.

The deadline to apply is 15 January 2025.

This is the link to apply online:

<https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-primary-or-junior-school>

If you need any help please ask the school office. We are more than happy to help.



St Silas News

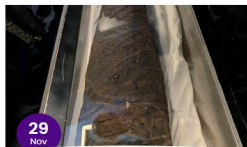
Latest News



6
Dec

Year 2 RE and PSHE

Year 2 have really enjoyed learning all about angels and how they bring us good news. We have learnt about Elizabeth and Zechariah and Mary and Joseph. We role played the story to see how Mary and Joseph would feel hearing the news they were going to have a baby! In PSHE Year 2 have been looking at belonging and how we all belong to different groups. We have been comparing our families and how they are all different but all filled with love! Look at our wonderful houses we made with our families inside.



29
Nov

Lower KS2 Blackburn Museum Ancient Egyptians

Lower Key Stage 2 have been learning about Ancient civilisations, focusing on Ancient Egyptians, this term. They have visited Blackburn museum. They were able to look at and hold artefacts to help them learn more.



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Nov

RE in Year 1

Year 1 children did some role play in RE today. They acted out when Angel Gabriel came to visit Mary. They used Widgets to help them sequence their acting.

Our website has lots of news from across our school. Your child's teachers regularly add photographs of trips and lessons.

These news items can be found on our website:

<https://stsilasprimary.co.uk/news>

Please do look and enjoy.

Poetry Competition

The school is taking part in a Blackburn with Darwen Poetry competition on 26th March 2025 in the Library Theatre. To decide who is representing our school on Monday 3rd February each year group will have a competition, and on Monday 10th February our whole school competition will decide who is selected. All parents are invited to attend on Monday 3rd and Monday 10th February. Further details will follow. If your child is selected you will get tickets for the Library Theatre.

POETRY BY
HEART



Blackburn Rovers Community Trust

#BRCT Inclusion #BRCT Events Spring North

Join our winter wonderland holiday activity fund (HAF) Camp!

This festive season we will be hosting our winter HAF Camp, a magical experience filled with festive cheer and fun!

Children will enjoy engaging in crafts, lively games and seasonal activities designed to spark creativity and excitement in a warm, welcoming environment with plenty of holiday surprises!

Eligibility: Children aged 5-11, who receive benefited Free School Meals (FSM) are eligible to attend and must provide their FSM code when completing the application from.

Our HAF Camps will be running on the 23rd and 30th December and 2nd and 3rd January, 9.45 am to 1.45 pm @Darwen End Stand, Ewood Park, Blackburn BB2 4JF

Sign up now bit.ly/3Z63IRI



Stay and Play



Come along to our free Stay and Play sessions every Tuesday morning from 9 am to 10 am in term time. There are lots of fun activities for you and your child.





Children's University



CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS

If you have handed in your child's Children's University passport for clubs please note that these have now all be returned to classes. Please do look out for them as once they have been returned no responsibility will be held by the school. Please make sure you keep it somewhere safe.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT PACKS

All craft packs which have been ordered were sent to classes earlier this week. Please do look out for this if you have ordered one for your child. Do not forget to send some pictures to Sara Burton (on 07805929965 or s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk) if your child is a member of Children's University and would like to collect a stamp in their passport for completing these crafts.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY FESTIVE WINTER CHALLENGES

A copy of the Children's University holiday challenges have been sent out. 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.

BLACKBURN LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Please see below details of some activities which are happening at Blackburn Central Library. If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University do not forget to pick up a slip so their CU passport can be stamped when they are back at school.

- **Cosmic Clockwork - Saturday Dec 21st 11:30am - 3:30pm**
Build and customise your very own miniature solar system, complete with a working model of the Sun, Earth and Moon, all brought to life with the precision of laser cutting technology. £2 donation for materials.
- **Winter Crafts – Thursday 2nd January 1.30pm – 2.30pm**
Suitable for children aged 5+. Entry by free ticket, available from the library.

Please note that library staff and volunteers are unable to supervise unaccompanied children at their events. Children under 8 years of age should never be left without adult supervision under any circumstances.



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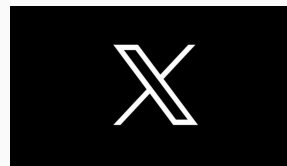
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