



St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

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Health and Safety

For health and safety reasons the green gates at the rear entrance will close at 3.15 every day so please make sure that you pick your children up in time.



Harvest Foodbank Collection

Please send in to school donations of tins, packets and jars for this year's Harvest collection from Monday 16th October. All donations will be given out to families in need in Blackburn. The Blackburn Foodbank will collect all the donations on Thursday 19th October.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Matthews

School Meals Ordering System



From September 2023 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.

New Lunch Menus



We have an exciting and tasty new range of meals on our lunch menu for this term. Please copy and paste this link into your browser to go to our website page to view more of our meals on offer.

<https://stsilasprimary.co.uk/news/2023-09-15-new-lunch-menus>

Free School Meals

From September 2023 the new Year 3 children will no longer be entitled to Universal 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>



Uniform Swap Shop

For those children who have outgrown their uniform we have a large amount of donated school uniform in school thanks to the generous donations from our families. Please look out for the clothes rack at the rear entrance at home times next week for you to choose replacement items for your child.

Please donate your unused school uniform for recycling in school and to help the planet.. We particularly need school jumpers for ages 8 -9.



We have raised over £50 so far in donations from this cause. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to this. Please continue to support us by signing up - the details are below.

Easyfundraising challenge!

Did you know you can support our school by raising money every time you shop online? More than ever our education facilities need your support. Your support will mean we can buy extra play equipment - and it doesn't cost you or us a penny..

We're using easyfundraising, a free fundraising platform that allows us to earn money when we shop online. easyfundraising works with over 7,400 online brands, everyone from Morrison's, eBay, SportsDirect, Groupon, The Range, Screwfix, M&S, John Lewis, Booking.com, and everything in between.

Once signed up all you need to do is start your shopping journey at the easyfundraising website, use the donation reminder or app (information will be provided when you register) and the brands you shop with will send us a donation based on how much you spend.

With the general cost of living impacting everyone, this isn't about asking you to spend more, but to make you aware that if you are making an on-line purchase anyway, booking travel or taking out insurance by using easyfundraising you can give to us at the same time, and at no additional cost to you. So please support us today at <http://efraising.org/3jKjBFNVIU> it only takes 2 minutes and all you need is your email address



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 all school clubs have now started. Please remember if your child is attending a sports club they must bring their PE kit in to school for this.

SUMMER HOLIDAY CHALLENGES AND SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

If your child has completed any of the CU Challenges or the Summer Reading Challenge 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. Alternatively please send the challenges or certificate together with your child's CU passports to school so it can be checked and updated. The deadline for challenges and passports is Wednesday 27th September. Please note that all passports which have been handed in

already for this have been returned to classes today. Please do look out for your child's passport if you have handed it in recently.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to sign your child up to Blackburn Children's University and they are in years 1 – 6 sign up is now available on ParentPay. Please note if your child is already a member and they have a CU passport you do not need to sign them up again. Further details have been sent out via email about Children's University. The deadline for new members is Friday 29th September. After this date all those who have registers will be issued with their very own passport. No passport will be issued before this.

BLACKBURN LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Blackburn Library are offering some additional activities during some weekends. If your child attends any of these and they are a member of Blackburn CU please do ensure you pick up a slip so they can collect a stamp in their CU passport. Check out the library Facebook page (@bwdlibraries) so details on the events.

CU FORENSIC ACTIVITY – Year 4 and 5

If you have signed your child up for this an email confirmation has been sent from s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk. This includes an online consent form which must be completed by next Thursday 28th September. Failure to complete this form will mean your child cannot attend. If you have not received this form please do let Sara Burton know on 07805929965. Please do leave a message if there is no answer and Sara will get back to you as soon as possible.

SWIMMING SESSIONS

If you have signed your child up for this an email confirmation has been sent from s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk. This includes an online consent form which must be completed by next Wednesday 27th September. Failure to complete this form will mean your child cannot attend. If you have not received this form please do let Sara Burton know on 07805929965. Please do leave a message if there is no answer and Sara will get back to you as soon as possible

SAMS Star Learners

Class	SAM Star Learner	Sports Star Award
Hawthorn	Jawad	Halima & Victoria
Hornbeam	Umar	
Beech	Samiah	Denis
Alder	Imaan	Sofia
Elder	Haidar	Nur Zahra & Ali
Rowan	Zaviyar	
Birch	Ali	
Beehive	Muntazir	
Cherry	Mamoon	
Willow	Inaaya	
Oak	Elaf	
Ash		

This Week's Attendance



The winning class this week is **Elder Class** with **97.7%** attendance

If your child is absent from school you MUST ring the school office to let them know.

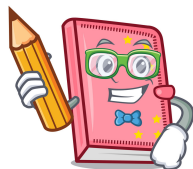
It is important that your child is in school by 8.40 am and they must be picked up at 3.10 pm every day.

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 first, second, third and fourth for this week. The winning family is highlighted in yellow. Well done to **BELONGING** with 772 points. Service had 636 points, Love had 573 points and Thankfulness had 552 points.

Family/Week	8.9.23	15.9.23	22.9.23	29.9.23	6.10.23	13.10.23	19.10.23		
Belonging	2	2	1						
Love	1	4	3						
Service	4	1	2						
Thankfulness	3	3	4						



VectorStock

Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

Thursday 28th September	RWI Parents Meeting
Monday 9th October	Outdoor Elements activity day Y3 /Y4
Monday 11th October	Outdoor Elements activity day Y5
Friday 13th October	Premier League Trophy visit in school all day
Friday 13th October	Year 6 Fire Safety Talk
Monday 16th October	Harvest Food Bank collections in school
Wednesday 18th October	Parents Evening
Wednesday 18th October	Y1 Oak class Harvest Assembly in school 8.45am
Thursday 19th October	Foodbank collecting Harvest donations from school
Thursday 19th October	School closes for the half term holiday at 3.10pm
Monday 30th October	School reopens at 8.40am
Friday 22nd December	School closes for Christmas holiday at 1.30pm

Twitter

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/>



Loving God and each other, we work together to be the best that we can be.