



St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

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Harvest Festival



For this year's annual harvest we will be collecting food items to donate to the Blackburn Food bank. Please send your donations to school from Monday 7th October.

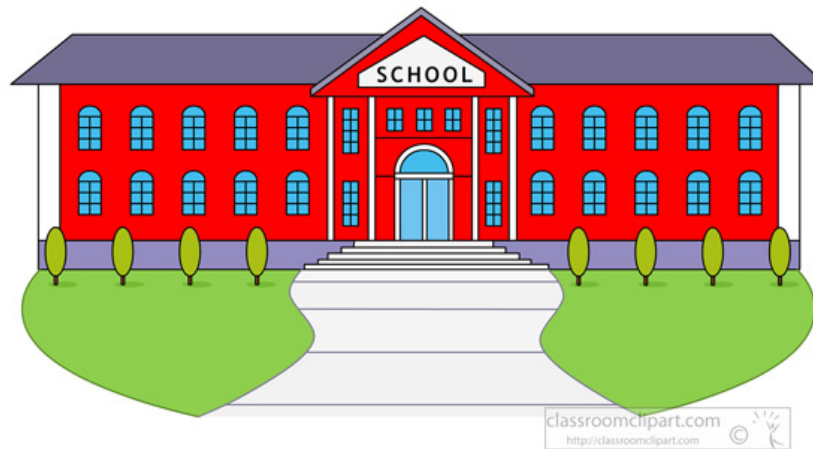
Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their ‘Cashpot for Schools’ initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn’t stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.



High School Applications

The time period for putting in your applications for your child's high school is now open until 31st October. Please make sure you apply through the local authority in good time.



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.



Preloved Uniform

We have lots of preloved uniforms in school so if you need a new school uniform for your children please feel free to have a look at our stock of spare uniforms.



Earrings During Sports Clubs and PE

Unfortunately, due to health and safety concerns, the wearing of ear studs during any school physical activity session is now prohibited. This is in line with our partners at Blackburn Swimming Baths and Blackburn Rovers Community Trust. Any child wearing ear studs will, from next week, not be allowed to take part in the physical activity sessions. We ask that parents/carers remove ear studs on the days when children are taking part in sports and physical activity.



Children's University

SUMMER HOLIDAY CHALLENGES AND ACTIVITIES

If your child has completed any of the CU Challenges or any activities at the library (including the summer reading challenge) or the 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 in to school so it can be updated, please hand to your child's class teacher or into the office. 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. The deadline for passports and evidence is THIS Monday 30th September.

Please note all passports that have been handed in so far have now been returned. Please look out for them as no responsibility will be held by the school once they have been returned.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY MEMBERSHIP

If your child is NOT already a member of Blackburn Children's University and you would like to sign them up, you can do so now on ParentPay. Membership is £4 and is open to all children in years 1 – 6. Please see the letter sent out the other week with more information on. The deadline for signing up is THIS Monday 30th September. All CU passports will be issued to new members after this date.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY AUTUMN ACTIVITY YEAR 3 – 6

An email was sent earlier this week with details about a CU activity for years 3 – 6 in October. Places are limited and offered on a first come first serve basis on ParentPay. If you sign your child up for this activity please look out for a confirmation email sent via Sara (s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk) next week. This will have a link to the consent form which MUST be completed. If you do not receive the confirmation by next Thursday 3rd October please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

HALF TERM HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

A letter will be going out on Monday about the half term activities which will be available. They will be available on ParentPay from 8am next Tuesday 1st October. Places are limited and offered on a first come first serve basis.

TESCO STRONGER STARTS – BLACKBURN CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY VOTE

Blackburn Children's University have been successful for the Tesco Stronger Starts Scheme and have been put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores (Blackburn Superstore, Bank Top, Roe Lee, Livesey and Darwen Express). Voting will end THIS Monday 30th September 2024. The voting is to help fund Blackburn CU holiday activities including cooking as well as a variety of sport and wellbeing activities so children can have fun and learn new skills. Please look out for this if you visit any stores and pick up a token to cast your vote!

SAMS Star Learners

Class	SAM Star Learner	Sports Star
Hawthorn	Ahmed	
Hornbeam	Omar	
Beech	Shahmir	Laraib
Alder	M Hasnain	
Elder	Haroon	
Hazel	Ileana	
Rowan	Mahad	
Birch	Hannah	
Beehive	Yahya	
Cherry	M Ibrahim	Azeezah & Aymaan
Willow	Dua	
Oak	Abdul Hadi	
Elm		
Ash		



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 £1.50 a day. Please ring the school to book them in

This Week's Attendance



The winning class this week is **Elder** with **98%** attendance!
had Hawthorn had 97.59% and Birch had 97.5% 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 the winning families highlighted in yellow.

Congratulations to **Thankfulness** with 371 points. Belonging had 352 points Love had 343 points and Service had 323 points

Family/Week	13.9.24	20.9.24	27.9.24								
Belonging	3	3	2								
Love	4	2	3								
Service	2	1	4								
Thankfulness	1	1	1								



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SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note the club sign up is this Tuesday 17th September 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).

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Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

9th October	Flu Immunisations
9th October	Harvest Assembly at St Silas church
15th October	Year 1 and Year 2 visit to Corporation Park
16th October	Food Bank Collection Day
16th October	Super Learning Day "Healthy Body, Healthy Mind"
17th October	School Closes for half term
28th October	School re-opens

Twitter X



Please follow our Twitter account. <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.