



# St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

## Newsletter 28th March 2024

### **Decorate an Egg Competition**

Congratulations to some of our winners pictured below. There was a great turn out of entries and made for a very difficult to judge the competition. Well done everyone who took part.



### **Attendance awards and perfect week**

A massive congratulations to the children across the whole who got their bronze and silver attendance badges yesterday. Attendance at school is vitally important to support your child's development.

Another congratulations to the winners of our perfect week awards. Well done to those children who got a raffle ticket over the course of the term and were then entered into the draw.



## Easter Celebration Assembly

Thank you to all the children who took part in presenting the Easter Assembly which explained why Christians celebrate Easter. You were amazing and brought the story to life! Thank you to all the parents who came and watched also, it was great to see so many of you.

## The Guide Dogs UK



After the holidays Ash Class will be welcoming some very special visitors. Some kind volunteers from the charity Guide Dogs UK will be telling us about what it is like to be visually impaired and introducing us to their helpful guide dog. We will have the chance to meet the guide dog and ask lots of questions.

## School Trips

School trips are an important part of our school curriculum. They provide rich learning experiences that children remember forever. The contributions by parents towards the cost of a school trip are always paid on a voluntary basis. As a school we have been subsidising the costs of the school trips for a number of years now so that all children have the opportunity to attend educational visits. However, we have found that with our parents' contributions falling the school cannot afford to continue to pay the increased shortfall on trips. Therefore,

moving forwards, should we not get enough voluntary contributions to cover the cost of the school trips, they will unfortunately have to be cancelled. In particular, if more children in Year 5 do not sign up for the Year 6 activity holiday before Wednesday when we have to pay the deposit, then the holiday will have to be cancelled. This is very disappointing as the children always love it.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 AND CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS**

Please note all school clubs have now finished. If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University and you have handed their passport in to be stamped please note that all passports have been returned. Please look out for this as no responsibility will be held by the school once they are returned.

### **EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

If you have signed your child up to any of the Easter holiday activities please make sure you know when and where they are taking place. If you have any questions please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965.

### **EASTER HOLIDAY CHALLENGES**

A copy of the Children's University holiday challenges have been sent. 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](mailto: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 post in the BLUE CU box at the school 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.

### **ANDERTON CENTRE CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY TRIP**

All children who have signed up for the Anderton Centre trip have been sent a confirmation via school. Further information and consent forms will be sent after the Easter holidays.

### **BLACKBURN LIBRARY ACTIVITIES**

2nd April: Pendle Productions, The Storytellers Theatre Co. will make a welcome return, with their unique take on Alice in Wonderland at Blackburn Central Library at 10.30am. Tickets will be available up to 2 weeks before the performances. The cost is £1 per child, £3 per accompanying adult.

11th April: Takeshi Matsumoto presents Club Origami. Rip, fold and scrumple! Shall we see what we can make with a single square of paper? As you scrunch the paper, see how your imagination begins to dance...Dive into the magical world of Club Origami, an immersive and interactive dance show inviting family audiences to create, imagine and explore whole new ways of thinking, playing and moving. Dance, fashion and live music meet the magic of origami to sweep us up on a spirited and inspiring adventure in a land made purely of paper and play. Performances will be at Blackburn Central Library starting at 11 am and at 2.30 pm, price £5 per head. Tickets can be booked online at [Spot On Lancashire](https://www.spotonlancashire.co.uk), or bought from Blackburn Central Library, tel: 01254 661221 or email [library@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:library@blackburn.gov.uk). Please note that they are unable to accept reservations without payment.

Please remember if your child attends any activities at Blackburn Library and they are a member of Children's University to pick up a slip from the library to show your child has attended. Please send this slip in with your child's CU passport so it can be updated.

## **BLACKBURN BID**

Blackburn Business Improvement District (BID) has revealed the details of this year's egg-cellent Easter event, The Easter Escapade! The escape-room style puzzle trail, (or should that be 'egg-scape?!') has been uniquely created for Blackburn, and will see 10 Easter themed puzzles located around the town centre for families and teams of all ages to find and solve. Blackburn Children's University members can collect a 2 hour stamp for completing this trail! Between Thursday 28th March and Saturday 13th April 2024, visitors are invited to help the Easter Bunny in a top-secret mission involving the Most Special Easter Egg that has ever been created, by completing the free Easter Escapade trail.

The Easter Escapade trail maps are available at the Ask Me Point in The Mall, which lists the 10 venues where you can find the fun puzzles. Completed trail leaflets can be entered into a free prize draw with a chance of winning £100 in high street vouchers! Please note, some of the venues are not open during Bank Holidays – including Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday.

Do not forget if your child is a member of Children's University to send Sara Burton a picture of the completed trail, together with your child's name, school and class. You can email on [s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk) or send a picture via WhatsApp to 07805929965. More information about the trail is available at: [www.blackburnbid.co.uk/news-events/easter-escapade](http://www.blackburnbid.co.uk/news-events/easter-escapade)

## **This Week's Attendance**



The winning class this week is **Oak and Alder** with **98.66%** attendance

**Cherry** had 98.44% and **Birch** had 97.92% 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**



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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

**Hornbeam Class**

for not keeping their classrooms and desks really tidy all week

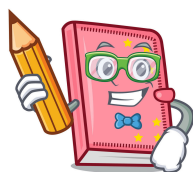
**Well done!**

## Family Point Winners

The table below shows the winning families highlighted in yellow.

Congratulations to **THANKFULNESS** with 519 points. Service had 495 points Belonging had 396 points and Love had 362 points

Family/Week	12.1.24	18.12.24	26.1.24	2.2.24	9.2.24	23.2.24	1.3.24	8.3.24	15.3.24	22.3.24	28.3.24
										<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
Belonging	1	1	3	3	1	1	2	3	2	1	3
Love	2	2	2	1	2	4	4	1	2	3	4
Service	3	3	1	2	4	3	1	2	1	4	2
Thankfulness	4	4	4	4	3	2	3	4	4	2	1

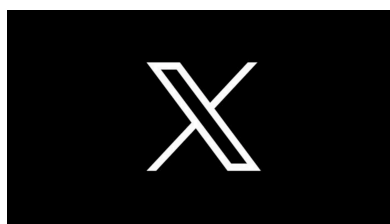


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## Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

15th April	School re-opens
17th April	Year 3 and 4 visit to Ribchester
17th April	Debt Awareness Talk for Year 5
18th April	Guide Dogs UK visiting Reception class
18th April	Year 3 and 4 Parents presentation
19th April	Eid Assembly and Eid Party
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
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. [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.**