



# St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

## Newsletter 28th June 2024

### Formby Beach Trip

Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a trip to the beach on Wednesday. The sun was out and the children enjoyed playing in the sand and paddling in the sea.



## Edgehill University Visit

On Thursday Year five went on a trip to Edgehill University linked to the Science they have been learning this year. They became forensic scientists for a day and visited space in the planetarium. They all had a fantastic time and learnt a lot.



## School Meals Price Increase



Unfortunately, due to the rising food costs, we will need to increase our school meal price after the Summer 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 £3 per day, £15 per week, from September 2024. The breakfast club cost will also rise to £1.50 per day, £7.50 per week but it will still be free to those children who are on free school meals or pupil premium.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive free school meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme.

If you feel that you may be entitled to apply for free school meals for your children please speak to someone in the office.

## 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.

## Changes to Education Related Penalty Notices

### Important Update

The Department for Education has recently announced national changes to fixed penalty notices issued for unauthorised absences in term time.

#### **Changes to be aware of are:-**

1. Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19th August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.
2. A second penalty notice issued to the same parent, for the same child, within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days, with no option for a discounted rate.
3. The threshold at which a penalty notice must be considered is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-week period. This may include absences as a result of arriving late after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.
4. A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent offence(s)) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions)

## Spare Swimming Kit



If you have any spare swimming costumes, trunks, shorts or towels that your child has outgrown, please donate them to school for use as spares.



## Children's University

### **CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY HOURS FOR GRADUATION**

If your child has been invited to Graduation please do ensure you complete the online form and if you would like to order a photo make the payment on ParentPay. The deadline for both of these is THIS Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

### **SCHOOL CLUBS AND CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS**

Please note all school clubs finish NEXT week (week ending Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July). If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University please make sure their passport is handed in by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

### **SUMMER HOLIDAY FAMILY TRIPS**

If you have signed your family up for one of the trips and made the payment you will be sent a confirmation email next week with a link to an online consent form, please do look out for this as this must be completed. Failure to complete the online form will mean your family cannot attend.

### **SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

A letter will be going out next week on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July with details of all the holiday activities that will be available for children in reception – year 6. Sign up for all activities will be done on ParentPay. Places are limited and offered on a first come first serve basis. Please look out for this letter for further details.

### **GYMNASTIC PERFORMANCE**

If your child has been attending the Gymnastic club on a Wednesday after school please note there will be a short performance NEXT Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 3.40pm. Please come and see what your child has been doing. Please make sure you arrive for 3.40pm at the office as we will not be able to allow anyone in who is late in.

### **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 be in stores from the first week in July and continue until Monday 30<sup>th</sup> 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

## This Week's Attendance



The winning class this week is **Alder** with **99.67%** attendance  
Birch had 96.67% and Willow had 96.43% 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



## 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.

## SAMS Star Learners

Class	SAM Star Learner	Sports Star
Hawthorn	Lamar, Hamza, Amina B	
Hornbeam	Mohammad P	
Beech	Arifah	
Alder	Aahil	
Elder	Ali D	
Hazel	Mahad	
Rowan	Brandon and Johana	
Birch	Beatrice	
Beehive		
Cherry	Hadia and Muhammad D	
Willow	Muhammad	
Oak	Umar	
Ash	Abiha	

## Family Point Winners

The table below shows the winning families highlighted in yellow.

Congratulations to **LOVE** with 409 points. Service had 386 points, Thankfulness had 362 points and Belonging had 202 points

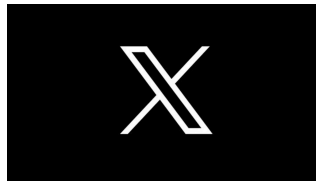
Family/Week	19.4.24	26.4.24	3.5.24	10.5.24	17.5.24	24.5.24	7.6.24	14.6.24	21.6.24	28.6.24	
Belonging	3	4	3	4	3	4	4	3	3	4	
Love	4	3	4	3	4	2	3	4	2	1	
Service	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	4	2	
Thankfulness	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	3	



## Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

2nd July	Cluster Rounders Competition
5th July	School Closed for INSET day
9th July	Stay and Play
10th July	Community Day from 3.15 pm
11th July	Cluster Cricket Competition (Wensley Fold)
12th July	End of Year Reports
15th July	Reception Trip to Mrs Dowsons Farm
16th July	Stay and Play
17th July	Year 6 Graduation 4 pm
18th July	Leavers Assembly at Church
19th July	School Closes for summer holidays at 1.30 pm
4th September	School Reopens

## 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.