

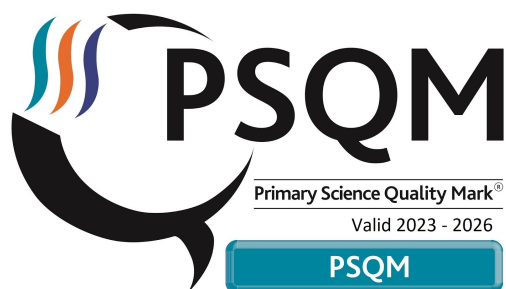


St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

Newsletter 29th September 2023



We are thrilled to announce that we have been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark. There is more information on our website:

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

MacMillan Coffee Morning



Staff have been taking part in the coffee morning to raise money for a charity close to many hearts. We hope you and your families have enjoyed a cake or two today.

Reading Champions



The following children have completed their reading champions certificates this week. Congratulations and well done to
Ibrahim in Birch class
Mohammed in Birch class
Alicia in Birch class

Kindness Challenge



St Silas is participating in the NSPCC/Childline Kindness Challenge this year. Your child will be bringing home information on how you can support them in showing kindness in school to raise money for the NSPCC.

OPEN DAY



November 8th 2023 between 9.30am and 11.30am and 1.30pm until 3pm.

We look forward to welcoming everyone-prospective parents and parents whose children already attend St Silas. If you are unable to make this date you are welcome to ring the office on 01254 698447 and arrange another date and time. Alternatively just pop in and we will try to show you around.

School Admissions - APPLY NOW

Primary School applications are open from 4th September 2023 to 15th January 2024.

Secondary School applications are open from 4th September to 31st October 2023.

www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions

Tel 01254 666605

email admissions@blackburn.gov.uk

Stay and Play



Tuesday 31st October will be our first Stay and Play this year. It will continue every Tuesday during term time. All parents and their young children in the community are welcome.

School Library



The school library is open every day after school. Children can take 2 books at a time, they have 21 days to return and can only have other books once they return the others.

Blackburn Literacy Festival



Every year we participate in the Blackburn Literacy Festival. This year, on either Wednesday 4th October or Friday 6th October classes from Y2 to Y6 will walk to the library in Blackburn to listen to authors read their stories to us. It is usually a really interesting free event which we very much enjoy. Please make sure your child has a coat in school as we may be walking in the rain.

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.



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.



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 uniforms 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 7 - 8 and 8 - 9.



Children's University

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 TONIGHT, 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.

SWIMMING SESSIONS

If you have signed your child up for this please do ensure you know the time and days your child is attending as the first one is this Sunday 1st October. Any problems please ring Sara Burton on 07805929965.

SAMS Star Learners

Class	SAM Star Learner	Sports Star Award
Hawthorn	Rishial	
Hornbeam	Eliana	
Beech	Rebin	Daniyal A
Alder	Ayesha	
Elder	Eleora	Amaar
Rowan	Yusuf	Zainab
Birch	M Sarfaraz	Beatrice
Beehive	Meherdin	
Cherry	Ivory	
Willow	Mubashir	
Oak	Azeezah	
Ash	Zaiyan	

This Week's Attendance



The winning class this week is **Hawthorn Class** with **97.1%** attendance

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

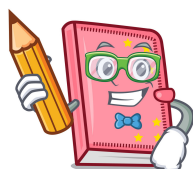
It is important that your child is in school by 8.40 am and they must be picked up at 3.10 pm every day.

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 147 points. Service had 80 points, Love had 79 points and Thankfulness had 76 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	1					
Love	1	4	3	3					
Service	4	1	2	2					
Thankfulness	3	3	4	4					



VectorStock

Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

Wednesday 4th October	Y2, 5 and 6 to Blackburn Library
Friday 6th October	Y3 and 4 to Blackburn Library
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



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