



# St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

## Newsletter 3rd May 2024

### Timings of the School Day



Please be reminded that children need to arrive at school from 8:30 am onwards the gate will close at 8:40, children arriving after that time will get a late mark.

Also school finishes at 3:10pm there are far too many children not being picked up on time. Please make sure you arrive on time to pick your children up on time.

### Bank Holiday and INSET Day

Just a reminder to parents that school will be closed on Monday and Tuesday next week for the Bank Holiday and teacher training day. School will be open as normal on Wednesday 8th May

## School Uniform



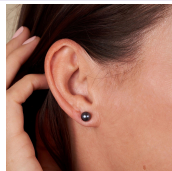
Please be reminded that children must wear the correct school uniform every day. Jogging bottoms and trainers are not acceptable clothing. Girls' hijabs must be either plain black or purple and for health and safety reasons must be a short length. PE uniform is black jogging bottoms and black trainers 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.

## 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.



## 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.



## 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.



## Children's University

### **SCHOOL CLUBS**

Clubs started this week and they will finish week ending Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024. If your child is taking part in a sports club after school please do ensure they bring their PE Kit with them on their club day. If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (if there is no answer please do leave a message).

### **EASTER HOLIDAY CHALLENGES AND ACTIVITIES**

If your child has completed any of the CU Challenges or any activities and you have handed their CU passport in please note all passports will be returned by next Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Please do look out for this as no responsibility will be held by the school once they have been returned.

### **MAY HALF TERM HOLLIDAYS – SWIMMING POOL**

Over half term Blackburn Children's University have arrange some activities with the swimming pool that is being set up at Wensley Fold. These are swimming lessons and water fun sessions too for years 1 - 6. Emails and further details have been sent out. If you have signed your child up for any of these please look out for a confirmation email together with the link to the online consent form which **MUST** be completed. If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (if there is no answer please do leave a message).

### **CLUSTER SPORTS DAYS – YEARS 3 - 6**

Please note that we will be having a cluster sports week straight after half term for children in key stage 2. These will be held in the afternoons from 1pm on the school field at Wensley Fold Primary Academy. Wensley Fold, St Silas and Sacred Heart will be taking part and parents / carers can come and watch. The dates are as follows, please pop them in your diary: -

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Year 6

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3

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

Please note that after the half term holidays we will be calculating all Children's University hours ready for Graduation. If your child does any external activities such as Scouts, Youth Action or Swimming lessons please do ensure their passports have been stamped and are up to date. We will be asking for passports in for any external hours the first week back after the holidays, with the cut off being Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June. If children are near to an award we will look at whether they are doing clubs this term and also handing in their passport regularly for these. We will not be stamping for clubs this term yet as this will be done once school clubs have finished for the term.

## This Week's Attendance



The winning class this week is **Hornbeam** with **98.32%** attendance  
Birch had 98% and Alder 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



## 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.

## 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

**Elder Class**

for keeping their classroom neat and tidy all week with everything in its place

**Well done!**

### SAMS Star Learners

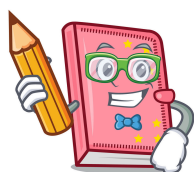
Class	SAM Star Learner	Sports Star
Hawthorn	Halima	Lamar
Hornbeam		
Beech	Sabir	
Alder	Anfal	
Elder	Nur Zahra	Abdurrahman
Hazel	Sarfaraz	Alfie/Alexandra
Rowan	Aun	Johana
Birch	Mutiur	
Beehive	Maher-Ali	
Cherry	Umaira	
Willow	Aisha Z	
Oak	Dua	
Ash	Alina	

## Family Point Winners

The table below shows the winning families highlighted in yellow.

Congratulations to **SERVICE** with 792 points. Thankfulness had 691 points Belonging had 641 points and Love had 633 points

Family/Week	19.4.24	26.4.24	3.5.24							
Belonging	3	4	3							
Love	4	3	4							
Service	1	1	1							
Thankfulness	2	2	2							



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### Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

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