



St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

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British Heart Foundation

Thank you to everyone who supported Beech's class charity, The British Heart Foundation. We smashed our target of 33 bags! We were able to donate 51 bags!

Well done and thank you to everyone who donated!



After School Clubs

Well done to all our children who attended the after school clubs this term. Here are a few pictures of the sewing club and the arts and crafts club which produced some really good artwork.



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.

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)

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.



Children's University

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATION

If you have registered your child for graduation please note this is taking place on Saturday 13th July. Next week your child will receive a confirmation letter which is their ticket, which **MUST** be brought on the day. Please do look out for this. If you have not received this by Thursday 11th July please do contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 straight away. If there is no answer please leave a message.

SCHOOL CLUBS AND CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS

Please note all school clubs have now finished (finished week ending Friday 5th July). If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University please make sure their passport is handed in by next Wednesday 10th July.

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

A letter has gone out 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. The deadline for signing up (if there are still spaces) is this Monday 8th July. If any additional places become available these will be added on to ParentPay on Friday morning.

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FAMILY TRIPS CONSENT FORM

If you have signed up any summer activities including any of the family trips please look out for a confirmation email which will be sent out by next Wednesday. There will be 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 child / family cannot attend.

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 has started in store and will continue until 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!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Details will be sent out about the Summer Reading Challenge taking place over the summer at Blackburn Library. If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University and completes this challenge please remember to bring their certificate and their passport to school in September so it can be stamped with 6 hours for completing.

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.

This Week's Attendance



The winning class this week is **Birch** with **98.52%** attendance

Rowan had 97.65% and Willow had 96.36% 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.

There were no SAM Stars awarded this week

SAMS Star Learners

Class	SAM Star Learner	Sports Star
Hawthorn		
Hornbeam		
Beech		
Alder		
Elder		
Hazel		
Rowan		
Birch		
Beehive		
Cherry		
Willow		
Oak		
Ash		

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	5.7.24
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

8th July	Year 6 trip to Witton Park
9th July	Stay and Play
10th July	Community Day from 3.15 pm
11th July	Year 6 Visit to Crucial Crew
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. <https://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.