



St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

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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).

Pizza Making

Today in school Aspens, our caterers, held a healthy eating assembly followed by pizza making with Birch class. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we hope you enjoy your pizzas Birch class!



Stuck for something to do this weekend?

Why not head on down to the FREE Blackburn Literacy Festival which is being held in Blackburn Library?



Year 3 Blackburn Literacy Festival

Year 3 had a wonderful morning visiting Blackburn library as they were hosting this term's Literacy Festival.

We had the great pleasure of listening to Oli Sykes, author of fishing for rainbows and our family.

A huge thank you to Oli who kept us entertained throughout the morning reading and sharing his poetry with us and also for the book he has signed and donated to our school library.



Year 3 Sports Day

A huge thank you to Mrs Burton for organising our inter schools sports day. Another big thank you to all the teachers and staff at Wensley Fold and Sacred Heart for helping to run the activities at our sports day which was held yesterday afternoon. The weather held out and at times we even saw some sun sneaking through the clouds. To the parents who were able to come, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

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 MAY HALF TERM CHALLENGES

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 or 07805929965. You must still remember to send your child's CU passport in to school so it can be updated. 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. The deadline for these is 9am THIS Monday 10th June 2024. This is due to recording hours for the CU graduation.

CLUSTER SPORTS DAYS – YEARS 3 - 6

Thank you to all those who have come along and supported the cluster sports days this week at Wensley Fold! Unfortunately year 5 had to be cancelled due to the weather and we will not be able to rearrange this with the other schools.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY HOURS FOR GRADUATION

Please note the hours will now be calculated for 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. The cut off for these hours for this year is 9am THIS Monday 10th 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. Any additional hours will be carried over to next year.

BLACKBURN CENTRAL LIBRARY – FISHING FOR RAINBOWS, SATURDAY 8TH JUNE, 11AM AND 1PM

Brought to you by the Children's Literature Festivals charity and ReKindle Lancashire, Fishing for Rainbows is a funny and heart-warming show featuring fearless fishing action, surprising plot twists, compelling characters and an inspiring girl hero which is guaranteed to reel you in for an unforgettable adventure. Inspired by Oliver Sykes' own experiences of being raised in poverty by a single-parent dad of Romany heritage, the show follows 12 year old Kezia and her boisterous twin brothers Duke and Danior, who are growing up in a single parent family after the death of their mum. While her brothers regularly fish with their dad, Kezia stays at home, cooking and cleaning until one day she is called upon to prove what she can do with a fishing rod... What could possibly go wrong?... Perfect for fans of Jacqueline Wilson, Phil Earle and Anthony McGowan! This show is commissioned by Big Imaginations, supported by Z-Arts and Touchstones, and developed using public money by Arts Council England. Tickets are free and are available through the links below. Any Children's University members who attend can collect a stamp in their CU passport. Please just remember to collect a slip on the day.

[Fishing For Rainbows Show by Oliver Sykes Tickets, Sat, Jun 8, 2024 at 11:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

[Fishing For Rainbows Show by Oliver Sykes Tickets, Sat, Jun 8, 2024 at 1:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

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 **99.17%** attendance

Ash had 97.22% and Oak had 96.67% 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

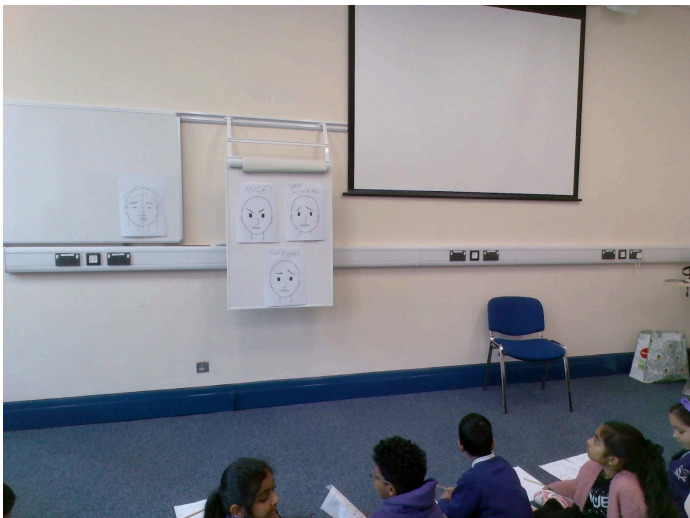


Breakfast Club

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.

Blackburn Literacy Festival

On Thursday and Friday, Years 2-6 went to Blackburn Library for the annual Literacy Festival. We listened to stories read by an author and drew illustrations with an illustrator. We even had our picture taken with the Mayor of Blackburn.





Own Clothes Day - Friday 14th June



Please bring some sweets or chocolate in exchange for wearing your own clothes. All donations will go towards prizes for our Community Day so small, medium and large would be appreciated. We are a **NUT FREE** school so please ensure that your donation does not contain nuts. Thank you.



SAMS Star Learners - CHILDREN'S CHOICE

Class	SAM Star Learner	Sports Star
Hawthorn	Ibrahim K and Zainab P	
Hornbeam	Maher	
Beech	Denis	
Alder	Fatima T	
Elder	Haidar and Hashir	
Hazel	Abdul	
Rowan	Saif	
Birch	Khadijah G	
Beehive	Ali D	
Cherry	Ariana and Jaffar	
Willow	Aairah	
Oak	Zakiurrahman	
Ash	Jamshad	

Family Point Winners

The table below shows the winning families highlighted in yellow.

Congratulations to **THANKFULNESS** with 370 points. Service had 346 points, Love had 190 points and Belonging had 175 points

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



Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

11th June	Stay and Play
12th June	New Intake Sessions in Reception Class
14th June	Own clothes day (bring something sweet)
14th June	Hazel Class swimming at Wensley Fold
17th June	Rowan Class Fieldwork Trip
18th June	Stay and Play
18th June	Infants Sports Day 9.15-11.30am
19th June	New Intake Sessions in Reception Class
20th June	Lancashire Book Bus
20th June	Elder Class Fieldwork Trip
21st June	Hazel Class Fieldwork Trip
25th June	New Intake Home Visits
25th June	Stay and Play
26th June	Year 1 and 2 trip to Formby Beach
27th June	Year 5 trip to Edge Hill College
5th July	School Closed for INSET day
9th July	Stay and Play
10th July	Community Day from 3.15 pm
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.