



St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

Newsletter 8th December 2023

Elder Swimming Session

Elder's last swimming session will be on Thursday 14th December 2023.

The following children have swam 10m this term:

Eliza	Anastasia
Abdurrahman	Aisha
Saira	Anabiya
Hamzah	Linda
Hussein	Hadi
Sana	Yahya
Hamza	Myiesha
Mahnur	Jannat
Aun	

The following children have swam 1 or 2 lengths this term:

Hamza	Abdullah
Amaan	Saira
Mahnur	



Rowan Swimming Session

Rowan will begin their swimming session on 18th January 2024. More details will follow in January.



Consultation for Admissions Arrangements

All Schools must consult on their admissions arrangements that apply for the following year, even if there have been no changes planned. We would welcome your views on the admission arrangements for the 25-26 academic year. This consultation runs from 30th November to 25th January. Please paste this link into your browser to view our admissions policy for 25-26 and to complete a response form.

<https://stsilasprimary.co.uk/key-information/admissions>

You could also submit your response electronically by copying and pasting this link into your browser

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1_3mejONYetS1Jg27yXMMsFmA3Dn7FKe1unIfwV_W82l/edit



**Warm and healthy meals
for Blackburn with
Darwen Residents**

WHOLESONE MEALS FOR EVERYONE FOR JUST 50p

AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING FAMILY HUBS.



- Family Hub Livesey
- Family Hub Shadsworth
- Family Hub Darwen
- Hancock Street Children Centre

AVAILABLE DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

**DATE: Tuesday 2nd January- Friday 5th
January**

TIME: 11:30am- 1:00pm



Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 7th December was Christmas Jumper Day in support of Save the Children. Thank you to all those who supported this cause and wore some bright and festive jumpers to school!



Details about how Save the Children support vulnerable children across the world can be found on their website:

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/>

School Uniform

Please ensure that all items of clothing have a name label. The children tend to take off their coats and jumpers and if their name is not clear they can easily lose them.

Please ensure that now it is winter weather that your child wears a suitable coat to school. Please note that all footwear worn for school should be black including trainers.



Uniform Swap Shop

If you need a new school uniform for your children please feel free to have a look at our stock of spare uniforms.

Stay and Play



Our stay and play sessions are proving really popular with parents and their young children in the community. Everyone is welcome to come along every Tuesday during term time from 2 to 3pm.

School Admissions - STILL TIME TO APPLY NOW

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

www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions

Tel 01254 666605

email admissions@blackburn.gov.uk



Children's University

CU PASSPORTS

CU passports are now being stamped for the clubs this term. All CU passports will be returned to classes by the last week of term. Please do look out for them as no responsibility will be held by the school once they are returned.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY AROUND THE WORLD ACTIVITY

If you have signed your child up for this activity please remember it is taking place THIS Saturday 9th December. Please check your confirmation email for all the details. If you have any questions please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965. Please leave a message if there is no answer.

GO APE COMPETITION

Details have been emailed about a Christmas card competition with Go Ape. Any CU member who enters the competition can collect a **1 hour** stamp in their CU passport! The deadline is Monday 18th December.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT PACKS

If you have ordered a Christmas craft pack for your child this will be sent out during the last week of term so please do look out for it.

BLACKBURN LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

School holidays are nearly here, which means it's time for you to get crafty in the libraries once again. Children age 5 and over can **make a spinning toy** out of simple strips of paper and a wooden skewer. It twirls as it spins and creates all sorts of amazing patterns. It's fun to make, and even more fun to play with! **Free tickets for activities will be available from the relevant library up to 2 weeks before each event. This activity will be taking place at Blackburn Library on Thursday 4th January 10am – 12noon.** Remember if your child attends this activity and they are a member of Children's University to pick up a slip and send to school after the holidays with their CU passport.

The libraries' mascot, Wordsworth, will be getting into the Christmas spirit with 'meet and greet' sessions in the run up to the big day. Drop-in story time sessions will be held with Christmas themed crafts and giveaways at **Blackburn Library on Saturday 23rd December from 12.30 - 1.30 pm.**

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.



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.

School Meals Ordering System



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.

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>

SAMS Star Learners

Class	SAM Star Learner
Hawthorn	Ruqayya
Hornbeam	Kulthum
Beech	Affan
Alder	Sofia
Elder	Myiesha
Rowan	Brandon
Birch	Nehanth
Beehive	Nur-Fatimah
Cherry	Adam
Willow	Sameeha
Oak	Aysha
Ash	Mariam

Family Point Winners

The table below shows only first and second for this week. The winning families are highlighted in yellow. Well done to BELONGING SERVICE and THANKFULNESS with 94 points each. LOVE had 93 points.

Family/Week	8.9.23	15.9.23	22.9.23	29.9.23	6.10.23	24.11.23	1.12.23	8.12.23	
Belonging	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	
Love	1	4	3	3	3	4	2	2	
Service	4	1	2	2	3	3	1	1	
Thankfulness	3	3	4	4	2	1	1	1	

This Week's Attendance



The winning class this week is **Beech** with **97.48%** attendance

Hawthorn had 96.67% and Elder had 95% 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



VectorStock

Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

12/12/23	KS1 trip to Blackpool Zoo
19/12/23	Reception and Year 1 Nativity
20/12/23	Church
20/12/23	Christmas lunch
20/12/23	Christmas Party
22/12/23	House Quiz
22/12/23	School finishes 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
<https://www.stsilasprimary.co.uk/>



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