



# St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

## Newsletter 8th March 2024

### World Book Day Celebrations

We began our world book day celebrations with a wonderfully planned assembly from Mrs Matthews. She talked about how this day is celebrated in over 100 countries around the world. We were given to reflect on our favourite books and share with each other. We had the opportunity to show our costumes, pjs and outfits to the rest of the school. What a super start to the day.

Thanks Mrs M.



# Reading Cafe

To celebrate World Book Day, we invited all our parents in to read with their children in the dining hall. A big thank you to all the parents who came along and made it such an enjoyable event and to Mrs Leaver for helping to organise it. This will now be a regular event. Look out for the next one after Easter, just before the May holiday.



## World Book Day Elder and Alder

Elder and Alder classes have been working together this morning to read to each other. Sharing their favourite books with each other. It was a lovely morning which felt, calm, relaxed and purposeful. Well Done to both classes.

Mr Ali and Mrs Hargreaves had a wonderful morning.





## World Book Day In Year 3 and 4

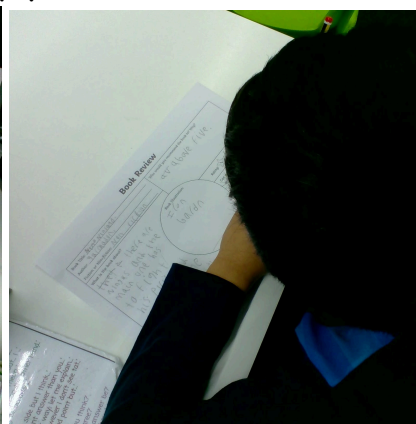
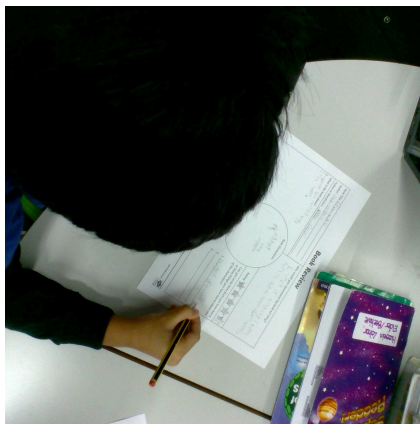
We have celebrated in a whole host of ways today which has made world book day even more special this year. We have heard class stories throughout the day.



We have read and shared our favourite books with Alder Class. It was a wonderful, calm, relaxing and purposeful session. Both Mr Ali and Mrs Hargreaves had a lovely session.



We have completed book reviews of our favourite books and shared them with each other, inspiring us to read more books and choose books that we wouldn't usually pick.

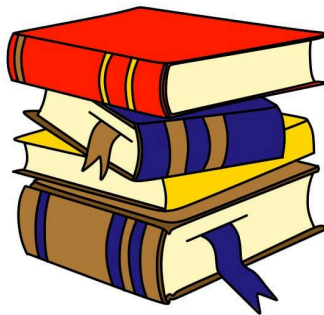


At the end of the school day we celebrated with a bedtime story together.





## More World Book Day pictures from around school



## Women's History Month 2024



March 2024 celebrates Women's history month. This month, some of our class and whole school assemblies will be focusing on different women from our world and British history. We will be celebrating what has made them so significant today. If you would like any more information please see Mrs Hargreaves. For more information and to see what we have been doing in school head over to our school twitter feed.

## Earrings

Please be aware that hooped earrings are **not** to be worn in school for safety reasons. A small stud can be worn in each ear. Earrings should not be worn for P.E. Children will be asked to remove them. If they are unable to do this they will not be allowed to take part in the P.E. lesson. Please teach your child how to take them out by themselves or alternatively leave them out on P.E. days if they are too young.

## School Meals Price Increase



After careful consideration and due to the rising food costs, we will need to increase our meal price to £2.50 after the Easter 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 provide 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 £2.50 per day, £12.50 per week, from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will still receive free school meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme.

You may be entitled to apply for free school meals for your children if you receive one of the following income-related benefits:

### **Income Support**

### **Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance**

### **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**

**Child Tax Credit combined with both a household income below £16,190 per annum and not in receipt of any Working Tax Credit**

### **Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**

### **Guarantee Element of state Pension Credit**

### **Universal Credit, with annual household earnings of less than £7,400**

Please follow this link to apply for free school meals

<https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-meals>

If you require further information, please contact the school office.



## 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.

## Stay and Play



Our stay and play sessions have started again. Everyone is welcome to come along every Tuesday during term time from 2 to 3pm.

## Scholastic Book Fair



Thank you to everybody who bought books from the Scholastic Book Fair. We sold over £300 worth of books and stationery, which meant that we could buy £80 worth of books for our library.



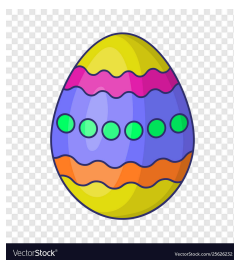
## **Uniform Swap Shop**

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

## Perfect Week

The Government has launched a new school attendance initiative called "Moments Matter, Attendance Counts". In support of this we are continuing to issue weekly Perfect Week stickers to every child who is in school all week, is always on time and is excellently behaved.

In addition to this every child who gets a perfect week will get a ticket to go into a prize draw at the end of the Spring Term. They have 9 chances to be in the draw, so their attendance really does matter!



## 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.





## Children's University

### **CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS**

Please note all passports that needed stamping for CU challenges or the trip have been returned. Please note no responsibility will be held by the school once they are returned.

### **CU SCIENCE ACTIVITY**

Those who have signed up to this activity have been sent a confirmation email. Please make sure you know when and where this is taking place. Any questions please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965.

### **BLACKBURN ROVERS FC V PLYMOUTH FOOTBALL MATCH**

This is taking place this Saturday. An email with final details has been sent so please look out for this if you have signed your child up. If you have any questions please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965.

### **BLACKBURN CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATION – SAVE THE DATE**

Blackburn Children's University Graduation will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Please pop the date in your diary. Times and further details of who will be invited will be sent in June.

### **ANDERTON CENTRE CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY TRIP**

There is a CU trip to the Anderton Centre to do a variety of outdoor adventurous activities. The cost of the trip will be £30 and will be for children in years 3 – 6. Sign up for this trip is on ParentPay. Places are limited and offered on a first come first serve basis. Confirmation emails will be sent out next week to confirm your child's place.

### **BLACKBURN LIBRARY ACTIVITIES**

Please remember if your child attends any activities at Blackburn Library and they are a member of Children's University to pick up a slip from the library to show your child has attended. Please send this slip in with your child's CU passport so it can be updated.

## This Week's Attendance



The winning class this week is **CHERRY** with **97.5%** attendance

Rowan had 97% and Birch had 96.92% 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

## 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

**Ash Class**

For the staff and children getting down on their hands and knees to pick up their mess after each activity

## School Meals Ordering System



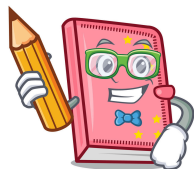
You must pre-order your child's school meals **7 days in advance** on Parentpay to ensure they get the meal of their choice. If no meal has been pre-ordered, your child will have a jacket potato for their lunch.

## Family Point Winners

The table below shows the winning families highlighted in yellow. Well done to **SERVICE** with **512 points**. **Belonging** had **439 points**, **Thankfulness** had **411 points** and **Love** had **384 points**

Family/Week	12.1.24	18.12.24	26.1.24	2.2.24	9.2.24	23.2.24	1.3.24	8.3.24		
Belonging	1	1	3	3	1	1	2	3		
Love	2	2	2	1	2	4	4	1		
Service	3	3	1	2	4	3	1	2		
Thankfulness	4	4	4	4	3	2	3	4		





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## Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

11th March	Alder Class visit to Martin Mere
12th March	Stay and Play 2 - 3 pm
13th March	Beech Class visit to Martin Mere
18th March	Willow visit to Corporation Park
19th March	Stay and Play 2 - 3 pm
20th March	Oak visit to Corporation Park
21st March	Year 6 Church Visit
25th March	Cherry visit to Corporation Park
26th March	Stay and Play 2 - 3 pm
27th March	Church Assembly
28th March	School finishes for Easter Holiday
15th April	School re-opens

## Twitter X



Please follow our Twitter account. [http s://twitter.com/](http://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.