



St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

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Half Term Break



A reminder to parents that school will close today at 3.10 pm for the half term break and will reopen again on Monday 19th February. Have a lovely week off!

A message from Mrs Hargreaves



I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you both staff and families for your kind words and messages. It is certainly no secret that last month we lost my wonderful father in law, Arthur, to Alzheimers. Your kind words and messages have been a great comfort to me and my family.

I am pleased to be back with your children and the staff who have taken such good care of me, not just in the last few weeks but over the last few years as we, as a family, have navigated our way through this devastating disease.

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart,
Mrs Hargreaves :)

Children's Mental health week



All classes have been learning about how they can look after their own mental health and that of others. We have discussed that going for walks, playing outside, listening to music, dancing to music or enjoying some time on our own are ways of taking care of our mental health.

Staff and children have been filling out smiley face cards and sending them to each other telling our friends how they have made us smile today.

Incredible Years course for parents

The Incredible Years programme was developed by Carolyn Webster-Stratton, a clinical Psychologist, in 1997. It is designed to be a community based programme to help parents of children with ADHD, conduct problems and promote emotional and social development, emotional regulation, and improve academic success.

It aims to give you new strategies as well as building on the ones you are already using to make them more effective in your home. In turn you should see an increase in positive behaviours and a reduction in behaviours you find challenging, helping you feel more confident and reducing household stress.

This Programme will run for 2 hours a week at St Silas school for over a period of 12 weeks. In completion all participants will receive a certificate .

There are limited places available. If you are interested in applying please contact Rehana Patel .

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.

A fond farewell

Today we have said goodbye to our student teachers. They have worked hard during their time at St Silas and will be greatly missed. We have all grown very fond of them. We wish them luck in their future endeavours and hope they will keep in touch.

Stay and Play

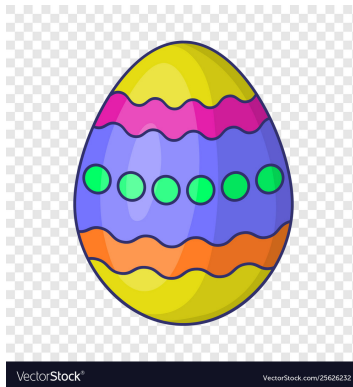


Our stay and play sessions have started again. Everyone is welcome to come along every Tuesday during term time from 2 to 3pm.

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!



This Week's Attendance



The winning class this week is BIRCH and ALDER with **97.86%** attendance
Hornbeam had 97.24% 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



Children's University

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY ANIMAL FUN DAY

If you have signed your child up for this please remember it is taking place this weekend. Do not forget to send your child with their Children's University passport as well as a packed lunch and drink. Please check your emails for all the information. Any questions please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Please make sure you read your email if you have signed your child up to any of the activities next week as no further reminders or information will be sent before the activities.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY TRIP (YEARS 3 – 6) - LIVERPOOL

This trip is full. Confirmation emails will be sent out to all those who have signed up straight after half term. Please look out for this as it will have a link to the online consent form which must be completed. The confirmation email will be sent via the school email system.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY HALF TERM CHALLENGES

The CU Half Term Challenges have been sent out. If your child completes any challenges over the holidays please either send your evidence to Sara Burton (s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965) or send it into school after the holidays with your child's CU passport.

FREE CRICKET SESSIONS

Lancashire Cricket Foundation in association with Chance to Shine (a national cricket charity) are delivering free of charge cricket sessions for all children in Year 3 and above at the old St Mary's College venue (Synergy Sports - top of Shear Brow, BB1 8DX). The sessions will be taking place every Saturday (between 5pm and 6.30pm). All equipment is provided and there are no fees to be paid as it is completely FREE. Blackburn Children's University members can collect stamps in their passport for attending. Contact Farouk Hussain on fhussain@lancashirecricket.co.uk or 07973360320.

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

Oak Class

for keeping the toilet clean and tidy with no paper towels on the floor

Well done!



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.



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 - Children's Choice

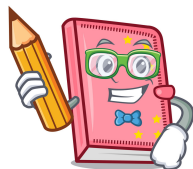
Class	SAM Star Learner	Sports Star
Hawthorn	Aidan	
Hornbeam	Hadi	
Beech	Mohammed K	
Alder	Anayah	
Elder	Ebrahim	
Hazel	Zainab	
Rowan	Kiarad	
Birch	Eyad	
Beehive	Viktor	
Cherry	Husain J	
Willow	Fahm	
Oak	Salwa	
Ash	Hussain Z	

Family Point Winners

The table below shows the winning families highlighted in yellow. Well done to **BELONGING** with 112 points. **IOVE** had 105 points, **Thankfulness** had 96 points and **Service** had 92 points

Family/Week	12.1.24	18.12.24	26.1.24	2.2.24	9.2.24					
Belonging	1	1	3	3	1					
Love	2	2	2	1	2					
Service	3	3	1	2	4					

Thankfulness	4	4	4	4	3					
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Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

9/2/24	School closes for half term
19/2/24	School reopens
19/2/24	School Photographs
21/2/24	Whole School Parents Evening

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.