

# 1.12.23

It's official, the advent calendars have been opened for the first time this year and the countdown to Christmas has begun. In school the EYFS children are practicing their nativity (<https://forms.office.com/e/BNv415ANX9>), and through the school children are learning Christmas songs both new and old in preparation for Christmas Concerts and the recording of our annual Christmas album. Previous versions are still available to download from our official bandcamp site ([Music | Silverdale Primary Academy \(bandcamp.com\)](https://silverdaleprimaryacademy.bandcamp.com)) for a reduced £4. If you haven't downloaded previously why not get in the mood with some Christmas classics, as its bandcamp Friday today (1.12.2023) all money raised goes directly to the school.

## Weekly Smiley Awards

EYFS – Year 3 – Sycamore Class with over 200 smileys

KS2 – Juniper Class with over 200 smileys

## THIS WEEK'S ULTIMATE NINJA

Every week we will be choosing one child in the school who is the 'Ultimate Ninja'. These children are incredible role models and are wonderful representatives for Silverdale. The Ultimate Ninja isn't given for one off brilliance, it is awarded for being a brilliant role model every day. This week we have chosen:



**Ashiah**

Ashiah you are the epitome of resilient, determined and courageous. We have never seen you give up or become deflated when a challenge presents itself. You approach everything with a big smile, a positive mindset and an eager attitude. Ashiah we have watched you support and encourage your friends, you are always offering to help your peers, providing supportive words of advice as-well as always being the first to congratulate others on their own achievements. You are not only always offering to help your peers but you take on classroom responsibilities with a mature and sensible enthusiasm. Your friendships and love of learning are both admirable and infectious. Congratulations Ashiah you really are the ultimate!



**Ashiah, you are the Ultimate Role Model for all Silverdale children!**

## REACH MORE PARENTS

In the new year we are moving away from Parent Mail to a new system called Reach More Parents by Weduc. More information will follow shortly, but in advance we would ask that you take a couple of minutes to download the free app, available in your app store. Just search "Reach More Parents by Weduc" and look for the symbol.

This app puts everything in one place from information, trips, apps and makes sure you never miss that important piece of information again!

As soon as we have more information (including log on details) we will share, but in the meantime please just download the app in preparation.



## CHRISTMAS DINNER

This year our Christmas is on the 8<sup>th</sup> December – this is live on ParentPay and today is the final day to order, please order your Christmas dinner by midnight tonight (Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.) There is no Jacket potato or Packed lunch option on this day.



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## PARENT WHATSAPP GROUPS

We are aware that over the last few years a number of parent led WhatsApp groups have been set up, for both classes and year groups. Although we have no issues with these groups being set up, we are aware of a number of possible pitfalls and issues that we need to draw to your attention.



Most recently we have been made aware of parents naming other children on groups, this is not an appropriate forum for this. There may be safeguarding why children should not be named. Before naming you may wish to consider how you would feel if your child was named publicly on such a group, in a number of these cases the child has been named before the school has even been informed of the alleged incident.

We are also aware of misinformation being supplied on at least one group where it has been shared that we have an INSET day on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup>. To clarify this is NOT the case. Our next INSET is the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024. All INSET days are posted in the "Dates for your diary" section at the bottom of every week's newsletter.

Please do continue to use WhatsApp, there are many positives, but please be aware that the best line of communication to resolve concerns regarding the academy and the school day are to communicate directly with our staff, in most cases the best person being your child's class teacher who will have the greatest knowledge of incidents that may, or may not have occurred.

If you are the administrator of one of the parent groups and would like to discuss how you can work alongside us to share information in both direction please contact [office@silverdaleprimaryacademy.org.uk](mailto:office@silverdaleprimaryacademy.org.uk) to arrange a time to come and chat about possible steps forward.

## EYFS 2024

We have had our first two EYFS Open Events over the past couple of weeks, both of which were well attended, the final event takes place on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm. Booking is still open if you'd like to join! Visit: <https://bit.ly/3RdRQWa> to secure your place now.  
#openevents #education #primaryschool #startingschool #openday2023



## CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

As mentioned previously the preparations for Christmas concerts and nativities are well underway. Booking for the EYFS Nativity is now live - <https://forms.office.com/e/BNv415ANX9>.

**All other year groups have one performance, therefore booking is NOT necessary for these – however we would ask that family groups coming to watch are limited to two adults per child. Younger siblings who are able to sit on knees are welcome as well. We would ask that everyone respects this to ensure that all families are able to watch the performances.**

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM



Lots of you have already taken advantage of our online second hand uniform shop - [www.uniformd.co.uk/silverdaleprimaryacademy](http://www.uniformd.co.uk/silverdaleprimaryacademy)  
There are still plenty of bargains to be had, with new stock recently added.

All orders and payments are made online; we will then get your order ready and deliver to your child's class for you to collect. If you have any second hand uniform that you would like to donate please pass this on to your child's class teacher – thank you to those of you who have already sent uniform in!

## YEAR GROUP UPDATES

The children in Early Years have been learning some traditions and beliefs about Christmas and Advent. They have been exploring why we celebrate Christmas and that it is a Christian belief (not just about Father Christmas coming). The children have been fascinated by the story of the birth of Jesus and have written about it, as well as using props and nativity sets to act out the events. The story also supports their understanding of the songs we are learning for

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their Nativity. The children have also been learning a range of unfamiliar vocabulary such as manger, crib, frankincense and myrrh etc. Advent will encourage the children to use numbers for a purpose, counting forwards and backwards from 1-25. The children have been working on 'cardinal principle', which is when they count a range of objects in a set and say the total; if they understand the cardinal principle they appreciate that the last number they counted to is the number/quantity of the set. We are encouraging the children to use words such as more/most and fewer/less to describe amounts in a set. What clever children they are becoming! Next week's learning will be based on the story, 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' by the Ahlbergs. This will also give the children an opportunity to write letters themselves. Have a lovely weekend.

Happy 1<sup>st</sup> of December! This week has been a busy week looking at instructions in Year One. We have looked at a variety of instructions including, audio, visual and pictorial, then we moved onto to reading instructions to make salt-dough. Maths has seen us using our subtraction knowledge, using a range of resources to support our learning such as numbers lines, tens frames and part part whole models. What else? ... Ask us about toys from the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Ask us about what shapes we made on the computer. And definitely ask about the skills we are learning when making our puppets! Letters have gone out in book bags this week, about our Christmas performance, 'Let there be light' please check you have received this as it outlines the starring role your child has. Have a great weekend everyone.

This week Year 2's Titanic learning continued and we started with the book 'Polar the Titanic Bear' by [Daisy Corning Stone Spedden](#). It tells the story of the adventures of a boy called Douglas, told through the eyes of his white teddy bear, Polar. With this in mind, the children were asked to bring a toy to school to use as a stimulus for descriptive writing. We initially focussed on using expanded noun phrases and we were very impressed with the children's descriptions of their soft toys using exciting vocabulary. In Destination Reader, the children have been working hard to make connections with other books. Destination reader is a scheme that involves daily reading sessions which incorporate whole class modelling and the children then applying these skills through partner work and independent reading. Children get the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the texts they read through the systematic use of a series of strategies and language stems. In Maths, addition was still the focus. We added, using sequencing and applied it to money and real life problems. How is it already December? Our Christmas rehearsals are in full swing and we just want to say a huge thank you to our parents and carers for helping the children learn their lines! Have a wonderful weekend!

This week in year 3 has been hectic. Everyone prepared their weapons and tools ready for 'Iron Age' day. As part of this day, they cooked bread on the fire, made clay pots, built a hill fort then spent time invading and defending it. Their behaviour was excellent and we are so proud of them. In English they have been writing a news report about Nikolas being thrown into the tower by Father Vodol. They interviewed different elves, the guards and various other characters who witnessed what happened and used these for quotes in their reports. In maths they are learning formal methods of addition (columns) and next week they will move on to subtraction. In music the children are beginning to learn Christmas songs in preparation for our Christmas song event on the 11<sup>th</sup> of the month. **For anyone who hasn't seen the message, this went out earlier in the week:** Year 3 would like to celebrate all the children's hard work by watching a film on either Tuesday 12th or Wednesday 13th December. We will be watching *A Boy Called Christmas* which is a PG certificate. If you do not want your child to watch this, could you please inform your child's teacher? The children can bring in a small snack for themselves to eat during the film. Two weeks to go and so many exciting things to look forward to. Have a great weekend everyone.

Year 4 have had yet another busy week! In English we have been learning about playscripts. The children started the week by identifying features and acting out a scene linked to King Edward's death. They then followed this up with writing a playscript based on a short clip from the film 'How to train a Dragon – Homecoming'. Next week the children will be creating another script, this time based on our year group text Anglo Saxon boy. In maths, we have continued with our formal written method of subtraction. Towards the end of the week, we started using bar models to solve addition and subtraction calculations where some of the calculation was missing. In History we have continued to investigate the discoveries made at Sutton Hoo. The children wrote some excellent newspaper reports all about what was found. In DT we have completed our work linked to our Honey and Oat cakes. The children evaluated their designs and made suggestions about what they would do to improve their designs next time. As the temperature has now clearly dropped, please can you make sure that your child has a coat in school every day. Also can we ask that

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children keep their PE kits in school all week. We have had a number of children without kit on the days we have PE. Here is a reminder if you are unsure of the days: Juniper and Lime are Monday and Elderflower is Tuesday and Thursday this term. We hope that you all have a wonderful, if not rather chilly, weekend.

This week in Year 5, we have continued to read our book 'Once'. In grammar, we have been learning about when to use a colon to introduce a list. In English, we have been looking at poetry. This week we have been writing haikus and cinquains. The children have written some beautiful poetry based on WWII. In maths, we have continued to look at the written method for subtraction. In PSHE, we discussed if money really matters. In RE, we have been learning about stories written in the Torah. In science, we have been looking at insulators. On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>, we are having our own VE Day celebration. Please don't forget to bring in some food for the banquet in the afternoon. Don't forget to log in to rollama and times tables rock stars. Have a nice weekend.

This week Year 6 have been working hard as journalists writing radio news articles for the 1920s New York news. We have been writing about incidents that have happened in the book The Good Thieves that have been worthy of reporting and practicing writing in the passive voice and using direct and reported speech. In maths we've been continuing our unit on fractions and have been learning how to add and subtract them - we must remember that we cannot add or subtract them until the denominators are the same! This has been a brain frazzling concept to learn but we're very proud of the resilience shown this week. In geography we have been revising Longitude and Latitude and will finish off our geography unit next week with looking at compass points and 6 figure grid references. In PSHE we've had some really great discussions about bullying and why people may bully, discussing what we should do if we're being bullied. We've also looked further into celebrating differences and how instead of bullying people with differences, we should be celebrating them. We looked at Paralympians who competed in the 2020 Paralympics. We heard about their differences and resilience and amazing achievements. We felt so inspired by them we designed their very own medals! In Art we've had fun painting our pebbles based around our street art topic - it's quite tricky painting on such a small and strange surface but our designs are looking great! Next week we look forward to yes you've guessed it - more fractions! Trying to finish The Good Thieves book, writing newspaper articles, finishing off our Human Body science topic and much more! Have a great weekend!

#### PTA UPDATE - CHRISTMAS JUMPERS



We are inviting children to wear their Christmas Jumpers to school on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, the same day as the Christmas Dinner and the panto (this year fully funded by the PTA – thank you!)

**Christmas Jumper sale to take place on the KS1 playground afterschool Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.**

If you have any old Christmas jumpers that no longer fit and would be happy to donate to the sale please send these in with your children, and hand to the class teacher or the front office by Tuesday morning. All donations and monies raised will go towards the PTA.

Christmas event info

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 12 till 2.30pm

Bouncy castle; Refreshments; Sweet stall; Kings cakes bakes; Free under 5 mini play area; Christmas arts & crafts; Children's games; Emily's Christmas necklaces; & Santa's grotto

We still have some tickets for our grotto they will be available at the Christmas jumper sale next Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 3.15 till 3.45 or text Donna on 07514271348 to book  
£2.50 per child (siblings and friends can attend one slot together just 30 slots available)

All profits towards our PTA charity which will help to fund some wonderful things for all the Silverdale pupils. Plus we will have a year 6 enterprise stall run by the pupils themselves (supporting the year 6 leavers party) and Miss Jolley's Jar Tombola (supporting Time to Dance)

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Hope to see you there where you can relax with a warming hot drink and snack while the children have some Christmas fun!

### GET ACTIVE



The season of over eating is around the corner, why not join our Strava groups ready for the new year, a little bit of friendly competition goes along way in motivating lots of us to get on the bike or pull on the trainers to pound the road!

- Running - <https://www.strava.com/clubs/silverdaleprimaryrunning>  
Cycling - <https://www.strava.com/clubs/silverdaleprimarycycling>



### TESCO STRONGER STARTS FUND

Don't forget to vote with the blue chip for our Silverdale Primary Academy

Supporting Early Writers Project - Transforming the EYFS outdoor area into an enriching space to foster early writing skills, where children can engage in imaginative storytelling and writing through role-play.

Voting commenced in store from the first week of October 2023 and is open until Mid-January 2024. You can cast your vote using a token given at the check-out each time you shop.

Do:

- Cast your vote as soon as you receive your token
- Only submit Community Grants tokens to cast your vote
- Encourage friends and family to get involved with Community Grants voting

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Have a great weekend and good luck with the Christmas shopping!!

Mr Morris & the Silverdale Team.

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# Dates for your diary 2023-24

- 6.12.2023 – New EYFS open event (Sept 24 intake) 4.00pm - <https://bit.ly/3RdRQWa>
- 7.12.2023 – Whitebeam Class Assembly (9.00am start)
- 8.12.2023 – Christmas Dinner Day
- 8.12.2023 – Christmas Jumper Day
- 8.12.2023 – Christmas Panto
- 9.12.2023 – PTA Christmas Fayre (12:00 – 14:30)
- 11.12.2023 – Year 3 & 4 Christmas Concert @ 2.15
- 12.12.2023 – EYFS NATIVITY @ 9.30 (<https://forms.office.com/e/BNv415ANX9>)
- 12.12.2023 – Year 2 Christmas Celebration @ 2.15
- 13.12.2023 – EYFS NATIVITY @ 9.30 (<https://forms.office.com/e/BNv415ANX9>)
- 13.12.2023 – Year 1 Christmas Celebration @ 2.15
- 14.12.2023 – Joint Year 5 & 6 Christmas Carol concert @ 2.15
- 2.1.2024 – INSET
- 11.1.2024 – Rearranged Pine Class Assembly (9.00am start)
- 18.1.2024 – Maple Class Assembly (9.00am start)
- 19.1.2024 – Hornbeam Class Assembly (9.00am start)
- 25.1.2024 – Blackthorn Class Assembly (9.00am start)
- 26.1.2024 – Elderflower Class Assembly (9.00am start)
- 1.2.2024 – Sycamore Class Assembly (9.00am start)
- 2.2.2024 – Elder Class Assembly (9.00am start)
- 3.2.2024 – Rearranged PTA Bonfire and Fireworks – Join us for our New Years Celebrations
- 9.2.2024 – INSET
- 23.2.2024 – PTA Disco (Times TBC)
- 28.3.2024 – INSET
- W/C 13.5.2024 – Year 6 SATS Week
- 13.5.2024 – Year 6 English Grammar, punctuation and Spelling Papers 1 & 2 SATS
- 14.5.2024 – Year 6 English Reading SATs
- 15.5.2024 – Year 6 Mathematics Papers 1 & 2 SATs
- 16.5.2024 – Year 6 Mathematics Paper 3 SATs
- 22.7.2024 – INSET
- 23.7.2024 – INSET

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**January 19th - February 9th 2024**

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**To book call 01424 722241 or email**  
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# JOIN US FOR FREE CHRISTMAS FAMILY PLAY AND CRAFT SESSIONS



**18th December 2023**  
Choose and book your session:

**Session 1 10 - 11.30 am**

**Session 2 12.30 - 2 pm**

**Session 3 3pm - 4.30 pm**

**Free for Parents/Grandparents and Caregivers  
with children 0 - 11 years old**

**EFT Community Learning Centre,  
464 Bexhill Road**

**St Leonards-on-Sea, TN38 8AU**

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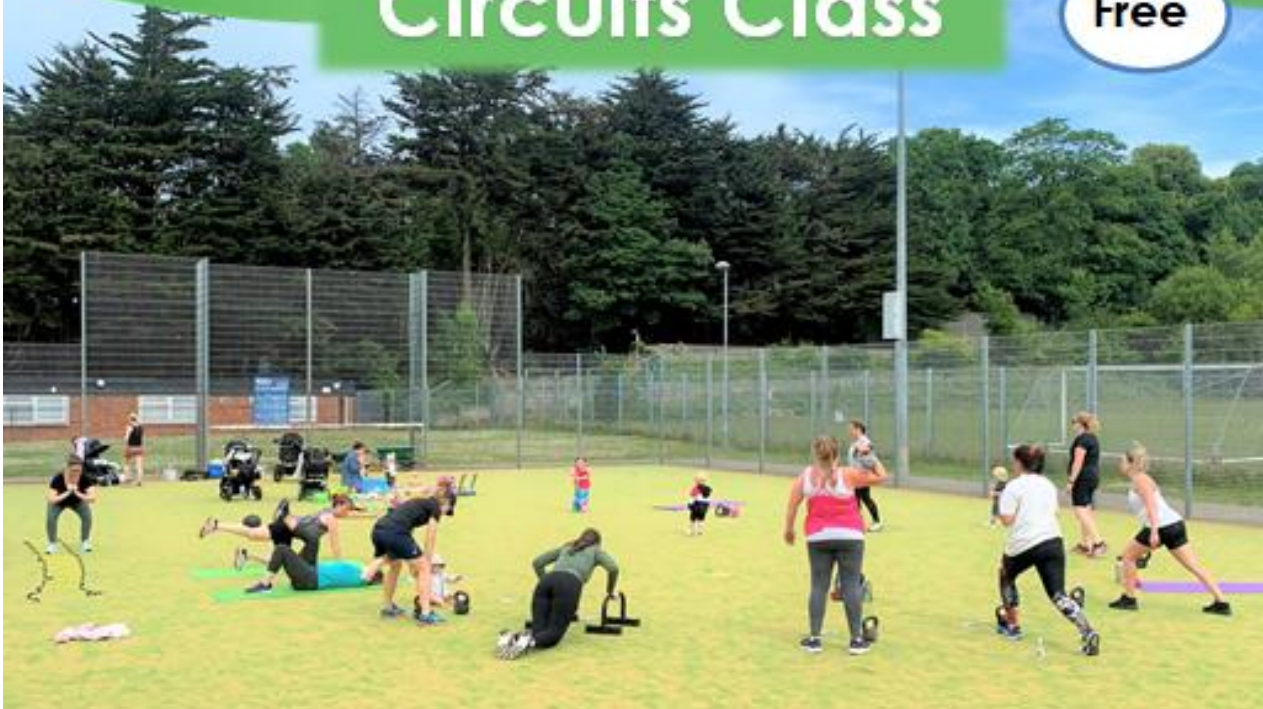






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