

10.1.2025

Welcome back and Happy New Year!!

It sounds like everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year, with fun and festivities with friends and families, (as well as some amazing presents!) The new themes are well and truly underway and it has been lovely walking through the academy and listening to the children enthusing about their learning already.

Following the colder mornings and the wintery showers on Wednesday can we please again remind everyone of the importance of children coming to school with appropriate clothing. We do appreciate that some children want to wear shorts throughout the year; but please ensure that they all have coats, and if possible gloves etc.



TERM 2 – ATTENDANCE PRIZE DRAW

We are excited to announce our Attendance Prize draw for term 2 has now been drawn. All children with an attendance of 97%+ went into the draw and we are pleased to announce that Mia (Rowan Class) was this term's winner. In total 264 children were in the draw.

We will be running this again this term, so remember you have to be in to win!



CALENDAR CHANGE FOR 2025/26

We would like to share an exciting proposal with you regarding the school calendar for the next academic year (2025/26) and seek your feedback on a potential change to our October Half-Term holiday. A letter with further information has been sent out alongside this newsletter. Please take time to read through and respond to the online questionnaire regarding the proposed changes.

HEALTHY SNACKS



As we step into the New Year, it's the perfect time to set healthy habits that fuel both our minds and bodies. One simple yet impactful change we can make is choosing nutritious snacks! Instead of reaching for sugary or processed options, try fresh fruits, crunchy veggies with hummus, or a handful of nuts. These snacks are packed with vitamins and minerals to keep you energized and focused throughout the day. So, let's start the year off right by making healthy snack choices that help us feel our best and stay on track for success! An image has been sent out alongside this newsletter with suggestions and no-no's!

CLUBS TERM 3 & 4

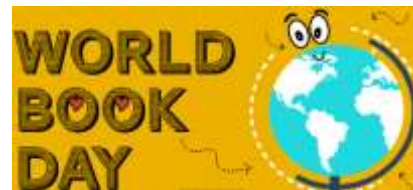
As you know, the clubs newsletter was sent out the week before the Christmas break. As always, our clubs were very popular and lots of them were oversubscribed within minutes! If you signed up before Christmas, you will have received an email to confirm whether your child has a place - this also contains details of the club start date and the collection point at 4:15pm. A few clubs still have places, so if you would like to sign your child up please head to the form at: <https://forms.office.com/e/YQmf4TVz9b>

RESEARCH PROJECT

As an Academy and as part of the University of Brighton Academies Trust we are often invited to take part in some exciting projects. We have just been approached to take part in a research project to help find out what children **really** think about school. A leaflet has been sent alongside this newsletter.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2025

Which segues beautifully into World Book Day. World Book Day is this year taking place on March 6th March, we will be celebrating this on Friday March 7th! More information regarding WBD following soon.



2025 CHALLENGE



On the longest day of 2025 (Saturday 21st June) Mr Morris & Mrs Duckett e will be taking part in an epic cycling challenge known as Chase the Sun - South. This is an organised ride that will take them from Minster on the Isle of Sheppey to the Grand Pier on Weston Super Mare seafront.

The ride will be a total of 205 miles (329km) - plus the 10 mile cycle to the start! The idea is that they set off from the starting line at about 4:30 am (sunrise) with the goal of arriving at the finish point in Weston Super

Mare by 9:30 pm (sunset). Although you can take part in this event as a team they have decided to both complete the full ride!

To give us some extra motivation they have chosen to raise money for two charities

[@macmillancancer](#) and [@actionpulmonaryfibrosis](#). Both these charities are close to their hearts due to personal reasons. They have provided, and continue to provide, so much support to people we love that we would love to give something back to them.

If you are so inclined and would like to sponsor the two of them please take two minutes to look at the fundraising page:

<https://www.givewheel.com/fundra.../5911/chase-the-sun-2025/>



REACH MORE PARENTS

Remember this term 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.



SCHOOL DINNERS



As we have progressed through the last term we have seen an increasing number of children arriving at school without school dinners being ordered in advance. We would like to remind you that school dinners need to be ordered no later than 8.00am on the day of the meal. This is to ensure that enough of each meal is prepared in advance and that all children receive the meal that they have been ordered.



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GET ACTIVE



Looking to beat that Twixmas bulge or made a New Year's resolution to put on those trainers again, or get back on your bike? Why not join our Strava Running and Cycling clubs to help keep you motivated on these cold mornings, afternoons and evenings! Join us at the links below.



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

PTA UPDATE

Our next event will be our friendship disco in term 3/4 (date and time tbc)

We are looking for a team of parents who would be interested in organising a car boot sale on the school grounds next year, if you feel it is something you can be involved in please email us on silverdaleprimarypta@gmail.com

Have a great weekend,

Mr Morris & the Silverdale Team

Dates for your diary 2024 – 25

16.1.2025 – Maple Class Assembly – 9.05am start
17.1.2025 Hornbeam Class Assembly – 9.05am start
23.1.2025 – Blackthorn Class Assembly – 9.05am start
24.1.2025 – Elderflower Class Assembly – 9.05am start
24.1.2025 – Aspen Class Assembly – 9.05am start
30.1.2025 – Sycamore Class Assembly – 9.05am start
31.1.2025 – Elder Class Assembly – 9.05am start
5.2.2025 – Class photos
13.2.2025 – Last day of term for the children
13.2.2025 – PTA Friendship Disco (More information to follow shortly)
14.2.2025 – INSET day
24.2.2025 – First Day back for term 4
6.3.2025 – World Book Day
4.4.2025 – Last day of term
22.4.2025 – First day back for term 5
5.5.2025 – Bank Holiday Monday
23.5.2025 – Last day of term
2.6.2025 – First day back for term 6
18.7.2025 – End of Year picnic (Information to follow later in the year)
18.7.2025 – Last day of the academic year for children
21.7.2025 – INSET day
22.7.2025 – INSET day



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