

21.3.2025

This week has started and ended with football tournaments, with the year 3/4 team representing the school on Monday, and the Year 5/6 team today. Within the rest of the week we have been to the White Rock with the choir, had visits to the Hastings library, and of course been completing some amazing learning. Be sure to check on WEDUC for the weekly year group updates that follow after the newsletter.

Parent consultations are coming soon, there are still some slots available so be sure to book up to meet with your child's teacher ASAP so you don't miss out.

THIS WEEK'S ULTIMATE NINJA



This week sees the return of our 'Ultimate Ninja' award. 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: Luca

Our Year One Ninja is for a truly special heart: a child whose kindness lights up every room, whose resilience turns challenges into triumphs, and whose smile lifts the spirits of everyone around them.

Luca, this award is not just for working hard, but for never giving up, even when things felt tough. This is for the moments of quiet bravery, the times you were brave and stood tall when it would have been easier to keep quiet and step back. It's for your unwavering kindness, the gentle words you share with friends need, the helping hand extended without hesitation, and the way you make the classroom a little brighter.

Through every challenge, you have faced each day with determination, proving that true strength isn't just about being the best but about giving your best always! Your courage, their warmth, and your endless enthusiasm remind us all of the power of a kind heart and a strong spirit.

We are bursting with pride and joy! Luca the Ultimate Award is for you, because you truly are an inspiration to us all. Congratulations!"

Well done Luca, you are the Ultimate Role Model for all Silverdale children!

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

EYFS – Year 3 – Apple and Holly – 95.2%

Year 4 – Year 6 - Lime – 97.35%

Even a seemingly high percentage of attendance can result in missing a great deal of learning over time.

Attendance %	Impact over 1 school year	Impact over 5 school years
100%	0 days missed	0 days missed
95%	9 days missed	¼ year learning lost
90%	19 days missed	½ year learning lost
85%	28 days missed	¾ year learning lost
80%	38 days missed	1 year learning lost
75%	47 days missed	1 ¼ year learning lost

SILVERDALE CHOIR SHINE AT THE WHITE ROCK

On Wednesday we took a group of 27 Year 2 and 3 children to the White Rock Theatre to perform as part of the Hastings Musical Festival alongside children from 9 other schools. Over the past few weeks they have been working with local musician Andy Nunn to learn three songs, one about the environment, another specifically about our Silverdale Ninjas and then another that all the schools sang together. They were truly amazing, its quiet scary stepping onto a stage with so many faces looking back at you, but they all relished the opportunity, and part of our feedback even referenced their "fabulous happy smiling faces". We are incredibly proud of them. If you would like to listen back to their performance it can be found via our bandcamp page downloaded for free via this [link](#).

FANTASTIC FOOTBALLERS REPRESENT SILVERDALE

On Monday we took 10 boys from Year 4 to represent the school in the inaugural Football tournament at SLA. There was no first place, the tournament was about representing the school and enjoying playing against other local schools. We managed to field two teams, and we ended with a record of W1, L2, D3. The boys did us all proud, played amazingly; won with respect for the opposing team and lost with dignity! The future is looking good for the school football team as they move into Year 5 & 6 over the next year or so (as this is when the majority of football tournaments are played).

SCHOOL TRIPS



As we move into the summer term we are seeing an increase in the number of school trips. This is something that we feel is incredibly passionate about, giving the children outside of the classroom, to build on their learning and enrich their curriculum through these experiences.

However, I feel it important to remind that although away from the school we have the same expectations in regards to snacks and lunches. In the same way that children should not be bringing bags of sweets to school, we would request that this is the same for school trips. Of course we appreciate that you may wish to pack a larger lunch, or some additional

snacks to help them get through the day please consider healthier options rather than the large bags of Haribo, Skittles etc that we are increasingly seeing. Thank you!

GARDENING CLUB

We're looking for any spare seeds or flower pots that you might be willing to donate to the gardening club at Silverdale Primary. Anything you can spare would be a huge help as we work to create a fun and educational garden for the kids. We really appreciate your support!



STANLEY CUPS

Over the past few months we have seen an increased number of children with Stanley Cups (or equivalent) in school.



Whilst we totally support children being able to have a drink when they need to in school these are rather large, and not the most practical drinking vessel for the classroom. There is limited space on desks for them, and if accidentally knocked over they easily spill over the table, and ultimately children's hard work.

We would ask where possible that children bring a secure water bottle to school. There are water fountains around the school and drinking water in the classroom where these can be filled up. Thank you for understanding and supporting with this

Have a great weekend

Mr Morris & the Silverdale Team



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Dates for your diary 2024 – 25

- 27.3.2025 – Cedar Class Assembly (9.05am start)
- 28.3.2025 – Juniper Class Assembly (9.05am start)
- 31.3.3.2025 – EYFS, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 parent consultations
- 31.3.2025 – Year 1 (Maple & Holly)- parent consultations
- 1.4.2025 – EYFS and Year 2 parent consultations
- 1.4.2025 – Year 3 (Whitebeam & Rowan) parent consultations
- 1.4.2025 – Year 5 (Hornbeam) parent consultation
- 2.4.2025 – Year 1 parent consultations
- 2.4.2025 – Year 3 (Cedar) parent consultations
- 2.4.2025 – Year 5 (Hazel & Beech) parent consultations
- 2.4.2025 – Year 6 parent consultations
- 3.4.2025 – Year 4 parent consultations
- 3.4.2025 – CHANGE OF DATE Beech Class Assembly (9.05am start)
- 4.4.2025 – Year 1 (Elm) parent consultations
- 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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Term & Holiday Dates 2025-26

	SEPTEMBER 2025	OCTOBER 2025	NOVEMBER 2025	DECEMBER 2025
Monday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Tuesday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Wednesday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Thursday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Friday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Saturday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Sunday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
	JANUARY 2026	FEBRUARY 2026	MARCH 2026	APRIL 2026
Monday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Tuesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Wednesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Thursday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Friday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Saturday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Sunday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
	MAY 2026	JUNE 2026	JULY 2026	AUGUST 2026
Monday	4 11 18 25 1	8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Thursday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Saturday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Sunday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30

Key

- Staff training (INSET day)
- Start of term for pupils
- End of term for pupils
- Public holidays
- School holidays
- Transition week (from primary to secondary school)



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