

Welcome back – 12.9.2025

Welcome back everyone after what we hope was a restful and enjoyable Summer break, after our first full week back the summer break feels like a long time ago, and with the torrential rain currently hammering against my office window as I type it would definitely appear that the summer is over!!

The children may only have been back for a week but already they are settled, enjoying their new classes, getting to know their new teachers and themes for the term. Remember to check in on WEDUC weekly for the Year group updates, these will share with you what the children have/ will be learning over the course of the term; and when possible we would encourage you to take time to chat with your child about their learning.

ATTENDANCE

Group	Present		AEA		Authorised		Unauthorised		Possible		%Attend	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
Olive Tree	14	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	15	100.0	100.0
Apple Tree	15	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	14	100.0	100.0
Cherry Tree	14	13	0	0	0	0	1	1	19	18	73.7	72.2
Maple Tree	112	112	0	0	0	0	0	0	112	112	100.0	100.0
Holly Tree	117	118	0	0	7	6	0	0	124	124	94.4	95.2
Elm Tree	116	116	0	0	0	0	0	0	116	116	100.0	100.0
Aspen Tree	118	118	0	0	2	2	0	0	120	120	98.3	98.3
Pine Tree	107	107	0	0	0	0	1	1	108	108	99.1	99.1
Sycamore Tree	117	117	0	0	2	2	1	1	120	120	97.5	97.5
Whitebeam Tree	106	105	0	0	4	5	6	6	116	116	91.4	90.5
Rowan Tree	111	107	0	0	1	3	0	2	112	112	99.1	95.5
Cedar Tree	122	123	0	0	1	0	1	1	124	124	98.4	99.2
Elderflower Class	112	112	0	0	5	6	3	2	120	120	93.3	93.3
Juniper Tree	110	110	0	0	4	4	2	2	116	116	94.8	94.8
Lime Tree	110	111	0	0	2	1	4	4	116	116	94.8	95.7
Beech Tree	119	119	0	0	0	0	1	1	120	120	99.2	99.2
Hornbeam Tree	104	105	0	0	3	2	5	5	112	112	92.9	93.8
Hazel Tree	116	117	0	0	3	3	1	0	120	120	96.7	97.5
Elder Tree	119	119	0	0	1	1	4	4	124	124	96.0	96.0
Magnolia Tree	116	116	0	0	0	0	0	0	116	116	100.0	100.0
Blackthorn Tree	106	106	0	0	2	2	0	0	108	108	98.1	98.1
Totals	2081	2080	0	0	37	37	30	30	2152	2151	96.7	96.7

SCHOOL DINNERS

At Silverdale, our school dinner service is provided by Chartwells Catering. As you can imagine, preparing and cooking for perhaps upwards of 300 servings in a single lunch sitting can be a challenging task!

It is essential that all dinners are ordered on ParentPay in advance of the school day – by 8am at the latest. This is to ensure the kitchen have the correct amount of ingredients, and also have the time to prepare the food in the morning before lunchtime. In addition, it means you, as a parent, get to decide what school lunch your child has from the range of options. **This is equally important if your child is in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 and is entitled to a free school meal.**



You can book a whole week, month or even term's worth of dinners all at once through ParentPay.

If school dinners are not ordered in advance, we will of course do our best to ensure they receive a school meal. However, we cannot guarantee that they will be able to choose from the whole menu and may need to choose from a more limited range of options depending upon availability. **In addition, if your child is in Years 3-6, we may need to call you to ask you to bring in a packed school lunch if a school dinner hasn't been ordered.**

We also use ParentPay for school trip permissions – so it is essential that you have access. If you don't, please contact our school office in person, via telephone (01424 448100) or via email (office@silverdaleprimaryacademy.org.uk)

PACKED LUNCHES, SCHOOL DINNERS AND MORNING SNACKS

Please ensure that children are bringing in **named** water bottles.

If your child is not having a school dinner, they may bring in a healthy balanced packed lunch. This should be in a named box.



Packed lunches should not include fizzy drinks or sweets and must be nut free. They may include a small chocolate biscuit type treat if you choose, but we would encourage you to consider healthier alternatives where possible. In Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 the school provides a healthy snack every day at break time. In Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 children may bring in a healthy snack to eat as well such as a piece of fruit, carrot sticks etc.

ATTENDANCE:

We continue to use the direct email for our Attendance Officer. If your child is absent, please report this via attendance@silverdaleprimaryacademy.org.uk rather than phoning the office.

Information regarding the new cut off time for a late mark has been sent out alongside this letter

TERM 1 & 2 CLUBS – SIGN UP GOES LIVE TOMORROW AT 10.00am (SATURDDAY 13.9.2025)

Sent along with this newsletter is the Clubs Newsletter - with the super list of clubs on offer for Terms 1 & 2. **Please note, the sign-up form will not work until Saturday 13th September at 10am** - if you try to sign-up before this point you will get an error message.

Please do take a look and discuss with your child(ren) whether they might like to sign up for one of our clubs. As ever, spaces are very limited - so please sign up without delay once the form goes live to avoid disappointment.

We will always try and get children on clubs where we can - in some cases this means we will split clubs over the two terms to allow more children to take part. Or in other cases we will run a waiting list system and give those children first preference if the club is repeated later in the year.

MOBILE PHONES

Although we appreciate that some children need a mobile phone for when walking to and from school during the day, can you please remind them that these must not be being used on Academy premises, and they are not to photograph/ film other individuals without their consent.



REMINDER ABOUT ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

We kindly ask all parents and carers to be mindful of their behaviour during school drop-off and pick-up times. Please remember to show respect to our neighbours by not blocking driveways, keeping noise levels down, and parking considerately. We also encourage everyone to treat other parents, children, and staff with kindness and patience. Let's work together to keep our school community safe, welcoming, and respectful for everyone. Thank you for your support!



ARRANGEMENTS FOR COLLECTION OF CHILDREN AFTER-SCHOOL - 2025/26 UPDATE

Silverdale's policy on the collection of children at the end of the school day can be found on the Academy website at: <https://www.silverdaleprimaryacademy.org.uk/key-documents/policies> This is unchanged from last year.

If arrangements for collection of your child(ren) remain the same as last year, or your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, **then you do not need to complete the form** – this information was passed up to your child's new class teacher in September. However, if you wish to make a change (e.g. your child has moved into Year 6 and you would like them to be allowed to walk home by themselves), then please complete the form using the link below.

In accordance with the policy, and the guidance we have, children in Years 5/6 will only be allowed to walk home by themselves if we receive a copy of the form below giving permission to do so. In addition, children in Years 3 & 4 will only be allowed to walk round to meet a parent if this form has been completed - this is not permission to walk home by themselves as we expect them to be met by a responsible adult.

If we do not have a completed form for a child, then we will only allow them to be collected by the adults named as one of their contacts.

Children should not be routinely collected from the school office unless this has been agreed by the Principal. Children should not be collected by anyone under the age of 16. If your child is in EYFS, Year 1 or Year 2 this year (or if they are in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 and arrangements for collection are unchanged) then please DO NOT complete the collection form. You only need to complete the form if your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and the arrangements for their collection are changing from last year. Collection form for 2025/26: <https://forms.office.com/e/w6i4HcNPyt>

WHATSAPP GROUPS



Parent WhatsApp groups can be invaluable; a support network to share information across the year group. This collective knowledge sharing ensures that no parent misses out on crucial information, providing a sense of community and understanding. Sharing tips, discussing concerns, and offering encouragement can make the transition smoother for everyone involved. For this they are truly invaluable.

However, we are aware that these also often become a platform for parents to air their views about the academy, members of staff and children.

We ensure that staff are available at drop off and collection times, and although they may not be able to have a long discussion at that point they will always look to make an appointment with parents to discuss concerns. Members of the Senior Leadership Team are also available daily on either the playground or at the school gates to discuss concerns, worries etc. We would ask that if you have any questions you pose these to us to ensure you are receiving the right information.

We would also kindly request that you are not discussing members of staff or naming children on the platform. Take a moment to think how you would feel if you or your child were publicly named.

NO SMOKING

As you know we are a no smoking and no vaping site, please could we also ask you to refrain from smoking directly outside the school gates. We appreciate that a number of you wait here to collect your children, however, please consider smoking away from the entrance whilst the children and other parents are leaving the site.



PTA UPDATE

PTA legendary Bonfire and fireworks night
Saturday 8th November

For our event to go ahead we need a minimum of 20 volunteers to run the event itself and BBQ and refreshments if we have more then we can have additional stalls too so if you're able to help in any way please look out for the volunteers firm coming soon many thanks

Silverdale's Got Talent 3

This has been postponed from last term and will now be taking place this term (emails will be going out today to those already submitted) audition clips now open again for two weeks please send in your child's clip to silverdalesgottalent3@gmail.com with their name, age and class thankyou

Time and day of the show at battle memorial hall will be announced in next weeks newsletter

PTA AGM Bingo Night

Day and time TBC soon

Our AGM will be followed by a

Bingo Bubbly & Buffet evening look out for the poster soon with details on how to book!

Tickets will include your books, glass of bubbles (or soft drink) and light buffet

Hope to see you there!

SUMMER CLEAROUT



If, over the Summer break, you had a Summer Toy sort out then the Thrive/ SEN department would be very grateful for donations of puzzles, board games, figures and pretend play toys (e.g. dolls/ figures). These will be used to support children in the Thrive/ SEN department, and really can help to make a difference.

Similarly if you are clearing out and find any welly boots these would be appreciated to support children at forest school; and any football boots which can be used to help children join both our football and rugby clubs if they forget or do not have their own boots.



Fingers crossed the rain dissipates before tomorrow morning and we can all enjoy a sunny weekend

Mr Morris & the Silverdale Team



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Dates for your diary 2024 – 25

29.9.2025 – Whole school influenza vaccinations (Information closer to the date)

3.10.2025 – National Child Measurement Programme (Year 6)

6/7.9.2025 – Individual Photos (Specific days for each year group to be shared closer to the date)

8.11.2025 - #legendary PTA Bonfire and Fireworks

11.5.2026 – 14.5.2026 – Year 6 SATS Week

10.7.2026 – 13.7.2026 – Year 6 Residential to PGL Osmington Bay

Silverdale Primary 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)
 -  End of term for pupils
 -  School holidays
 -  Start of term for pupils
 -  Public holidays
 -  Transition week (from primary to secondary school)

