

19.9.2025

We are thrilled to celebrate a fantastic start to the school year with our new EYFS pupils, who are now fully settled into their full-time routines! It's been wonderful to see them embrace the excitement of school life with such enthusiasm and curiosity. From exploring new friendships to discovering the joys of learning, our youngest learners have made an amazing start, and we couldn't be prouder of their progress. We look forward to watching them grow and thrive in the coming months!

Our largest number of children took part in yesterday's [@bbc6music #tshirtday](#) yesterday, with the best part of a third of the school representing their favourite artists. It would be fair to say that Nirvana were the most represented, but the likes of The Beatles, Sabrina Carpenter, Foo Fighters, Rolling Stones, Blondie and Ozzy Osbourne amongst many, many other were on show, including local heroes [@murderersareoptimists](#) playing [@thepipercalls](#) tonight.

ATTENDANCE.

Group	Present		AEA		Authorised		Unauthorised		Possible		%Attend	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
Olive Tree	131	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	131	71	100.0	100.0
Apple Tree	131	69	0	0	0	2	1	0	132	71	99.2	97.2
Cherry Tree	124	67	0	0	3	1	5	3	132	71	93.9	94.4
Maple Tree	138	137	0	0	2	3	0	0	140	140	98.6	97.9
Holly Tree	147	147	0	0	6	6	2	2	155	155	94.8	94.8
Elm Tree	145	145	0	0	0	0	0	0	145	145	100.0	100.0
Aspen Tree	142	142	0	0	4	4	4	4	150	150	94.7	94.7
Pine Tree	131	131	0	0	1	1	3	3	135	135	97.0	97.0
Sycamore Tree	143	143	0	0	6	6	1	1	150	150	95.3	95.3
Whitebeam Tree	139	135	0	0	5	9	5	5	149	149	93.3	90.6
Rowan Tree	132	131	0	0	4	8	4	1	140	140	94.3	93.6
Cedar Tree	149	151	0	0	4	2	2	2	155	155	96.1	97.4
Elderflower Class	140	141	0	0	3	3	4	3	147	147	95.2	95.9
Juniper Tree	139	137	0	0	5	6	1	2	145	145	95.9	94.5
Lime Tree	141	141	0	0	1	1	3	3	145	145	97.2	97.2
Beech Tree	143	144	0	0	6	5	1	1	150	150	95.3	96.0
Hornbeam Tree	141	143	0	0	0	0	6	4	147	147	95.9	97.3
Hazel Tree	140	140	0	0	3	4	7	6	150	150	93.3	93.3
Elder Tree	151	152	2	0	1	2	1	1	155	155	98.7	98.1
Magnolia Tree	139	140	0	0	5	4	1	1	145	145	95.9	96.6
Blackthorn Tree	129	129	0	0	6	6	0	0	135	135	95.6	95.6
Totals	2915	2736	2	0	65	73	51	42	3033	2851	96.2	96.0

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.

HASTINGS NEIGHBOURHOOD PROJECT

The Hastings Neighbourhood Board is inviting local residents to share their views on how up to £20 million of government funding should be spent to improve our neighbourhoods over the next ten years. This is a significant investment in our community, and your voice matters.

The money could go towards a wide range of local improvements – such as new parks and playgrounds, bus shelters, bins and benches, restoring buildings and public spaces, better footpaths, or enhancing leisure and sports facilities, including support for arts, culture, and local history.

One exciting possibility we'd like to raise is the rejuvenation or complete rebuilding of the Silverdale swimming pool, which would benefit not only Silverdale children, but also pupils from other local schools and community groups. The site at Silverdale could also be considered for further development as a leisure hub, with facilities such as changing rooms and a 5G sports pitch – offering a valuable resource for local clubs and community organisations.

To make these ideas a reality, we need your input. Please take a few minutes to complete the short questionnaire and share your thoughts: [Click here to complete the survey](#) The more people who take part, the more likely it is that the funding will be used in ways that reflect the needs and hopes of families in our area. Let's make sure our voices are heard.

AUTUMN TERM CLUBS

Once again, we had a fantastic response to our Autumn Term Clubs sign-up. A number of clubs were heavily oversubscribed, but we managed to offer spaces to all children – in some cases by splitting clubs into two blocks over Terms 1 & 2.

If you signed your child up for a club you should have received confirmation today (Friday 19th Sep) via WeDuc or email – this also includes information about the start dates and the pick-up point where children can be collected afterwards. The only exception is running & fitness club – confirmation for this will be coming out later this evening as Mr Wright wants to take into account children that have qualified for the upcoming inter-school cross country when deciding upon groups for Terms 1 & 2 – don't worry, all children that have signed up will get a place! The sign-up form will go 'live' again on Monday morning – there are still a few places on a couple of clubs so please do take a look if you think your child might be interested.

APPLYING FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Reminder for Parents and Carers: If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits, your child may be eligible for additional support through Pupil Premium (PP). This includes Free School Meals for children in Year 3 and above, half-price school trips, and holiday HUGGG vouchers. Eligible benefits include: Universal Credit (with an annual income below £7,400 after tax or monthly income under £616.67), Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA), income-based Employment and Support Allowance (ESA), support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, the Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit, or Child Tax Credit (with an annual income below £16,190). From the start of the 2026/27 school year, all children from households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to free school meals. To check your eligibility and apply, please visit [this website](#)

SCHOOL GATES

Following up on our message earlier this week, we would like to remind everyone that starting from [insert date], our gates will be closing at 8:00 AM. While staff will still be able to drive onto the site, we kindly request that parents and carers refrain from driving onto the site after this time. This will allow us to accommodate the 8:00 AM breakfast club drop-off. If dropping off please park considerately as both staff and other visitors are accessing the site, please do not block the driveway. Our primary goal is to ensure the safety of everyone in our community—children, parents, and staff from both the school and FSN Silverdale Nursery. We ask that, unless you are a blue badge holder, all parents park locally on the street and walk onto the site. This will help us maintain a safe environment for everyone. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



WATER BOTTLES



A gentle reminder to all parents and carers that we kindly ask children to bring only plain water in their water bottles. Flavoured juices and squash, even those labelled as "sugar-free," are not permitted during the school day. As well as being a healthier option to support hydration and concentration, water is also much safer around learning materials—if accidentally spilled, it is far less likely to damage children's work or resources. Thank you for your continued support in promoting healthy habits and helping us maintain a positive learning environment.

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)

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. We will be holding a bottle & chocolate donation non-uniform day on Friday 7th November for our tombola at the event.

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 until Sunday 28th September please send in your child's clip to silverdalesgottalent3@gmail.com with their name, age and class thankyou



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!

Year 6 Leavers 2026

A group of parents have set up a WhatsApp chat for anyone who is able to be involved in helping towards the year 6 party, fundraising for it, the yearbook & hoodies. Slips are coming home today with details. Please email with any queries or to be added to the chat on

silverdaleyear6group@gmail.com, thankyou.

Have a great weekend

Mr Morris & the Silverdale Team

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)

6/7.10.2025 – Individual Photos (Specific days for each year group to be shared closer to the date)

w/c 3.11.2025 – Parent Consultations (Specific year group dates TBC)

7.11.2025 – PTA Non-uniform day – Bring chocolate or a bottle for the tombola

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



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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)

