

3.10.2025

Hopefully you have seen the letter sent out last week regarding our next steps to becoming part of the [Mulberry Schools Trust](#). As you receive this I will be on the train having visited their two Primary Schools in London ([Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary](#) & [Mulberry Cannon Barnett Primary](#)) Earlier this week Mrs Gillespie visited Cannon Barnett, and we are excited by the shared proactive that is already coming to fruition with this new relationship.

This week, our Year 4s enjoyed their first trip of the year with a visit to the Hastings seafront, following closely on from Year 5's visit to Tenterden and their evacuation day experience. Next week, Year 1 will be heading out on a local walk. These experiences beyond the classroom are a vital part of our curriculum. In the coming weeks and months, we'll be developing what will be known as *The Silverdale Offer*—a chance to both celebrate the rich cultural capital activities across the school and to explore ways to broaden what's available even further.

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.

Group	Present		AEA		Authorised		Unauthorised		Possible		%Attend	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
Olive Tree	106	108	0	0	8	8	2	0	116	116	91.4	93.1
Apple Tree	115	111	0	0	1	5	0	0	116	116	99.1	95.7
Cherry Tree	106	106	0	0	4	4	6	6	116	116	91.4	91.4
Maple Tree	115	116	0	0	1	0	0	0	116	116	99.1	100.0
Holly Tree	119	119	0	0	4	4	1	1	124	124	96.0	96.0
Elm Tree	110	111	0	0	5	5	1	0	116	116	94.8	95.7
Aspen Tree	119	119	0	0	0	0	1	1	120	120	99.2	99.2
Pine Tree	107	107	0	0	2	2	3	3	112	112	95.5	95.5
Sycamore Tree	116	116	0	0	1	2	3	2	120	120	96.7	96.7
Whitebeam Tree	103	103	0	0	10	11	7	6	120	120	85.8	85.8
Rowan Tree	101	98	0	0	6	9	5	5	112	112	90.2	87.5
Cedar Tree	115	119	0	0	3	3	6	2	124	124	92.7	96.0
Elderflower Class	108	81	0	28	5	5	3	2	116	116	93.1	94.0
Juniper Tree	112	83	0	29	2	2	2	2	116	116	96.6	96.6
Lime Tree	109	81	0	28	7	7	0	0	116	116	94.0	94.0
Beech Tree	115	120	0	0	0	0	5	0	120	120	95.8	100.0
Hornbeam Tree	104	105	0	0	6	5	10	10	120	120	86.7	87.5
Hazel Tree	105	107	0	0	7	8	8	5	120	120	87.5	89.2
Elder Tree	115	119	4	0	1	2	4	3	124	124	96.0	96.0
Magnolia Tree	102	111	9	0	3	3	2	2	116	116	95.7	95.7
Blackthorn Tree	99	104	4	0	1	1	4	3	108	108	95.4	96.3
Totals	2301	2244	17	85	77	86	73	53	2468	2468	93.9	94.4

Missing school can have serious and lasting effects on a child's academic progress and social development. Persistent absence—defined in England as missing 10% or more of the school year—has been linked to lower attainment, particularly in key areas such as reading, writing, and maths. Department for Education (DfE) statistics show that pupils who are persistently absent at the primary level are

significantly less likely to meet expected standards at the end of Key Stage 2. For example, in recent years, only

around 36% of persistently absent pupils met the expected standard in reading, writing, and maths combined, compared to over 70% of their regularly attending peers. Extended absences also impact children's confidence, routines, and friendships, which are especially important during early developmental stages. Furthermore, patterns of poor attendance in primary school often continue into secondary education, increasing the risk of long-term disengagement and reduced life opportunities. Addressing long-term absence early is therefore essential to ensuring every child has a fair start and the best chance of success.

PLAYGROUNDS

Please can we remind all parents and carers of the importance of supervising children on the playground before the school day begins. For safety reasons, we ask that children do not play ball games or use the climbing frame and Pirate Ship during this time. Staff supervision begins at 8.40am at the start of the school day, so it's essential that children are closely supervised by an adult while waiting. Thank you for your support in helping us keep everyone safe.

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)

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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 can 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.



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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.

TESCO GROUNDWORKS: CHANGING PLACES CHANGING LIVES

Project Title - Back to the Roots

We are delighted to inform you that our application to Tesco Stronger Starts has been successfully selected for the customer vote in Tesco stores. Voting will commence in store from the first week in October 2025 until mid-January 2026.



Our project engages children in sustainability through hands-on gardening, Forest School activities, and club programmes to enhance wellbeing. The project with the highest number of votes across the region will receive up to £1,500, the second placed project up to £1,000, and the third placed project £500.

You will be able to vote in the following stores across Hastings and St Leonards

Battle Express – TN33 0BN

Hastings Little Ridge Avenue Express – TN37 7LR

Hastings Lacuna Express – TN34 1BP

St Leonards-On-Sea, Fernside Express – TN38 0UU

Hastings Extra – TN38 9RB

Old Road Express – TN35 5BH

Every Little Helps!!

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](#)

PTA UPDATE

Bonfire night volunteers meeting on Monday 20th October 3.30pm at Silverdale

PTA legendary Bonfire and fireworks night

Saturday 8th November

A big thankyou to those who have signed up to help towards bonfire night, we have half the number of volunteers we need for the event to go ahead. For our event to take place, 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 form - thanks.

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



Silverdale's Got Talent 3

The deadline for any new clips is this 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 £10 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. 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

6.10.2025 – Individual Photos (Year EYFS – Year 4)

7.10.2025 – Individual Photos (Year 5 – Year 6 & siblings)

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

25.11.2025 – Open Event for Perspective Parents (Sept. 2026) 10.00am

6.11.2025 - Open Event for Perspective Parents (Sept. 2026) 2.00pm

3.12.2025 - Open Event for Perspective Parents (Sept. 2026) 4.30pm

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)

