

24.10.2025

It's hard to believe how quickly this term has flown by! It feels like only yesterday we were welcoming everyone back into the classrooms, and now here we are at the end of another fantastic term. We are so proud of all that our pupils have achieved over the past weeks – from classroom learning to sports, school trips, and settling into their new classes and new teachers, it has been a joyful and successful time for all. Thank you for your continued support in making this term such a positive and productive one.

There is still time to register to come along to the Mulberry School Trust stakeholder engagement meeting, taking place on Monday 10.11.2025 at 17:30 – 18.15 here at Silverdale. All parents and carers are invited to attend. All we ask is that you let us know if you are able to attend by completing the online booking form found [here](#) so that we can ensure enough space for everyone.

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	138	138	0	0	8	9	4	3	150	150	92.0	92.0
Apple Tree	138	137	0	0	6	7	1	1	145	145	95.2	94.5
Cherry Tree	129	129	0	0	12	15	4	1	145	145	89.0	89.0
Maple Tree	141	141	0	0	4	3	0	1	145	145	97.2	97.2
Holly Tree	144	144	0	0	11	11	0	0	155	155	92.9	92.9
Elm Tree	127	127	0	0	17	17	1	1	145	145	87.6	87.6
Aspen Tree	147	146	0	0	3	4	0	0	150	150	98.0	97.3
Pine Tree	131	132	0	0	8	8	1	0	140	140	93.6	94.3
Sycamore Tree	140	142	0	0	8	7	2	1	150	150	93.3	94.7
Whitebeam Tree	145	145	0	0	4	4	1	1	150	150	96.7	96.7
Rowan Tree	129	122	0	0	8	14	8	9	145	145	89.0	84.1
Cedar Tree	143	146	0	0	7	8	5	1	155	155	92.3	94.2
Elderflower Class	143	144	0	0	0	0	2	1	145	145	98.6	99.3
Juniper Tree	137	139	0	0	1	1	7	5	145	145	94.5	95.9
Lime Tree	136	135	0	0	7	8	2	2	145	145	93.8	93.1
Beech Tree	139	143	0	0	3	3	8	4	150	150	92.7	95.3
Hornbeam Tree	137	141	0	0	7	7	6	2	150	150	91.3	94.0
Hazel Tree	143	144	0	0	4	4	3	2	150	150	95.3	96.0
Elder Tree	147	149	1	0	6	5	1	1	155	155	95.5	96.1
Magnolia Tree	124	142	17	0	0	0	4	3	145	145	97.2	97.9
Blackthorn Tree	120	126	4	0	2	1	9	8	135	135	91.9	93.3
Totals	2878	2912	22	0	126	136	69	47	3095	3095	93.7	94.1

As we move into the winter months we are aware that we all become more susceptible to bugs. We always encourage children to come into school, however in some cases there are NHS guidelines that we aim to adhere to ensure that more and more children and families are not impacted. This information has been sent out alongside the newsletter.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to everyone who has booked a parent consultation slot for the first week back after half term – we do apologise for the initials glitches, but we think everything should now be working. Booking remains open until 18:00 on Sunday 2.11.2025.



Please note that this initial parent's evening is an opportunity to discuss with your child's class teacher how they have settled into the year group and class, their current attendance data and if you have any concerns. As slots are scheduled at 10 minutes there will not be the opportunity to look through children's books.

ODD SOCKS DAY



Odd Socks Day provides an opportunity for schools and other youth settings around the country to have fun, be ourselves, and spread awareness of the core values Anti-Bullying Week promotes. This year the day is taking place on Monday 10th November and we are inviting to show their support by wearing Odd Socks to school on that day. There is NO donation being asked for, just wear Odd Socks as a sign of unity against bullying.

Parent information can be found [here](#).

TERM 2 CLUBS

In addition to the clubs already running we are pleased to be able to share with you a new Choir Club that will be running on a Monday from 3.15 – 4.15pm. The full size flier for this has been sent out alongside the newsletter. This was sent out earlier in the week as well, please note there are limited spaces and these will be filled on a first come – first served basis.



Funk Fusion also returns for Term 2.

Please sign up via the term 2 link below:

<https://funk-fusion-fitness.classforkids.io/info/610>

SAVE YOUR JAM JARS!



As part of their fund raising for the Year 6 leavers' party, the parent team have asked for donations of glass jars - such as jam jars etc.

If you do have some you could donate, please drop them directly into the office so that we can pass them on to the team. Where possible, please don't send younger children in with them due to the risk of accidental smashes!

Please spread the word - all sizes and varieties of glass jars are appreciated!



PTA CHRISTMAS CARDS



Information regarding how to order Christmas Cards designed by your child was sent out yesterday. Please be aware that the deadline for ordering Christmas cards is midnight on 13/11/2025. Any orders placed online after this time will be classified as late orders, a postage fee will apply as indicated on the shop and the school will not benefit from fundraising.

PTA UPDATE

Silverdale's Got Talent 3

A big well done to Reggie, Nancy, Harper, Leo, Riya & Emily who sang and danced their way through our talent showcase last Sunday, we had solos, duets and two group numbers and thank you to our supportive audience, Look out for the final Silverdale's Got Talent 4 later this academic year open to all of our Silverdale Community including Pupils, Parent/carers and Teachers!



PTA legendary Bonfire and fireworks night

Saturday 8th November 5 - 7.30pm

Thank you to those who attended the bonfire night meeting, it was great to have you there and hear your input towards the event

Both playground will be open this year and we have invested in 10 floodlights. See poster for event details.

A big thank you to our kind teacher and parent volunteers who have signed up to help towards bonfire night, we couldn't have it without you! If you are free to come and help we are always looking for more volunteers to help the events run even more smoothly, please sign up here <https://forms.office.com/e/Sar06AaDMu> We now have enough to hold the event with the BBQ & refreshments, if we have more volunteers we can have even more stalls with fun & games for the children

PTA AGM Bingo Night

Thursday 27th November 6.30pm - 8.30pm (place tbc soon)

Our AGM will be followed by a Bingo Bubbly & Buffet evening look out for the poster coming soon.

Tickets £10 will include your books, glass of bubbles (or soft drink) and light buffet.

Hope to see you there!

Prizes including a cash prize for the last full house!

To book and pay in advance please email silverdaleprimarypta@gmail.com, we will also have tickets available to buy on bonfire night

📱 HELPING YOUR CHILDREN STAY SAFE ON SOCIAL MEDIA; A Guide for Parents

It is that time of year again when the nights are beginning to draw in and children (and adults) a like start hibernating in doors, and with this brings as increase in time spent on the internet and social media, rather than playing outside with friends.

Many children are curious about apps like **WhatsApp, Snapchat, and Instagram**. These can be fun and social, but they also bring risks. This guide will help you support your child to use them **safely and responsibly**.

👤 Know the Basics



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- Most social media apps have an **age limit of 13+** (including WhatsApp, Snapchat, and Instagram).
- If your child is younger but already using them, it's important to guide and monitor their use.
- Talk often about what they do online and remind them to come to you if something worries them.

Top Tips for Parents

1. Keep Talking

- Ask who your child talks to and what they enjoy online.
- Encourage openness — let them know you'll listen without judgment.

2. Check Privacy Settings Together

- **WhatsApp:** Set “Who can add me to groups” to *My Contacts*; turn on disappearing messages if helpful.
- **Snapchat:** Turn off *Snap Map* location sharing; only allow friends to send Snaps.
- **Instagram:** Make their account *Private*; review followers regularly.

3. Think Before Sharing

- Remind them not to post personal information or photos they wouldn't show in real life.
- Explain that screenshots and shares mean things posted online can spread quickly.

4. Set Boundaries

- Agree on screen-free times — e.g. before bed or during meals.
- Keep devices out of bedrooms at night for better rest.
- Encourage hobbies, play, and time outdoors too!

5. Be a Positive Role Model

- Show how to use social media kindly and respectfully.
- Share examples of safe, creative, and age-appropriate use

Be Alert For

- **Strangers** contacting your child.
- **Unkind messages** or **cyberbullying**.
- **Inappropriate photos or videos** being shared.

If anything concerns you:

- **Block or report** the person within the app.
- Talk to your child's teacher or a trusted adult.
- Visit trusted websites for support:
 - www.thinkuknow.co.uk
 - www.childnet.com



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♥ Remember

You don't need to know every app inside out — the most important thing is that your child knows they can **come to you for help**. Together, you can make sure their online world is safe, positive, and fun.

🏠 Useful Contacts

- **Childline:** 0800 1111 | www.childline.org.uk
- **NSPCC Online Safety Advice:** www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety
- **Thinkuknow Parent Zone:** www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

Online safety forms part of both our PSHE and Computing curriculums, however, we need to work together to ensure the safety of our children when they are online.

We hope you have a great, and well deserved half term break, we will see you on Monday 3rd November.

Mr Morris & the Silverdale Team



Dates for your diary 2024 – 25

3.11.2025 – First day back following half term

w/c 3.11.2025 – Parent Consultations

WEEK COMMENCING 3.11.2025		
EYFS	MONDAY	TUESDAY
YEAR 1	MAPLE & HOLLY – MONDAY/ WEDNESDAY	ELM – MONDAY & THURSDAY
YEAR 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY
YEAR 3	WHITEBEAM & JUNIPER – TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY	CEDAR – MONDAY & WEDNESDAY
YEAR 4	TUESDAY	THURSDAY
YEAR 5	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
YEAR 6	MONDAY	TUESDAY

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

8.11.2025 - #legendary PTA Bonfire and Fireworks

10.11.2025 – Anti-Bullying week begins with Odd Socks Day

13.11.2025 – Whitebeam Class Assembly – 9.05am start

19.11.2025 – Cedar Class Assembly – 9.05am start

20.11.2025 – Rowan Class Assembly – 9.05am start

21.11.2025 – Elderflower Class Assembly – 9.05am start

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

26.11.2025 – Hazel Class Assembly – 9.05am start

27.11.2025 – Hornbeam Class Assembly – 9.05am start

28.11.2025 – Lime Class Assembly – 9.05am start

4.12.2025 – Beech Class Assembly – 9.05am start

5.12.2025 – Juniper Class Assembly – 9.05am start

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

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

5.12.2025 – School Panto to the Children

19.12.2025 – INSET DAY

11.5.2026 – 14.5.2026 – Year 6 SATS Week

10.7.2026 – 13.7.2026 – Year 6 Residential to PGL Osmington Bay

17.7.2026 – End of year Family picnic (Details to follow closer to the date)

17.7.2026 – Last day of the academic year for the children

20.7.2026 – INSET DAY

21.7.2026 – INSET DAY

22.7.2026 – INSET DAY



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