

10.10.2025

So this time last week I was in London visiting [Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary](#) & [Mulberry Cannon Barnett Primary](#). It was a really interesting visit, and although geographically different we shared ideas and experiences that I believe will support our children and those already in the Mulberry Schools Trust. It really does feel like the beginning of an exciting new chapter for Silverdale. The deadline for your responses to advisory board has now passed, so the next step will be the stakeholder engagement meeting, as soon as we have the date and venue for this confirmed we will let you know.

To access key Mulberry Schools Trust publications, please follow this [link](#)

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	130	129	0	0	14	15	2	2	146	146	89.0	88.4
Apple Tree	140	140	0	0	4	5	1	0	145	145	96.6	96.6
Cherry Tree	135	134	0	0	7	10	3	1	145	145	93.1	92.4
Maple Tree	143	144	0	0	2	1	0	0	145	145	98.6	99.3
Holly Tree	144	145	0	0	5	4	6	6	155	155	92.9	93.5
Elm Tree	136	136	0	0	5	5	4	4	145	145	93.8	93.8
Aspen Tree	144	146	0	0	4	3	2	1	150	150	96.0	97.3
Pine Tree	135	134	0	0	2	3	3	3	140	140	96.4	95.7
Sycamore Tree	141	144	0	0	6	5	3	1	150	150	94.0	96.0
Whitebeam Tree	140	135	0	1	8	12	2	2	150	150	93.3	90.7
Rowan Tree	136	137	0	0	8	7	0	0	144	144	94.4	95.1
Cedar Tree	144	148	0	0	5	4	6	3	155	155	92.9	95.5
Elderflower Class	138	140	0	0	3	3	4	2	145	145	95.2	96.6
Juniper Tree	139	140	0	0	1	1	5	4	145	145	95.9	96.6
Lime Tree	142	141	0	0	3	4	0	0	145	145	97.9	97.2
Beech Tree	142	144	0	1	3	3	5	2	150	150	94.7	96.7
Hornbeam Tree	138	139	0	0	3	3	9	8	150	150	92.0	92.7
Hazel Tree	140	143	0	2	4	4	6	1	150	150	93.3	96.7
Elder Tree	143	146	2	0	9	9	1	0	155	155	93.5	94.2
Magnolia Tree	132	139	9	4	3	2	1	0	145	145	97.2	98.6
Blackthorn Tree	129	129	0	2	4	3	2	1	135	135	95.6	97.0
Totals	2911	2933	11	10	103	106	65	41	3090	3090	94.6	95.2

Missing school can really affect a child's learning and friendships. In England, pupils who miss 10% or more of the year are much less likely to meet expected standards in reading, writing, and maths — just 36% do, compared with over 70% of regular attenders. Long absences can also affect confidence, routines, and social connections. And if attendance issues start in primary school, they often carry on into secondary school, making it harder for children to stay engaged and succeed.

The good news? Spotting and addressing attendance early gives every child the best chance to thrive!

FOOTBALLING SUCCESS

The Silverdale girls football team showed incredible determination and teamwork in their first school tournament of the year. The team started strong with a 1–0 win against Christ Church, showing great attacking play and solid defence. This was followed by two hard-fought draws — 0–0 against Battle and Langton and 0–0 against Sacred Heart — where the players gave their all to keep the opposition at bay. In their final group game, they showed brilliant resilience in a 1–1 draw with Robsack Wood, securing their place in the semi-finals.

In the semis, they faced a tough match against St. Peter's and St. Paul's, the eventual winners of the tournament. Despite their best efforts, the team were narrowly beaten 1–0, bringing an impressive tournament run to a close.

A huge well done to every member of the team for their fantastic effort and sportsmanship throughout the day — we are so proud of you all! A big thank you to all the parents who came along to cheer the team on, and to Miss Lawrence and Mrs Addy for taking and supporting the team. What a brilliant start to the football season!

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!

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH DAYS



Our school photograph days earlier this week went really smoothly, and the children all looked fantastic! Each child will be bringing home a card with details on how parents can order their photos online. Please note the key dates: **discount codes expire on 26th October, free delivery to school ends on 2nd November**, and the photos are expected to **arrive back at school around 13th November**. Don't miss these deadlines if you'd like to take advantage of the offers!

HASTINGS NEIGHBOURHOOD PROJECT – STILL TIME TO HAVE YOU SAY!

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.

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.



FRIENDLY REMINDER – PLEASE CHECK FOR HEAD LICE 🪲

As part of keeping all our children healthy and comfortable at school, we kindly ask parents to check their child's hair regularly for nits and head lice. If you spot nits or head lice, don't worry — there are simple, inexpensive ways to treat them:

- **Wet combing:** Use a fine-toothed comb on wet hair with conditioner, section by section, every 2–3 days for at least 2 weeks.
- **Affordable treatments:** Over-the-counter lotions or shampoos (like permethrin or malathion) from supermarkets or pharmacies work well.
- **Home remedies:** Vinegar rinses or applying a little olive/coconut oil overnight can help loosen or smother lice.
- **Clean and prevent:** Wash hats, pillowcases, and hairbrushes in hot water, and vacuum furniture to stop re-infestation.
- **Check regularly:** Routine hair checks help catch lice early and reduce the need for repeated treatments.

Thanks for helping keep all our children happy, healthy, and itch-free!

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!!

PTA UPDATE

PTA legendary Bonfire and fireworks night

Saturday 8th November 5 - 7.30pm

A big thankyou to our kind teacher and parent volunteers who have signed up to help towards bonfire night, we couldn't have it without you!

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

Anyone who is helping is warmly invited to a bonfire meeting at the school on Monday 20th October 3.30pm. Year 6 pupils who are part of the year 6 enterprise stall are very welcome to attend

Light refreshments will be provided



Silverdale's Got Talent 3

Sunday 19th October 2pm - 3pm at St Johns church hall, Brittany road, st Leonard's on sea

Tickets £3 adults

£1 children

Refreshments available to purchase

If you can come and support our wonderful performers while they share what they are passionate about on the stage at the same time helping to build confidence and community

For tickets please email silverdaleprimarypta@gmail.com

Thankyou

PTA AGM Bingo Night

Our AGM will be followed by a Bingo Bubbly & Buffet evening on Thursday 27th November;

AGM 6.30pm-7.10pm

Bingo 7.15pm - 8.30pm

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

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

Have a great weekend

Mr Morris & the Silverdale Team

Dates for your diary 2024 – 25

24.10.2025 – Last day of term

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 Prospective Parents (Sept. 2026) 10.00am

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

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

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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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)

