

# 23.1.2026

It is hard to believe that we already half way through term 3, meaning we are only 3 weeks away from being half way through the school year - surely this means we will start getting lighter mornings and evenings soon. It has been great welcoming parents back into school for our class assemblies, be sure to check the Dates For Your Diary section at the bottom of the newsletter for you child's next assembly. More dates will be added over the next couple of weeks.

## ATTENDANCE.

Group	Present		AEA		Authorised		Unauthorised		Possible		%Attend	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
Olive Tree	138	137	0	0	4	6	3	2	145	145	95.2	94.5
Apple Tree	131	131	0	0	10	11	4	3	145	145	90.3	90.3
Cherry Tree	129	132	0	0	10	11	6	2	145	145	89.0	91.0
Maple Tree	129	130	0	0	3	2	3	3	135	135	95.6	96.3
Holly Tree	144	145	0	0	6	5	0	0	150	150	96.0	96.7
Elm Tree	141	141	0	0	9	9	0	0	150	150	94.0	94.0
Aspen Tree	138	138	0	0	6	6	1	1	145	145	95.2	95.2
Pine Tree	133	137	0	0	8	7	4	1	145	145	91.7	94.5
Sycamore Tree	143	144	0	0	2	2	5	4	150	150	95.3	96.0
Whitebeam Tree	141	141	0	0	3	3	6	6	150	150	94.0	94.0
Rowan Tree	142	137	0	0	3	7	0	1	145	145	97.9	94.5
Cedar Tree	150	151	0	0	4	4	1	0	155	155	96.8	97.4
Elderflower Class	130	131	0	0	8	9	7	5	145	145	89.7	90.3
Juniper Tree	133	133	0	0	2	2	5	5	140	140	95.0	95.0
Lime Tree	143	143	0	0	1	1	1	1	145	145	98.6	98.6
Beech Tree	147	149	0	0	6	6	2	0	155	155	94.8	96.1
Hornbeam Tree	134	136	0	0	8	7	8	7	150	150	89.3	90.7
Hazel Tree	147	147	0	0	3	3	0	0	150	150	98.0	98.0
Elder Tree	151	153	0	0	2	2	2	0	155	155	97.4	98.7
Magnolia Tree	143	142	0	0	7	8	0	0	150	150	95.3	94.7
Blackthorn Tree	134	135	0	0	6	5	0	0	140	140	95.7	96.4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2921</b>	<b>2933</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>3090</b>	<b>3090</b>	<b>94.5</b>	<b>94.9</b>

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

Have a great weekend, hopefully the predicted storm won't hit us too hard, but be careful and safe!

## SILVERDALE ATHLETES MEDAL AT INDDOR COMPETITION

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January we took a team of 18 Year 5/6 children to compete in the local 'Sports Hall Athletics' inter-schools' competition. The children had to take part in a variety of events – including sprints, an obstacle course, throwing and jumping. As always, the children did Silverdale proud, running hard through the line every time and showing great sportsmanship along the way. At the end of the competition there were lots of smiles, as it was announced that we had finished a very creditable 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall – earning every participant a shiny medal!



## ULTIMATE READERS



Last week we were proud to give out a huge number of 'Ultimate Reader' certificates. These certificates are awarded to children who read at home at least 5 times a week, every week, over the course of 2 whole terms (and whose reading records are updated to reflect this). All the research tells us that the number one thing parents can do to support their child's learning at school is reading with them regularly at home - we know that children who read at home regularly are far more likely to make great progress with their learning at school. We'd love to give out even more of these certificates just before Easter - so please ensure that you read with your children at least 5 times a week and jot a quick note in their reading records to let us

know this is happening. Thank you!

## NATIONAL YEAR OF READING

In 2026, the National Year of Reading is reconnecting reading with the things that already inspire us – from playlists and football matches to films, food and family time. It's reading that fits how we live, not the other way around.

Explore how you can join the movement at home, in your setting, or across your community.

<https://goallin.org.uk/>



One-way Silverdale are celebrating the National Year of Reading is by sharing poetry. Each Monday, we will share a poem which has been selected by the website Poem By Heart. We would love for you to share the poems as a family. We will also send out a couple of questions that may help to explore the poem in more detail.

It would be amazing, if as a family you would like to have a go at writing a poem similar to the one shared. Each term we will put all the poems into a prize draw and one poem will win a book voucher! Please keep an eye on Weduc every Monday as this is when we will be posting the new poems. This weeks poem was The Garden Year by Sara Colridge.

## COMMUNITY BUS MEETING

From Helena Dollimore (MP for Hastings, Rye and Villages)

"I'm writing to make you aware that following numerous complaints from residents, I have organised a community bus meeting to be held at **4:30pm in Hastings on Thursday 12th February.**

The main purpose of the meeting is for bus users to have the opportunity to give feedback on what's working well with the local bus service and to identify areas where improvements are needed.

I intend to include feedback on school buses so would be grateful if you could share the meeting details with parents.

Further details and a 'register of interest' form can be found on my website at <https://www.helenadollimore.com/busmeeting>"

## HEALTHY SNACKS

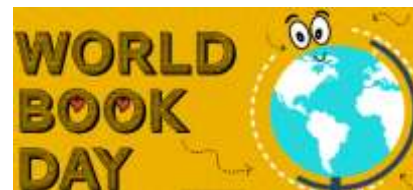


As we step into the New Year, it's the perfect time to set healthy habits that fuel both our minds and bodies. One simple yet impactful change we can make is choosing nutritious snacks! Instead of reaching for sugary or processed options, try fresh fruits, crunchy veggies with hummus. These snacks are packed with vitamins and minerals to keep you energized and focused throughout the day. So, let's start the year off right by making healthy snack choices that help us feel our best and stay on track for success! Click the image for ideas from the BBC website.

When choosing the healthy snack **PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL.**

## WORLD BOOK DAY 2026

Which segues beautifully into World Book Day. World Book Day is this year taking place on March 5<sup>th</sup> March, we will be celebrating this on Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>! More information regarding WBD following soon or by clicking the image.



Have a great weekend,

Mr Morris & the Silverdale Team

## Dates for your diary 2025 – 26

29.1.2026 – Pine Class Assembly – 9.05am start

30.1.2026 – Elder Class Assembly – 9.05am start

5.2.2026 – Sycamore Class Assembly – 9.05am start

6.2.2026 – Blackthorn Class Assembly – 9.05am start

13.2.2026 – Holly Class Assembly – 9.05am start

13.2.2026 – Last day of term 3

23.2.2026 – First day back for term 4

27.3.2026 – Rocksteady Spring Concert – Times TBC

27.3.2026 – Last day of term

11.5.2026 – 14.5.2026 – Year 6 SATS Week

24-26.6.2026 - EYFS - Visual Screening and National Child Measurement Programme

w/c 29.6.2026 – Primary to Secondary transition week (Dates for different Academies TBC)

2.7.2026 – 3.7.2026 – Robertsbridge Community College Transition Days (Year 6 – TBC)

7.7.2026 – Year 6 performance (Dress rehearsal to children only)

8.7.2026 – Year 6 performance (Matinee and evening performance to parents) Times TBC

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